



Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"

November 25, 1924 - February 24, 2015

Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy", longtime Okmulgee resident, died Tuesday morning, February 24, 2015, at home at the age of 90. She was born November 25, 1924 in Gober, Texas to the late Henry and Bertha (Champion) Tollison.

For many years, Capitola enjoyed cooking for her family, including the numerous vegetables that came out of her husband's garden. She was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church. She also enjoyed Minnesota Twins baseball, coming down to her family's barber shop, reminiscing about the good ole days, and generally telling the guys how the cow eats the cabbage.

While in Texas she worked in a tailor shop, a dry cleaner's, and as a waitress before returning to Okmulgee. Her father, who had Henry's Barber Shop, sent her to Tulsa Barber College where she met Ralph, her longtime partner in life.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Margaret Lenora Womack. Capitola is survived by her husband Ralph, three brothers, Corky Tollison, Tom Tollison, and Kenneth Tollison, of the Oklahoma City area, and her children, James Ray Kovarik and wife Kazuko of Moore, OK, Ralph J. Kovarik of Jenks, and Roger Kovarik of Jenks. She is also survived by her long-time friend and caretaker to the end, Seretha Ott. The family would also

like to give a special thank you to Rivercross Hospice.

Funeral services for Capitola will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Okmulgee, with Reverend Kevin Wadsworth and Chaplin Loren Welch officiating.

Casketbearers will be Chad Bond, Bill Nygard, Jan Columbin, Billy Keese, Bill Dossey, and Dwain Bivin. Honorary casketbearers will Billy Bond and Kenny Wilson. A public viewing will be held on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM, with the family receiving guests from 5:00 until 7:00. Services are entrusted to McClendon-Winters Funeral Home, Okmulgee.

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 27. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 28, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 26, 2015 at 03:02 PM

JK

What a beautiful, creative tribute to your Mother!

Joe, Deborah, Hannah and Hayden Kovarik

Joe Kovarik - February 26, 2015 at 07:00 PM

SO

breath taking, tearful, joyful, inspiring. thanks for sharing your wonderful life with us.

sue olson - February 26, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MM

The last time I saw Capitola was at my daughters Janis Kay Tollison Ausbrooks funeral. She was always a friend to me. I'll say a prayer for her. Margaret Tollison Mason

Margaret Tollison Mason - February 27, 2015 at 09:24 PM

CL

So sorry for your loss. She left a legacy. Call if you need to talk James, same number after all these years.

Connie Wallace Lock

Connie Wallace Lock - February 28, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ *Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"* ”

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

“ Now that we have laid mom to rest and all the adventure is over, I would like to mention a few things to the people who were unable to attend the funeral due to the unending snow and frigid temperature. Mom had always made it clear that she never wanted to end up in a rest home. But two days before she passed away, we decided we could no longer keep her home. She had bedsores breaking out all over, she could no longer eat food or drink without choking. When we moved her around in the bed she would yell in pain, so we virtually did not know what to do. So we gave up & told Rivercross Hospice that we needed to get her to Clarehouse where she could get professional care for her final days. Hospice told us on Monday that Clarehouse would have a bed available Wednesday. At that point, we thought we had failed mom by not being able to keep her home to the end. But on Tuesday an angel called while we were at the barber shop. Moms longtime friend and caretaker, Seretha Ott rang us to inform us mom had stopped breathing. Ralph & I were overcome by an overwhelming mix of sadness & jubilation. It was like God was listening to our plans and found a way to allow us to fulfill our promise to mom by keeping her home until the final breath. It was like after 870 days of struggle, the greatest relief pitcher named Jesus came into the game, and shut the door. She died at home. We could not have done this without the help & guidance of moms longtime friend and caretaker Seretha, who not only took care of mom, but watched dad which allowed Ralph & I to keep working the barber shop. She also restored the house to the immaculate well-kept condition it was in when mom was able to keep it up. Heck, she even played piano at the funeral when we were notified the soloists could not make it due to the weather. And she technically did not cost us anything because the amount we paid her was probably less than the amount she found while cleaning the house. Her husband Don, who is a big kidder, said "that's just the money you know about, i'm going to go get a new car with the money you don't know about." Lol... but the humor is what pulled us through. It's better to laugh than cry. We want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers because the way things turned out, all those prayers made things turn out just perfect.

