



Carol Elizabeth Hughes

April 8, 1962 - September 10, 2025

Carol Elizabeth Hughes, 63, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, was born April 8, 1962, in Muskogee to Bennie Seay and Lois Ivey (Gammel), and went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in Vinita, Oklahoma.

Carol lived a full and faith-filled life. She grew up in Muskogee and later made her home in Fort Gibson, Tahlequah, Stillwater, and Vinita. She graduated from Grace Ministries and went on to further her education at Connors State College, earning an Associate Degree in business. Carol was a devoted member of Crossroads Ministries and found joy in Christian TV and music. She was a woman of unwavering faith whose heart overflowed with love for her family, friends, and caregivers.

She loved traveling and treasured the memories made in Gulf Shores, Alabama; Rochester, New York; Branson, Missouri; Nebraska, California, Florida, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and even the Mediterranean. Of all her journeys, the ones spent with her grandkids and family meant the most to her. Carol will be remembered for her deep faith, her kindness, and her joyful spirit. She leaves behind a legacy of love, devotion, and encouragement that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Carol's heart was always with her family. She is survived by her son, Kenny Lee Hughes and wife Leslie of Hichita, Oklahoma; daughter, Kristen Grace Mallard and husband Jeremy of Vinita, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Kylie Hix of Vinita, Colt Hughes, Ketcher Hughes, Lane Hughes, Dillon Hughes of Hichita, Oklahoma, and CJ Mallard of Vinita, Oklahoma; great-granddaughter, Hazel

Colvin of Vinita; sisters, Sharon Seay of West Fork, Arkansas, and Cheryl Marshall and husband David of Stillwater, Oklahoma; niece, Jennifer Heaslet of West Fork, Arkansas; nephews, Steven Marshall and wife Beth of Stillwater, Justin Marshall and wife Brook, and Luke Marshall and wife Rachel of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; great-nieces, Zoe Marshall and Madi Marshall both of Stillwater; as well as many beloved cousins including Debbie East, Randy Gipson, Kathy Nicoletta, and Michael Gipson. She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved nephew, Michael Shane Basham.

Carol's life will be celebrated 2PM, Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with Pastor Gene Haddock officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Randy Gipson, Michael Gipson, Steven Marshall, Justin Marshall, Luke Marshall, and Jeremy Mallard serving as casket bearers. Colt Hughes, Ketcher Hughes, Lane Hughes, and Dillon Hughes will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Carol Elizabeth Hughes has entrusted her care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar PO Box 1973
FORT GIBSON, OK 74434
fortgibsonfuneral@outlook.com

Tribute Wall

TO

“ *tonya lit a candle in memory of Carol Hughes*



tonya - September 17, 2025 at 07:58 PM

NR

“ *I grew up with seay girls n all of them r really special.i hv fond memories of carol n she will b missed.me n cheryl.did e everything together.nmy sister n thecolder girls did everything together as well*

Nanette Reynolds - September 15, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carol Elizabeth Hughes.*



September 14, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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“ *My cousin, my sister, my best friend. We shared everything, loved always and laughed often. I will miss you, but only for a while. I know you will be waiting at the pearly gate when I get there. Thank God you have been healed and are at peace. I love you, Carol.*



Kathy Nicoletta - September 14, 2025 at 07:51 PM

SB

“ I am really going to miss you my sweet friend. I love you and will see you again.

Shawn Bowers - September 14, 2025 at 06:57 PM

RC

“ Ryan and Casey purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carol Elizabeth Hughes.



Ryan and Casey - September 13, 2025 at 10:38 PM

KO

“ KOAs purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Carol Elizabeth Hughes.



KOAs - September 13, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Carol Elizabeth Hughes.



September 12, 2025 at 09:03 AM

DE

“ Even though we were cousins, we were raised like sisters. Aunt Lois and mom both worked so we were always together at Granny's. There were four of us and three of them (we called them "the little girls"). Carol was my "little sis". I will miss her and always love her. Us bigger kids was always into something and Carol would always follow. We climbed up on Granny's house and Carol fell and cut her head. We thought Granny would really be mad but I think she was to worried about Carol and forgot to get us. Another time we had been to the circus and Kathy had let her balloon go and me and Carol just went and sat on Granny's porch while all the rest of the kids chased the balloon down the street. They got in trouble while me and Carol just sat on the porch and laughed. I have so many good memories with Carol, I don't think I ever had a bad time or memory. Carol was the sweetest person on earth. Love you "Little Sis"

Debbie East - September 11, 2025 at 10:06 PM

NR

I hv fond memories of the seay girls .I lived on 38th st .they lived on 37th.i hung out with cheryl.n my sister hung out with Sharon n carol.we spent hrs together walking to n from.school.spending nights with each other.building snowmen,walking to the diner at the end of the block.the tree house a neighbor's dad built Brady gaunt.so many memories.she is already missed n my heart goes out Cheryl n Sharon at this time her husband kids n grandkids

Nanette Reynolds - September 12, 2025 at 09:32 PM

MB

“ Had not seen Carol for a number of years but would expect her love for friends never changed. She always had a smile and hug for you. Prayers for the family as they mourn this loss.



Midge Blue - September 11, 2025 at 07:51 PM