



## Carol Pinkston

February 16, 1940 - July 15, 2021

Carol Joyce Pinkston was born February 16, 1940, in Chautauqua, Kansas and passed away at home in Natura, Oklahoma surrounded by family on July 15, 2021, at 1:40 A.M.

Carol was a lifetime member of Bowring Baptist Church. She graduated from Bowring Public School, then attended Northeastern State University where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Carol married the love of her life, Bob Pinkston, March 31, 1961, at Preston Baptist Church. They were married for 61 years and 3 months. They have four children Robert, Cindy, Sherri, and John Pinkston.

Carol retired from Twin Hills School where she taught Kindergarten and 8th grade English for 30 years. She was in education from 1963-1992.

Carol is preceded in death by her parents, Maude and Tom Gilliland; two brothers Roger and Duane Gilliland; and a nephew Lee Gilliland all of Bowring, OK.

Carol leaves behind her husband Bob Pinkston of Natura, OK; Robert and Teresa Pinkston of Natura, OK; Cindy and Patrick Taylor of Natura, OK; Sherri and Gary McElroy of Natura, OK; John and Chelsea Pinkston of Natura, OK;

eleven grandchildren- Nick Taylor of Tulsa, OK; Lee and Paige Pinkston of Natura, OK; Denver Pinkston of Tulsa, OK; Brett and Madi Taylor of Natura, OK; Darbi McElroy of Natura, OK; Dax and Payden McElroy of Natura, OK; Rylee and Ally Pinkston of Natura, OK; Daci, Nevaeh, and Brently McElroy of Natura, OK; and three great grandchildren Brynlee and Morgan Pinkston of Natura, OK; and Tripp McElroy of Natura, OK.

Carol's hobbies include watching her grandkids participate in sports, shopping, gardening, cooking, and spending time with family, and making annual trips to Silverton, Colorado to visit the family mine "Silver Cloud".

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Monday, July 19, 2021, at Twin Hills Gymnasium with Pastor Chris Gore officiating.

Casket bearers will be Lee Pinkston, Nick Taylor, Denver Pinkston, Brett Taylor, Dax McElroy, Zac Pinkston, Jared Sutter, and Jake McCullah.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Carol's Tribute Page of our website at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

Twin Hills Gymnasium  
7255 Twin Hills Rd  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

# Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - July 19, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *Carol Pinkston*

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December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Janette Johnson lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**Janette Johnson** - July 26, 2021 at 04:42 PM

DK

“ Being my Kindergarten Teacher, you were the First Lady outside of my home (my Mom, Mema & Bigmom) that taught me so much outside of the classroom. Writing this...I know how many others you had an extraordinary, lasting impression on. Growing up, I was blessed to have cherished memories with Sherri, playing basketball, bonfires, etc., because you and Mr. Pinkston made all that possible....**THANK YOU!** Mrs. Pinkston, you were an Angel on earth; now you have your wings and are rejoicing in Heaven. Please tell my family that are there...I miss them. Always a Twin Hills Hornet, Rip...Delana (Perkins) Kent

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**Delana Kent** - July 18, 2021 at 03:15 PM

JS

“ She will be missed. I remember seeing her every morning heading when I was heading into the school building

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**JR Soderquist** - July 17, 2021 at 04:04 PM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of Carol's passing. I will always remember her and Bob at the basketball games enjoying watching all their kids, or seeing them at a cafe on their way to another game. What a blessing she is to this family. Prayers for Bob and the entire family..

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**Jo Anne Foreman** - July 17, 2021 at 12:42 PM

NT

“ Sorry to Learn of Carols !! She Always had that Beautiful Smile That Would lite up the Whole room!!  
Praying for Bob & the extended Family  
The Stiles Family Joyce Nellie Tom 🙏🕊️😊

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**Nellie Stiles Taylor** - July 16, 2021 at 09:18 PM

WM

“ *praying for the family\willie mae melton.*

willie melton - July 16, 2021 at 08:39 PM

MS

“ *Nick and family, I am so sorry for loss. What a beautiful legacy she is leaving. May your memories comfort you.*



Mary Sirkel - July 16, 2021 at 10:13 AM

DM

“ *Dianna Pierce & Ed McAfoose lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