Love you all. -Roger

Roger Kovarik - March 01, 2015 at 07:56 AM



*Ralph and Roger,
Sorry for your loss. So many memories of baseball, basketball, football, ping pong and indoor bowling at your house and your mom was always there for us if we needed anything. Best wishes to both of you.
Randy Marble*

Randy Marble - March 01, 2015 at 08:05 AM

C(

I remember living down the alley from you guys in grade school, where we would travel back and forth to one another's houses. Your Mom was always such a great hostess to even us ornery kids..... So Sorry For Your Loss.... but You Shall Meet Again. God Bless you All.

Carrie Daniels (Lollie) - March 01, 2015 at 08:15 AM

JN

I feel awful that we couldn't make it. I'll never forget the gold Cadillac and being so happy when we saw it pull in the driveway. She usually walked up to the door with a bag of Brach's candy in hand. I loved hearing the story of how Cappy and Ralph watched Jennifer when my dad took my mom to the hospital to have me. Cappy sent Ralph to Sonic and came back with a giant sized hamburger for Jennifer. She stayed by Jennifer's side and watched her sleep all night. That's how much she loved her. Our dad took home videos of us girls for each of us birthdays and from the toddler years on I was always waving the gift from Cappy in the air. Time is so deceiving. I could have sworn it was only about three weeks ago that we were walking the streets of Okmulgee with her at the Pecan Festival, but the calendar indicates about 25 years have gone by. We loved going to the festival. Cappy had a heart of gold. I can't wait to tell Jae Lea all about her "great-grandmother!"

Jill Nance - March 01, 2015 at 06:22 PM

BA

What a beautiful message. Joe and I have been praying for you all comfort, strength and peace and by this you have it. So happy you were able to fulfill her wish. God Is in Control....She left a legacy. RIP Cappy

Becky Arnold - March 13, 2015 at 03:04 PM

EN

My name is Eugena Nelson,I'm the daughter of Sheila Womack, Payne,I was sad to find out Aunt Cappie past,not for her but the ones left behind,my heart and prayers go out to the faimly,I to l'm hair styles always wanted to do hair,my sister Ruth and I are building faimly tree,through Ancestry DNA, I'm finding a lot on Tollison faimly,my phone number 501-351-1925 please contact me,Gina

Eugenea nelson - January 22, 2020 at 10:31 PM

BG

“ I have many memories of Capitola being in the barbershop with her husband and sons when I would go in for a haircut. The entire family was always so kind and made you feel like they were actually glad you came to their shop. They never forget you. RIP Capitola

Bob Gibbins - February 28, 2015 at 11:04 AM

JM

“ So sorry, so hard to give up a mom and wife.

Jim McClendon - February 28, 2015 at 10:06 AM

VM

“ Deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. What a beautiful tribute video. Vicki Miller & family



Vicki Miller - February 28, 2015 at 06:19 AM

MB

“ *Michael Bonham lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"*



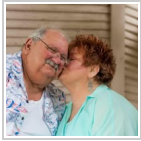
Michael Bonham - February 28, 2015 at 01:33 AM

MB

“ *Mikd Bonham lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"*



Mikd Bonham - February 28, 2015 at 01:26 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. The Mariano family.*

Vic Mariano Sr. - February 27, 2015 at 10:51 PM



“ *Heartwarming memories of a beautiful person and a wonderful family. I always felt at home whenever I spent time at the Kovarik's. God bless.*

Ricky W Streight - February 27, 2015 at 06:28 PM

JP

“ *My family always felt like part of your family. We will forever miss you.. we always felt your love and caring ways that were available for everyone who knew you all our love from the Parris family and J.J.*



Janie Parris - February 27, 2015 at 02:18 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Willhite lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"*



Ruth Willhite - February 26, 2015 at 09:21 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Willhite lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"*



Ruth Willhite - February 26, 2015 at 09:20 PM

JM

“Cappy was such a sweet and caring person. I can remember her coming over on the weekend and as soon as she would walk in the door she would say "hi-dy" and give hugs all around. I have many sweet memories of Cappy from her many visits, taking in our dog, Tahoe, and spoiling him more than we ever could, pecan festivals, her annual perfume Christmas gift, garage sales, her love for Luby's, and most importantly her sweet smile. She was a giver and loved loving on others. My family and I were blessed to have her in our lives.

