



Carolyn Elaine Calhoun

October 29, 1933 - January 13, 2024

Carolyn Elaine Shaw Calhoun passed away in Abilene, TX on Saturday, January 13, 2024, with family by her side.

Carolyn was born on October 29, 1933, in San Angelo, TX to Cecil and Evelyn Shaw. They moved to Cisco and lived in the Humble Oil Camp while her father worked for Humble Oil. She attended Cisco Elementary. The family moved to Jacksboro when Carolyn entered the 6th grade, and her only sibling Sandra Maxine was born the same year. Carolyn met her husband, Fred Calhoun, in the 11th grade. During high school she was elected Football Sweetheart, chosen as Lion's Club Sweetheart. She had a clear soprano voice and sang in the high school choir. She graduated as Valedictorian, of Jacksboro High School, Class of 1951. After graduation, she attended one year at TCU, while Fred attended North Texas State University. They were married in her parents' backyard on 7th Street in Jacksboro on August 19, 1952. While in Jacksboro, their first child Christie Elaine was born on December 11, 1954, in Mineral Wells, TX. Soon after they moved to Dallas, then Harlingen where their second child, Pamela Gail was born on November 26, 1956, in San Benita, TX. Later they lived in Richland Hills and Hurst where their girls attended Fort Worth Christian Elementary. They returned to Jacksboro in August 1966 and both girls attended Jacksboro schools where they graduated. Fred passed away on November 7, 2019. They were happily married for 67 years.

Carolyn and Fred were members of the Jacksboro Church of Christ where he served as song leader, class teacher, bus driver, and Elder for 42 years, while she taught Ladies Bible class and children's classes for over 30 years. She began a special 6th-grade girl's class teaching purity and traits of a Christian teenager. Carolyn also started a Children's Bible Hour on Sunday nights with the preacher's wife Lucile McClung and taught for 29 years. As part of Bible Hour, she developed a puppet ministry, writing her own scripts typed out on her manual typewriter each week. She included older elementary students by giving them puppet speaking roles, encouraging their own spiritual growth, and training them to teach others about Jesus. Carolyn also taught Vacation Bible School every year.

Carolyn's favorite color was pink. She enjoyed nature, was an avid gardener of flowers and vegetables, enjoyed feeding the birds, bunnies, and deer on her home acreage, and shared many lessons there of God's creation with the children she taught.

Carolyn was a charter member of the Jacksboro Garden Club in 1982 where she remained a member until her death. She won blue ribbons with flower arrangements from her yard. She especially loved roses and lilacs. Carolyn played the piano and harp and played for Jacksboro proms and weddings. As an adult, she took art lessons and many of her oil paintings are hanging in her home. She took special training and enjoyed teaching adults to read.

Her greatest joy was her family, especially her two children, six grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. She was always encouraging, gentle, patient, and loving. She put other's needs first. She and Fred attended many of their school programs, sports events, recitals, concerts, graduations, birthdays, and weddings. We could always count on their presence, hugs and kisses, and encouragement.

Although it was hard to leave her Jacksboro home of 56 years Carolyn moved to Abilene in October 2022 to be cared for by her Abilene family where she remained until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a great-grandson, Nolan Gene Rasco.

Survivors are daughter, Christie Rasco and husband Kern of Abilene, TX; daughter Gail Olmstead and husband Paul of Euless, TX; six grandchildren: Jeffrey Rasco and wife Morgan of Allen, TX; Jennifer Rasco Hoskins and husband Garrett of Abilene, TX; Jason Rasco and wife Kerry of Abilene, TX; Michael Olmstead and wife Kim of Waco, TX; Amanda Olmstead Chancey and husband Jason of Waco, TX; Ashley Olmstead of Euless, TX. Eleven great-grandchildren: Caleb, Abigail, and Daniel Olmstead; Laurel, Hamilton, and Harrison Chancey; Harrison, Elizabeth, and Madeline Rasco; Luke Hoskins; Riley Rasco. A sister Sandra Satodkar and husband Mayur of Senoia, GA. A nephew John Craft and wife Lori of Mustang, OK, and a great-nephew Colton Craft and wife Corrine of Bridge Creek, OK.

