



Carole Claudette Grover

August 28, 1937 - February 2, 2022

Funeral services for Carole Claudette Grover will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 10, 2022, at the Cherokee Friends Church with Pastor Chuck Coulter officiating. Interment will be in the Byron-Amorita Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Carole Claudette Grover was born on August 28, 1937, to Claudia and Vernon Tucker of Byron, Oklahoma. During her early years, her Dad and Mom owned and operated a hardware store and gas station in Byron. Being an only child, and with both Mom and Dad working in the store, she spent much of her time in the store and so, became the “town kid” everyone knew and loved. When she was ten years old, her Dad bought a farm and the next year they sold the store and moved to the farm. Even though their first years on the farm were financially tough, the three always agreed these were the best years of their family’s life.

Her parents always sent her to Sunday School but didn’t go with her. Though Carole couldn’t remember exactly when she made her own profession of Christian faith in Jesus, she remembered very well the day when she was twelve, when her Daddy made his profession of faith in Jesus and they all three started going to church together every Sunday.

A highlight of Carole’s high school days was playing basketball for Coach

Loyd Stout.

Carole was married to her high school sweetheart, Ed Grover, on her eighteenth birthday. Their first child, Bradley, was born two years later, five days before Ed received his Bachelor's degree from OSU, Stillwater, OK. Ed's work took their new family first to Guymon, OK for two years, then to Seiling, OK, for the next two years, where a second son, Barry was born. They then moved to Alfalfa County where Ed continued his work.

The next two years brought much trauma intermingled with much family and community love, as Carole and Ed lost their first-born son to cancer and a short time later, her Dad died an early death. Carole came from a family of courageous people and through that inheritance she somehow found her way forward. A third child, Staci, was born to Carole and Ed when she was twenty seven years old. Three years later, at the age of thirty, she enrolled in college at NWOSU, Alva, OK, to work toward a degree in Early Childhood Education. After graduating in 1970, Carole started teaching Kindergarten at Medford Public School. Except for two years when she taught fourth grade at Medicine Lodge, KS Public School where Ed was also teaching, she spent the next 33 years teaching Kindergarten and First Grade at Cherokee and back at Medford.

Ed convinced her to retire from teaching, along with him in 2003 but Carole missed her "little people" so much she opened her own Pre-school, first at the Cherokee Methodist Church, then later at the Cherokee Friends Church. In 2020, both Cherokee and Burlington Public Schools initiated all-day pre-schools and so Carole lost access to her "little people." And she told a few people what she thought about that!

Every year of the fifty years she taught her "little people," Carole always challenged her kids to accomplish difficult things. And near the end of every

year, she and her kids performed an amazing Kindergarten program which almost everyone in town came to see. Even her pre-schoolers, every year performed a special end-of-year program to the delight of full house audiences. A great many of Carole's former students still attest to the old saying, "Everything I ever needed to know, I learned in (Mrs. G.'s) kindergarten.

Though death took her first-born son, and soon her Daddy so young, and later her sweet daughter, Staci, who was only 53, as well as her Mom and step-dad, George Alton Trotter, Carole always found purpose and pleasure in her family and all her "little people," whom she loved so much and who filled her cup full.

Today is a great family reunion in heaven!

Carole was always making new friends and she never forgot a friend. Whenever she and Ed attended gatherings, Ed learned to practice patience while Carole "table-hopped." Ironically, she deferred from all reunions because everyone there was getting so much older. Carole and Ed were married in boundless love for sixty six years.

Carole was never shy about hard work. For many years, she and Ed grew several acres of cantaloupes and watermelons during their summer "school break" which they harvested and sold to grocery stores all across southern and central Kansas.

Carole is survived by her husband, Ed; her son Barry (and Jenny) Grover of Georgetown, KY; son-in-law Matthew Wienecke, Columbia, SC; granddaughter Calli (and Paul) Erickson, of Clovis, CA; granddaughter Whitney (and KoDee) Roberts of Enid, OK; Chandler Wienecke of Cherokee,

OK; Colton Wienecke of Columbia, SC; great granddaughter, Adeline Roberts of Enid, OK; great grandson, Julian Erickson of Clovis, CA; and great granddaughter Eden Tigerlily Erickson of Clovis, CA, plus numerous relatives, friends, and her many, many students.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Byron-Amorita Cemetery or Northwest Family Services.

Cemetery Details

Byron Amorita Cemetery

Byron, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 7. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Viewing

FEB 8. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Viewing

FEB 9. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 10. 1:30 AM (CT)

Cherokee Friends Church
61177 Grant Road
Cherokee, OK

Viewing

FEB 10. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carole Claudette Grover*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - February 10, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *AZ Collins Smith Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carole Claudette Grover.*



AZ Collins Smith Family - February 09, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Carole touched the lives of all those who knew her in a significant way. For her family and friends, knowing her made our lives better, and although she is gone from the physical world, memories of all she did will stay with us. I will always treasure stopping by unannounced with my grandmother, Mildred Tucker Collins, always being greeted at the door with that contagious smile on her face. Dropping whatever she was doing to show us how her next new project was coming along or my personal favorite, the baby donkeys.*

She taught me that if you want to have a lot of friends it takes being a good friend. My respect and admiration for her never stopped growing. She showed true kindness by caring for others genuinely, wanting the best for them, supporting them in good times and bad.

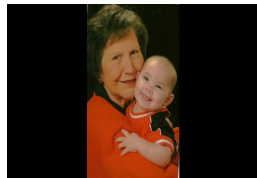
She worked so very hard on the family reunions, which always turned out so well. If we had a little mishap, we just laughed. I will always be grateful the way she and Ed took care of the Byron-Amorita Cemetery and all of our relatives buried there. I will gladly make a contribution to the cemetery in her honor.

Your strong "Tucker" spirit and persevering attitude were an inspiration. May your soul enjoy your heavenly life with those you will be reunited with my dear cousin.

Sonya Graves - February 08, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - February 08, 2022 at 02:09 PM

LS

“ I have such fond memories of Mrs. Grover and her husband. She taught me in kindergarten ('79) and I just loved her! While I have many memories from that year, one of my most memorable includes she and her husband. Both were involved in the end of the year field trip to the family farm. Some highlights for me were taking a ride in the old Model T and learning about bracket fungi as we hiked through the property. She made learning fun and I always knew that she cared about me and all of her students. She was a special person and wonderful teacher.

Lyndi Stamback - February 07, 2022 at 06:47 AM

LK

“ Mrs. Grover was my kindergarten teacher and like so many would agree, she was a fine early-childhood educator that not only made kindergarten memorable, but allowed us to grow and learn as well. Our school year culminated in a field trip to her farm where we played and took rides in the antique Ford. I can't remember if it was a Model T or A, but we all had a blast, and it was due to the Grovers and their love of sharing knowledge with the students. Over the years I loved to run into Mrs. Grover, whether it was at a social function or the grocery store. A truly great woman has passed and the angels are rejoicing her arrival in heaven.
Lynnae Kellett

Lynnae Kellett - February 06, 2022 at 07:39 PM

LH

A Wonderful Friend for many years. Love to all. God Bless Lois Hofmeier

Lois Hofmeier - February 07, 2022 at 06:36 AM

JJ

“ *Juanita Johnson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Carole Claudette Grover.*



Juanita Johnson - February 06, 2022 at 04:36 PM