



Carolyn Kay Earley

January 8, 1940 - September 9, 2025

Carolyn Kay Bonnett Earley, age 85, passed away on September 9, 2025 in Enid, OK. A viewing will be held at Anderson Burriss Funeral Home starting on Thursday September 11, 2025 until Saturday September 13, 2025. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Carolyn was born to Leon and Velma Bonnett on January 8th, 1940, in Enid, OK. Her mother passed away when Carolyn was 13 years old, leaving her father to spoil her as an only child.

She married Sanford Earley in Enid, OK. Together they had five children, Mike, Kay, Bill, Gina and Carol.

Carolyn was a terrific and well-loved mom, grandma and great grandma. She loved to knit, crochet, sew and quilt, anything to keep her hands busy. She made many, many blankets for her kids and special blankets for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved working crossword puzzles and reading. She loved cooking especially banana nut bread, fudge, and her famous "Katie's Sugar Cookies" that she would make for everyone at Christmas time. As much as she loved cooking she also loved her pets.

She was a longtime member of Bethany United Methodist Church where she was involved in the quilting group, choir and food pantry.

She worked for the Department of Human Services for several years. Then, she went to work for the Enid Public Schools Central Kitchen in the early 1990's. She retired twice, once in 2013, returning in 2015 to help serve meals to children at Coolidge and Adams Elementary Schools, and retired finally in 2020.

She was a cancer survivor twice. Unfortunately, in 2020, Covid accelerated her dementia, and she was admitted to Greenbrier Nursing Home where she remained until her passing. She enjoyed her time at Greenbrier and the many friends she made.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents, and son-in-law Patrick Medina. She is survived by her children, Mike (Becky) Earley, Bartlesville, OK, Dr. Kay Medina, Rochester, MN, Bill (Debbie) Earley, Norman, OK, Gina (Terry) Stroope, Enid, OK and Carol Earley, Enid, OK. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Paige (Andrew) Kimrey, Katie (Carl) Whitson, Sarah (Jake) Giese, Tyler (Jennifer) Earley, Ryan (Carley) Earley, Austin Earley, Megan Druse, Hunter Stroope and Braden (Audra) Stroope, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Dr. Tom Snyder for all his years as her physician, Greenbrier Nursing Home staff and the nurses at Hospice Circle of Love. Memorials can be made through Anderson Burriss Funeral Home to Hospice Circle of Love.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **11.** 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory
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Enid, OK 73703
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<https://www.andersonburriss.com/>

Viewing

SEP **12.** 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home
Enid, OK

Viewing

SEP **13.** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ Carolyn and I became friends when I would visit my husband in Greenbrier. I loved her zip, love and her love for the Lord. We loved teasing one another and I missed that when the dementia began taking it away. My husband passed in April and I always looked forward to seeing her at my Bible studies. I'll miss her but know she and my husband have seen one another in the presence of our Savior. I'll see her in the future. She was a blessed friend.

Beth Pitts - September 29, 2025 at 01:45 PM

FA

“ From Missile Defense Agency purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Kay Earley.



From Missile Defense Agency - September 11, 2025 at 05:56 PM

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“ From Missile Defense Agency planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Kay Earley.

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RA

“ My therapy dog and I visited Carol every Friday. She loved holding him and he snuggled up to her every visit. We will miss her. Bob and Huey

Robert Archer - September 11, 2025 at 09:22 AM

CB

“ She was a very sweet woman 💜 She will be missed.

Caralynn Barker - September 10, 2025 at 08:47 PM

GW

“ I absolutely loved Carolyn! I worked with her for several years at Adams Elementary. She had an awesome sense of humor and was a great cook!! I still use the pasta salad recipe she shared with me at almost every family gathering! Rest in peace my friend.

Gail Wills - September 10, 2025 at 08:34 PM

SS

“ I didn't know your mother well, but I know that Carol enjoyed her as a roommate. She was very well liked in the school system. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for Carol and all of her family. Sonja Slavin

Sonja Slavin - September 10, 2025 at 03:40 PM

NC

“ May God be with your family as you mourn the loss of Carol. She was a sweet friend and like a second mom to our brother Dwain. Lots of memories with Bill and Mike being like brothers to Dwain and close friends. Love and prayers to all of you.
Nita (Cearley) Cheatham

Nita Cheatham - September 09, 2025 at 11:18 PM

YC

What an absolute blessing Carolyn was to our family! She was a wonderful roommate to my mother-in-law Gladys at Greenbrier, and we will be forever thankful for the patience and respect she showed to Gladys and the workers. We loved singing hymns with her when we visited! I'm so sorry for this loss.

Yvonne Chapman - September 10, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Kay Earley.



September 09, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Kay Earley.

September 09, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ Carol, I am so sorry to read of your Moms passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Cindi Hakel - September 09, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ Love, Your Wilspec Technologies Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Carolyn Kay Earley.



Love, Your Wilspec Technologies Family - September 09, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ Love, Your Wilspec Technologies Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Kay Earley.

Love, Your Wilspec Technologies Family - September 09, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Kay Earley.



September 09, 2025 at 04:16 PM