Julie (Ott) McAdams

Julie (Ott) McAdams - February 26, 2015 at 09:20 PM

JM

“Julie (Ott) McAdams lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"



Julie (Ott) McAdams - February 26, 2015 at 09:04 PM

RM

“Rose Mary Rogers Mills lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"



Rose Mary Rogers Mills - February 26, 2015 at 07:54 PM

DI

“ *The Child family extends our deepest sympathy on the loss of Mrs. Kovarik. Lovely lady!*

Diana - February 26, 2015 at 07:47 PM

CD

“ *Your mom will be missed. She always reminded me of June Clever. Neatly dressed, hair in place, make-up on and ready for anything.*

Cheryl Dotson

CHERYL DOTSON - February 26, 2015 at 06:50 PM



DC

“ *Dr. Larry Christy lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"*

Dr. Larry Christy - February 26, 2015 at 06:05 PM



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“ *James, God Bless you and you're family through the loss of you're precious mom.*

Char Adams OHS 1960 - February 26, 2015 at 05:38 PM



TF

“ *The Melton Family lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"* ”



The Melton Family - February 26, 2015 at 05:38 PM

JD

“ *Bless your hearts, guys! Our thoughts, prayers, and great memories are with you all! Jay & Kim Dearmore and family.* ”



Jay & Kim Dearmore - February 26, 2015 at 03:30 PM

SO

“ *Capitola was a beautiful lady, she always took pride in her appearance. Cappy always looked elegant I always told her she was like the mom on the Donna Reed show on television. Cappy was a wonderful wife, mother, business woman and home-maker. She would call and ask if I was ready to have another garage sale, I knew Ralph and the boys would say oh know because it was a lot of work for them to set everything up and take down. Cappy wanted people to think they was entering Dillards in her garage! She would have a lunch prepared and the best German chocolate cake, did I mention she was a wonderful cook? Cappy and my girls thought this was like Christmas! She probably spent more to get ready for it then she made. I feel honored to have been her care-giver at this difficult time in her life! it wasn't the same as it used to be but life changes and seems to slip through our fingers. Cappy and I would sing Jesus loves me and say the Lords prayer most every day, she knew the words until her speech wouldn't come out. what more can I say except you how much Jesus really did love you. How exciting to see your mother since you was three when she left you. I am glad I was with you until the end and we avoided going to Clare house the next day. What a great family you have! I love you and give Jennifer a big bear hug for me. With all my love Seretha.*



Seretha Ott - February 26, 2015 at 11:10 AM

SO

“ My sister, Seretha became close friends with Cappy when her family moved in next door to the Kovariks. My nieces loved Cappy and she became their "fairy godmother". They never missed a pecan festival together and spent their childhood sharing with Mom and Cappy. They still talk of their adventures. I wish I had a fairy godmother like that! I was fortunate to be witness to their friendship up until the last minute. What a blessing. They are both inspiring women.
Sue Olson



Sue Olson - February 26, 2015 at 10:38 AM

PA

“ Bless you Cappy, you will be missed but never forgotten. From the Tollison family to the Kovarik family may God give you comfort, give you strength and peace in your time of need, knowing she is walking in the presents of Jesus now.
Love and God Bless,
Danny, David & Pat Tollison



Pat - February 26, 2015 at 09:43 AM

BA

“ It is with great sadness, but a celebration of life, that we extend our sincere condolences. She was a wonderful lady. (she kept you boys in line) We are praying for strength, comfort and peace for all of you. Joe and Becky Arnold



Becky Arnold - February 26, 2015 at 07:46 AM

SS

“ Steven Sanders lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"



Steven Sanders - February 26, 2015 at 04:51 AM

CK

“ Colleen Knutson lit a candle in memory of Annie Dola Capitola Kovarik "Cappy"



Colleen Knutson - February 25, 2015 at 11:44 PM

KS

“ Though we did not get to spend as much time as we would have liked, we have fond memories of Uncle Ralph, Aunt Cappy and Ralph and Roger. I am always glad to drop into the barber shop on our way through Okmulgee and visit with the Kovariks and their customers. Love to you all. May your memories sustain you through this difficult time.

Randy & Trina (Kovarik) Stevens

Katrina Stevens - February 25, 2015 at 09:17 PM

BI

“ *Ralph, Sr., Ralph and Roger...It is with great sadness, but a celebration of life, that we extend our sincere condolences on the passing of Aunt Cappy. May you know that she is at peace. Love and God Bless,*

Kevin, Becky (Kovarik), Gabe and Mike Isom

Becky Isom - February 25, 2015 at 07:50 PM

CA

“ *I want to offer my condolences to the Kovarik family. Mrs. Kokarik was a wonderful spirit who will be truly missed. God bless.*

Christopher Azbell

Christopher Azbell - February 25, 2015 at 04:34 PM

JK

“ *Our Prayers are with Uncle Ralph and his family during this difficult time.*

*With Sympathy,
Joseph, Deborah, Hannah and Hayden Kovarik*

Joseph Kovarik - February 25, 2015 at 03:01 PM