



Carol Sue Smith

September 14, 1940 - August 22, 2022

Carol Sue Smith, devoted mother, sister and teacher, passed away August 22, 2022, at the age of 81. She was born September 14, 1940, in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, to Dr. Willie G. Smith and Helen Hamilton Smith. Her family moved to Shidler, and later to Billings, before settling in Nowata. She graduated from Nowata High School in 1958.

Carol attended University of Central Oklahoma, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Education, as well as a master's degree in Education with an emphasis in Business Education & Journalism. She began her career as a secretary at the State Department of Education in Oklahoma City. From 1963 to 1991, she taught business, journalism and technology, as well as serving in school administration in schools in Oklahoma and Kansas. Most significantly, Carol's career included 17 years at Catoosa High School, where she was a beloved teacher. After retiring in 1991, she continued to teach business, computing, and accounting at Tulsa Job Corps Center and Rogers State University. She also worked in her own business until 2007, providing bookkeeping and tax preparation services.

Throughout her life and career, Carol extended herself to students and others who needed extra support and encouragement, and she routinely took them into her life and home. Many of her students were impacted by her generosity and became lifelong friends. Despite receiving honors such as Apple Computer Teacher of the Year, Carol was more rewarded by her students and their success than by any accolades for her efforts.

She is preceded in death by her father, Dr. Willie G. Smith, and mother, Helen (Hamilton) Smith and beloved nephew Michael Smith. She is survived by her son Jeff Smith, of Dewey, sister Dr. Nancy Smith of Tulsa and brother Dr. Bill Smith of Bartlesville, nephew Doug Smith of Tulsa and nieces Ree Drummond of Pawhuska and Betsy Smith of Seattle, as well as numerous dear friends. A memorial service will be held at 10:00am on August 26, 2022, at Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel in Bartlesville.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel
1600 SE Washington Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Sue Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Carol Sue Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Carol was a precious friend of mine💕 She was so kind and generous and her cookies were beyond belief Yum!!! My name is Carol Smith also and we bonded the instant we met. Covid had just started and I took a mask to her place. We were friends from the start💕*

Carol Smith - June 13, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Slideshow*



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - August 29, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Carol Sue Smith.*



August 25, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ *Dean & Patty Denton purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carol Sue Smith.*



Dean & Patty Denton - August 25, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *I met Carol when I was a student at RSU. Eventually, I was employed at her bookkeeping and tax service and assisted in caring for her mother, Helen. I have fond memories of those years. Carol truly cared for others, which was evident in her words and actions. She was a devoted school teacher and spent most of her career at Catoosa. Many former students contacted her over the years to tell her how much she meant to them. If you knew Carol, you knew how much she adored her son, Jeff, and being his mom was dear to her heart. She doted on her sister, Nancy, and had lifelong friends. I spoke to Carol by phone this summer and hoped to visit her. My sincerest condolences to Jeff, Nancy and Bill, and her extended family and many friends.*

Stacy Bushyhead - August 25, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Sue Smith.*



August 23, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ *Ma. Smith wasn't my teacher. She was my friend. My Mother was a teacher in Catoosa and they both thought highly of one another. Ms. Smith remained my friend for many years. One time we had a pretty good snow storm in Broken Arrow. My husband and I knew she would need help. He went to her home in and cleared her drive and sidewalk. She flirted shamelessly with my Mark and they both had fun! She even came to play Bunco with my Class of 1978 classmates. She and Patty Denton came together and we all had a ball!*

I have loved her since I was 15 years old and I'm a Granny with a granddaughter who's a Sophomore in College now!!

I'm so sorry for her family. She was the absolute best!!

I'll love you forever Carol Sue!

Tami Laudett Morse, Class of 1978

Tami Laudett Morse - August 23, 2022 at 06:21 PM