



Danny Wayne Carley

May 18, 1946 - November 22, 2025

Daniel “Danny” Wayne Carley, age 79, passed away on November 22nd, 2025 at his home in Nowata, Oklahoma.

He was born May 18th, 1946, in Bristow, Oklahoma to Jesse Warren and Willie Marie Carley. In 1950, his parents moved the family to Nowata, where Danny grew up and spent the rest of his life.

Danny attended Nowata Public Schools throughout grade school and high school. For his senior year, he chose to attend Alluwe High School because he loved the extra courses they offered. He graduated from Alluwe in 1965. Immediately after high school, Danny joined the United States Air Force, serving faithfully from 1965 to 1969.

After completing his service, he returned home and married the love of his life, Mary Lou McFarland, after just six months of dating. They were married on February 7th, 1970, by his uncle, Judge Coffman, at the courthouse. The couple built their home in Nowata and welcomed their first son, David, in 1971, followed by their cherished daughter, Tina, in 1979.

As a family, they made many memories fishing together—especially after discovering their secret “honey hole” full of perch. Danny could never seem to outfish Mary, but he loved every moment. They enjoyed occasional camping, too, but fishing was always their favorite pastime.

Most of all, Danny loved people. He would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. He was known throughout the community as a genuine man—kind, honest, and always willing to help. He became well known while serving customers at the Kerr-McGee station in Nowata, where he provided oil changes, filled gas, and did minor repairs. He owned and operated the station from 1984 until selling it in 2009.

Danny worked several jobs over the years, but his most recent work was at the Walmart Automotive Center, where he continued serving people and doing what he was gifted at.

Faith and family were always the most important parts of Danny's life. He truly lived like Jesus—praying with people, checking on them sincerely, and always wanting to know how he could lift them up in prayer. His gentle spirit and servant's heart touched countless lives.

Danny is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Mary Lou Carley; his children, David Carley (Dawn) and Tina Jordan; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his brothers Richard Carley, Claude Carley, and Mark Carley; his sister Laurel Schulte; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Warren Carley and Willie Marie Carley; his brother Ronnie Carley; and his sister Sandra Whitmore.

Tribute Wall



“ *Praying for the family, god bless you with peace and comfort, he will be missed, and he is celebrating with our lord and savior!* ”

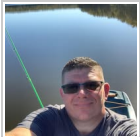


Lisa Royer - November 25, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ *Mark and family, we will never forget Dan. We would always look for him when we went into Walmart and he would look for us as I'm sure he did with a lot of friends. Such a sweet man. Love, prayers and hugs to you.* ”

Julie Tatum - November 25, 2025 at 12:22 AM



“ *Dan was such a great person. He had a huge heart and a man of faith. Feel honored to be able to work alongside with him for years! He definitely was one of a kind and his legacy is honored. He was definitely a mentor to me and will definitely be missed! Deepest condolences to all his family and friends, heaven definitely gained an angel and he will be looking out for everyone he loved!* ”

Eric Eggers - November 24, 2025 at 09:53 PM



I would like to express my love for my brother. I want his wife Mary and Children to know my thoughts and prayers are being sent up in Jesus Name. God bless each one and peace to you each one knowing he's in heaven.

Laural his sister - December 03, 2025 at 04:52 PM

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“ Dan was an honorable man. He loved visiting with people and sharing Jesus with everyone. He adored his kids and grandkids and was head over heels in love with his sweet wife their entire marriage. His face lit up when he spoke of Mary like a school boy crush their entire time together. He was always kind. High spirited and wearing a great big smile. It was our honor knowing Dan. Our prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

denny & Pat Parks - November 24, 2025 at 09:26 PM

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“ Mark and Laurel, I'm so sorry for the loss of your brother. Prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time. Your old friend,
MaryBeth Friis

MaryBeth Friis - November 24, 2025 at 06:44 PM