



## Ruth Jo Carnagey

February 6, 1942 - June 4, 2022

Ruth Jo (Cookson) Carnagey, 80, of Fort Gibson, was born February 6, 1942, in Tulsa, OK to Joe and Vera (Chambers) Cookson and peacefully passed away June 4, 2022, in Tulsa, OK with her loving family by her side.

She met and later married the love of her life, Jim Carnagey on August 6, 1967, in Fort Gibson, OK. A marriage that stood the test of time of 54 years, nine months and 29 days.

She received her Masters of Business in Education at Oklahoma State University. She started her career as a teacher and retired from Fort Gibson School System. She then worked as the Internal Auditor at Fort Gibson State Bank for 10 years. Ruth Jo was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #20 in Fort Gibson. She enjoyed her philanthropic work with the Alpha Theta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. Ruth was a lifetime alumni member of Northeastern State University and Oklahoma State University. She loved to read and excelled in crossword puzzles. But her greatest love was her family. She loved spending quality time with her grandkids in every adventure you could think of. She is loved by many and will be missed by even more.

Ruth Jo was preceded in death by her father, Joe J. Cookson.

Those left to cherish her memories are her husband, Jim of the home; daughter, Kara West and husband John of Fort Gibson, OK; her grandchildren, Jake and Peyton West also of Fort Gibson, OK; siblings, Loretta Cook and husband Jimmie Dee of Cushing, OK, Joe Cookson, Jr. and

wife Sandra of Fort Gibson, OK, Tom Cookson and wife Monica of San Diego, CA, Brenda White and husband David of Dallas, TX, and Gary Cookson and wife Dana of Oologah, OK; and her mother, Vera Cookson of Fort Gibson, OK; numerous other family members and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, her family has requested memorial contributions to St. Jude at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org) or the Oklahoma School for the Blind 3300 Gibson Street Muskogee, OK 74403.

Ruth's viewing will be held noon-7PM Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

Her celebration of life will be 11:30AM Thursday, June 9, 2022 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Larry Moore officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at 12:30PM at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Jimmie Joe Cook, Colby Cook, Brian Cookson, Joey Cookson, and Greg White serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are the sisters of ESA.

The family of Ruth Jo Carnagey has entrusted her care, services 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](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 8. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel  
1224 E Poplar  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Jo Carnagey*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Ruth Jo Carnagey*



**Eunice Brown** - June 09, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *I wish to send my deepest, heartfelt sympathies to the many family and friends of Ruth. I did not have the pleasure of knowing Ruth but my mom Belle Cahoon shared fondly of her and the Cookson birth family that raised her. Our Brown and Cookson families were closely connected as were so many rural Fort Gibson families during those quiet, simple but often difficult times. What a life and legacy she leaves behind for others to admire and it is my hope that her many acts of kindness and gifts of compassion will bring many moments of comfort now. With much love to all who knew and loved this remarkable lady. Carolyn Cahoon Watts*

**Carolyn Watts** - June 09, 2022 at 12:38 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Carnagey family. From Barry Steveson and family*



barry steveson - June 09, 2022 at 12:54 AM



“ *My prayers and condolences are with you at this time. Ruth was a lovely lady, and a good friend. My love to you all.*  
*Judy Brown*

Clifford Garrett - June 08, 2022 at 01:54 PM

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“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Ruth Jo Carnagey*



James Harris - June 08, 2022 at 08:48 AM

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“ *Ruth was an amazing woman. I worked with her at ft Gibson administration building when I was a teenager. She was always proud of me and treated me like a daughter. She even thru my bridal shower at her home. I will sure miss her. Sending my hugs and prayers to her family*



nivea drake - June 08, 2022 at 02:07 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ruth Jo Carnagey.*



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June 07, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ *JD and Betty Lively purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ruth Jo Carnagey.*



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**JD and Betty Lively** - June 07, 2022 at 05:27 PM