Memorials may be made to Jacksboro Garden Club c/o Susan Trombley, 251 Synterra Lane, Jacksboro, TX 76458; or Concerned Citizens of Jack County, 400 East Pine St., Jacksboro, TX 76458; or Eastern European Ministries.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

145 Oakwood Avenue
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Jacksboro Church of Christ
215 E Belknap
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Church Service

JAN 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

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215 E Belknap
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Tribute Wall

EB

“ Carolyn was a wonderful special person. I loved knowing her since i have lived in Jacksboro, along with Fred. I loved her passion for family, flowers, birds and her church. Prayers for the family and many good Garden Club memories for me.



Elsie Anne Berry - March 05, 2024 at 06:14 AM

DM

“ David Cheryl Matthew Matlock lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



David Cheryl Matthew Matlock - January 26, 2024 at 06:28 PM

CP

“ Carolyn you will be missed. I enjoyed sharing time with you in Garden Club and just visiting around town. Praying for your family.



Cathy Poynot - January 26, 2024 at 12:05 PM

OH

“ *Onita Henderson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Onita Henderson - January 24, 2024 at 09:48 AM

JW

“ *Judy Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



judy Wolfe - January 23, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ *Trena Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Trena Sims - January 19, 2024 at 09:33 PM

JD

“ *Juanita Damron lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Juanita Damron - January 19, 2024 at 06:44 PM

PH

“ *Paula Harley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Paula Harley - January 18, 2024 at 11:04 PM

CD

“ *Carol Davis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Carol Davis - January 18, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *Tg Sims lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Tg Sims - January 18, 2024 at 09:01 AM

MM

“ *Mary Massengale lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Mary Massengale - January 18, 2024 at 12:25 AM

TL

“ Terry And Susie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Terry and Susie Lewis - January 17, 2024 at 10:44 PM

CN

“ Carolyn Nichols lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Carolyn Nichols - January 17, 2024 at 07:23 PM

JE

“ Joni Simpson Eastman lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Joni Simpson Eastman - January 17, 2024 at 07:07 PM

RF

“ Ronald And Anna Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Ronald and Anna Fitzgerald - January 17, 2024 at 04:31 PM

DH

“ *David And Carole Hobdy lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



David And Carole Hobdy - January 17, 2024 at 03:21 PM

BH

“ *Carolyn, was a very kind, sweet lady. She will be dearly missed. Prayers for all of her family. Bruce & Theresa Hesteande Family*



Bruce & Theresa Hesteande - January 17, 2024 at 12:02 PM

MP

“ *Mike & Billie Parr lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Mike & Billie Parr - January 17, 2024 at 11:06 AM

VM

“ *Virginia Martin lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Virginia Martin - January 17, 2024 at 09:23 AM

TW

“ Thomas Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



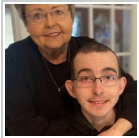
Thomas Wyatt - January 17, 2024 at 09:18 AM

DK

“ Debbie King lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Debbie King - January 17, 2024 at 08:12 AM



“ Charlene McCaghren lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Charlene McCaghren - January 16, 2024 at 11:31 PM



“ Jim Whitsitt lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Jim Whitsitt - January 16, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ Carolyn and Fred were one of the sweetest couples I’ve ever met. Jimmy was in their graduating class and was in their wedding. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Lorraine Williams - January 16, 2024 at 10:11 PM



“ Bob And Roxanna Maddox lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Bob and Roxanna Maddox - January 16, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ Margie Hoeflein lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Margie Hoeflein - January 16, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ Carolyn Nichols lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Carolyn Nichols - January 16, 2024 at 02:01 PM

BH

“ *Becky Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Becky Hobbs - January 16, 2024 at 01:57 PM

BH

Carolyn was such a beautiful, sweet soul. Lifting her loved ones in prayer.

