



Ham, Carol Jean (Young)

January 31, 1935 ~ January 2, 2021 (age 85)
Dallas~ Carol Jean Ham, 85, went to be with
our Lord on Saturday, January 2, 2021 in Dallas.
Private Graveside Service for family will be held

on Friday, January 8, 2021 at East Bridgeport Cemetery in Bridgeport, Texas.
Carol was born on January 31, 1935 to Leonard and Elizabeth (Bulloch) Young in
Fitzhugh, Oklahoma. Carol received her Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma
State University. She taught at the middle school, high school, and college level for
nearly 50 years in Oklahoma and Kansas, the majority of which was spent on the
faculty of Garden City Community College in Garden City, Kansas. She later
pursued her master's and Ph.D. degrees at Kansas State University. Carol was
united in marriage to the love of her life James Roderick "J.R." Ham on August 14,
1955 in Fitzhugh, Oklahoma. They were together 59 years until his passing in April
of 2015.



Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, J.R.; and her brother, Jerry Young.

Those remaining behind to cherish her memory are her son, Jay M. Ham and wife Suzanne of Fort Collins, Colorado; her
daughter, Carrie Lee Kirby and husband Jay of Dallas, Texas; her granddaughter, Clara; her grandsons, Jack, Judson,
Cooper, and Cade; her sister, Robby Tollison of Park City, Utah; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended
family.

Carol was a lifelong advocate of the importance of education. She touched many lives during her career, both in and out
of the classroom. She developed programs to help students succeed in any discipline, many of whom continued to stay
in touch with her long after leaving her classroom.

Carol's priorities of faith and family were always present and visible. She instilled the same in her children and her
legacy will live on through her family, her former students, and all those who knew her. She will be missed every day.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to one of the following:

Garden City Community College Endowment Association

The Carol J Ham Memorial Scholarship Fund

801 Campus Drive

Garden City, Kansas 67846

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

PO Box 66122

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