Dianna Pierce & Ed McAfoose - July 16, 2021 at 09:47 AM

DP

*She will be missed by everyone that she touched with her sweetness, a beautiful lady*

Dianna Pierce - July 16, 2021 at 09:51 AM

ZB

“ *Zenna Beasley lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



Zenna Beasley - July 16, 2021 at 09:25 AM

TC

“ *My sincere sympathy and condolences.*

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**Tim Craighton** - July 16, 2021 at 08:35 AM

FQ

“ *Fred Qualls lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**Fred Qualls** - July 16, 2021 at 02:19 AM

SB

“ *Our family extends heartfelt condolences & continued prayers to the Pinkston Family. May God comfort & strengthen you. May you feel the outpouring of care & support from all who love and respect your family, Coach Been & Stacy*



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**Stacy Been** - July 16, 2021 at 12:48 AM

KH

“ *Kirby Hause lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**kirby hause** - July 15, 2021 at 10:39 PM

BS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Bob & Ann Simmons** - July 15, 2021 at 09:00 PM

BS

*Carol was such a sweet lady and always made Bob & I feel welcome!  
What a wonderful legacy she leaves!*

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**Bob & Ann Simmons** - July 15, 2021 at 09:02 PM

TL

“ *Mrs. Pinkston was so kind and amazing. She will make a beautiful angel in heaven. Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys. Love Terri Kiehl and Joanne Davis*



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**Terri Ledford** - July 15, 2021 at 08:39 PM

ME

“ *Minniffee Escalante lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**Minniffee Escalante** - July 15, 2021 at 08:04 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**david miller** - July 15, 2021 at 06:55 PM

GA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you adjust to life with out that beautiful lady. I have so many wonderful memories of her. She was always kind, helpful and liked to have fun. We will see her again....love you all. ~Gail Kelly ~*



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**GAIL** - July 15, 2021 at 05:59 PM

DE

“ *Deborah Ellis-Hayes lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**Deborah Ellis-Hayes** - July 15, 2021 at 05:17 PM

RW

“ *Robyn Whitecloud lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**Robyn Whitecloud** - July 15, 2021 at 04:53 PM

SS

“ My sweet, sweet BFF! So many good memories for so many years .. our children growing up together, fish fries at the creek, picking berries with Elma, shopping trips to Tulsa and eating at Red Lobster, working together at Twin Hills .. and much more. Gonna miss you, Little Woman.

Shirley Scott - July 15, 2021 at 04:28 PM

KJ

So many wonderful memories!!! Keeping this precious family in prayer. We love each and every one of you.

Kim Johnson - July 18, 2021 at 01:40 PM

KJ

So many wonderful memories!!!! Keeping this precious family uplifted in prayer.

Kim Johnson - July 18, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ Mrs. Pinkston was a wonderful lady she always had a smile on her face she will be dearly missed praying for the family 🙏🙏🙏  
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Lynn Mann - July 15, 2021 at 04:16 PM

CC

“ Clay Copenhaver lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston



Clay copenhaver - July 15, 2021 at 04:01 PM

CC

“ Was the kindest person I have ever known. Such a good teacher and love of kids...I will miss her wonderful smile.



Cindy Costanza - July 15, 2021 at 03:12 PM

GM

“ Mrs. Pinkston was always the happiest, sweetest, prettiest smiling woman I have ever met. She always had kind words to say. She will be missed by many. Asking God to comfort the ones left behind as only he can. Sweet Pinkston family rest in the knowledge that she is pain free and in ALL her glory, can you imagine? Love and blessings. Kyle & Gae Mathis



Gae mathis - July 15, 2021 at 02:45 PM

LC

“ Linda Daniels Chamberss lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston



Linda Daniels Chamberss - July 15, 2021 at 02:23 PM

PB

“ So many great memories. Beautiful, caring, lovely woman who will be greatly missed. Prayers to all my Twin Hills Family. Much love 💜  
Paula Sue

Paula Sue Wade Blair - July 15, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Karla Poe lit a candle in memory of Carol Pinkston*



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**Karla Poe** - July 15, 2021 at 01:45 PM