Becky Hobbs - January 16, 2024 at 01:53 PM

TM

“ *Tim And Cathy McAnear lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Tim and Cathy McAnear - January 16, 2024 at 01:45 PM

MM

“ *Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Melba Mower - January 16, 2024 at 12:57 PM

FL

“ Flo Light lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Flo Light - January 16, 2024 at 12:44 PM

DD

“ Kenneth and Diana Dunn



Diana Dunn - January 16, 2024 at 11:41 AM

RH

“ Carolyn was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met. Praying for peace and comfort for all of her family. 🙏❤️ Mike & Regina Holland



Regina Holland - January 16, 2024 at 10:22 AM

CR

“ Gail, Christy & family, Wishing you peace to bring you comfort & loving memories to hold forever in your heart. So sorry for your loss. I'll always remember going to visit in Jacksboro when I was a teenager. Carolyn set me up on a blind date, as we walked out the door I'll never forget the little grin and wink Carolyn gave me.

Christi Rottman - January 16, 2024 at 10:17 AM

BN

“ *BRENDA NEVAREZ lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



BRENDA NEVAREZ - January 16, 2024 at 09:46 AM

LD

“ *Lounetta Damron lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Lounetta Damron - January 16, 2024 at 09:43 AM

LW

“ *Lilly May West lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Lilly May West - January 16, 2024 at 08:58 AM

RU

“ *Russonna lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Russonna - January 16, 2024 at 08:25 AM

MC

“ *Martha Craft Clement lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Martha Craft Clement - January 16, 2024 at 07:28 AM

Mitzi
Campsey

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Mitzi Campsey - January 16, 2024 at 06:13 AM

GF

“ *George Fulbright lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



George Fulbright - January 16, 2024 at 06:07 AM

MC

“ *Margaret Hendricks Collins lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Margaret Hendricks Collins - January 15, 2024 at 11:45 PM

RL

“ Ronda Lewis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Ronda Lewis - January 15, 2024 at 11:06 PM

GO

“ Gretta Owens lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Gretta Owens - January 15, 2024 at 09:25 PM

JC

“ Jacksboro Garden Club lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Jacksboro Garden Club - January 15, 2024 at 09:24 PM

ST

“ Sioux Trombley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Sioux Trombley - January 15, 2024 at 09:22 PM

JM

“ *John & Debbie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



John & Debbie Mitchell - January 15, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ *Kathy Hammond lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Kathy Hammond - January 15, 2024 at 08:03 PM

DM

“ *Donna McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Donna McCarthy - January 15, 2024 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ *Christie & family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a beautiful & sweet lady. I'm sure Fred is there to welcome her in Heaven. She will be missed by all who loved & knew her. Prayers for peace.*



Darlene Long Maxwell - January 15, 2024 at 06:37 PM

CM

“ Carol Miller lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Carol Miller - January 15, 2024 at 06:05 PM

LW

“ Lesa A Warren lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Lesa A Warren - January 15, 2024 at 05:53 PM

MM

“ Marianne Myers lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Marianne Myers - January 15, 2024 at 04:35 PM

NG

“ Neoma Gwaltney lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun



Neoma Gwaltney - January 15, 2024 at 04:14 PM

CK

“ *Carla Kinder lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Carla Kinder - January 15, 2024 at 03:48 PM

JW

“ *James And Jannie West lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*

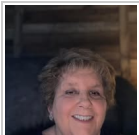


James and Jannie West - January 15, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JW

Carolyn was a very special lady, she was dearly loved. Prayers for strength and comfort for the family during this difficult time. 💖💖💖

James and Jannie West - January 15, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *Dianne Jones lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Dianne Jones - January 15, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *JaneAnn Rhoten lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



JaneAnn Rhoten - January 15, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Judy Craft lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Calhoun*



Judy Craft - January 15, 2024 at 12:40 PM