



# Carolyn Sue Ward

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**C**arolyn Sue Ward, age 72, died at Sapulpa, OK on January 4th, 2016. Born January 7th, 1943 in Sparks Oklahoma, to Jesse and Julency Duke. She attended Gypsy High School and graduated in 1961. On February 25th 1961, she married Carroll Ward in Okemah, OK. She grew up in Oklahoma. Moved to Kansas and then to Texas, where they lived for 26 years. They recently moved back home to Oklahoma in July of 2015. Carolyn loved her work as a cake decorator until retiring in 2003. She did office work for her husband Carroll's and daughter Susan's businesses. Carolyn was an incredible woman, wife, sister, mother, grandma & great-grandma, who everyone loved immensely. Her laugh and smile was infectious. She loved being with family; a game could always be found and her beating the pants off everyone was to be expected! She had a special bond with her grandkids and great-grandkid. Mema is what they called her and she loved them with everything in her. Her kids loved their mom and they loved her. Whether it was for help with a recipe or advice on life, she was always just a phone call away. She and her husband loved each other so much; you could see it in their eyes. They were able to travel together and make priceless memories. They spent 54 years in love and they will love each other eternally. Survivors include husband, Carroll Ward of Sapulpa, OK; children Mike & wife Shelia Ward of Fate, TX, Susan & husband Rick Arkison of Sapulpa, OK, Jeff Ward of Plano, TX and Eric Ward of Las Colinas, TX; grandchildren Jennifer & husband James Lawrence of Sapulpa, OK, Dustin & wife Jenna Downs of Claremore, OK, Brittani & husband Wayne Varnado of Joplin, MO, Zack Ward of Plano, TX, Jacob Ward of Plano, TX and Wanda Kaminski of Denton, TX; great-grandchildren; Rylee, Anastasia, Katie, Will, Aubree, & Joseph; brothers and Sisters Bill Duke, Charles Duke, Dub Duke, Barbara McGuire, Melba VanOrsdol, Maxine Kidd and Naomi Perkins. Carolyn was preceded in death by parents Jesse & Julency Duke, sister Juanita Brown and brother Melvin Duke. Services will be held at 10am on



## Obituary

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Thursday January 7th at Floral Haven Funeral home, 6500 South 129th East Avenue, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Interment will be Floral Haven. Relatives and friends are welcome at Rick & Susan's preceding services at 831 Lakeview Ct. Sapulpa.



## Tribute Wall

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MK

**Myrtle 'Eileen' Knecht** posted:

Such a wonderful, giving, insightful beautiful Sister! So sad to not hear her voice. My heart grieves with you! Love the great pictures! God's comfort, Eileen

January 6 at 5:51 PM

MK

**Myrtle 'Eileen' Knecht** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Ward

January 6 at 5:44 PM

SH

**Sharon Hawkins** posted:

These are wonderful pictures. Thank you for sharing.

January 6 at 4:35 PM

SH

**Sharon Hawkins** posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Carolyn Sue Ward

January 6 at 4:27 PM



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SH

**Sharon Ward Hawkins** posted:

Carroll, Mike, Susan, Jeff and Eric, I have very pleasant memories of your wife and mom. She loved large — meaning she gave us her love in every measure of the word — smiles, hugs, invitations, presents, laughter, playing games. We felt included and loved in her presence. From the moment I met her, I felt comforted. I remember the time I was about to go into my first day of 1st grade at Gypsy School. Carroll and Carolyn, then seniors, saw me crying and both came to me and comforted me. It was hard for me but they gave me the extra bit of courage and love I needed to cross that threshold for the first time. I was shaped by that comforting love. Later, when I became a teen, I was invited into their home to stay a week while they lived in Stillwater. I will never forget Carolyn taking me and you kids for a donut run early one morning. She made it fun just going for a donut! I only remember very good times in your home. She made your home special and hospitable and comfortable. When all of us would come to visit, I never once heard her complain about us being there. And, there were a lot of us! Another sweet memory was when I was about 9 or 10 years old. She trusted us with her new baby, Jeff. Prior to going on a vacation, Jeff was dropped off with us. My mom mostly took care of Jeff but your mom made me feel like a big part of his care. I think it was for 10 days or so. When your family returned to pick up Jeff, I remember her saying that she would never leave him so long again. She loved her children so very much. She made things just better because of her calm spirit. She was also pretty feisty and competitive when she played games. Her smile was infectious for sure! Her eyes were very kind and gracious. She was very energetic and was the first one to want to help get things done. I saw her as self-sacrificing and unselfish. All of these special attributes shown very brightly around our large family. Having known Carolyn has forever shaped me in a very positive way. I know I will never forget her. If I could have seen her before she passed, I would have said, "Thank you Carolyn for all the many special memories you gave me while I grew up. I will forever be shaped by them and will never forget them and I will never forget you. I felt loved by you. And, I love you." She was a real "keeper." My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you especially those who are young. May her wonderful loving spirit live in her grown children so that they may pass it on to their children. Carroll, I know you will deeply miss her every day in every way. Many hugs and much love is sent to you ALL. I'm only a phone call away for any of you. (901-270-8817). I would love to hear from you and reminisce about your wife and mom. I am very sorry I cannot attend the service tomorrow morning. Sharon Ward Hawkins

January 5 at 6:19 AM

SP

**Sp** posted:

My condolences goes to the Ward's family. Sorry for the loss of your dear love one. It's a sad moment but the bible give us some comfort in John 5:28,29 "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out" What a glorious day that will be to see our love ones again. with deep sympathy, spp

January 5 at 6:19 AM



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