



Carol Pratchard

October 20, 1948 - January 23, 2026

Carol Jean (Horn) Pratchard, age 77, went to be with Jesus on January 23, 2026.

Carol was born on October 20, 1948, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. She grew up in eastern Oklahoma, where she developed a lifelong love of horseback riding, was a star cheerleader, and always enjoyed dancing—bringing energy, spirit, and joy wherever she went.

She attended Connors State College, where she earned her associate's degree in business and met the love of her life, Carl Ray Pratchard Jr. The two were married on January 24, 1969, in Ada, Oklahoma. Carol later earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Early Childhood Education from East Central University, further deepening her lifelong dedication to teaching and advocacy.

Carol devoted 38 years to teaching in the classroom, giving her whole heart to education. She was a passionate advocate for children, especially those with special needs, and worked tirelessly to connect with her students and their families. She believed deeply in every child's potential and was known for her patience, compassion, and unwavering commitment to helping each student feel seen and valued.

Carol found great joy in supporting her family's passions. She especially loved attending University of Oklahoma football games with her husband and son, Cody, to cheer on her other son, Jeremy, who was on the drumline. She was well known for hosting unforgettable tailgates for Jeremy's drumline friends—welcoming everyone with warmth, food, and genuine hospitality.

Above all, Carol adored her grandchildren more than life itself. She was deeply devoted to Bella (18), Max (15), and Conner (8), taking sincere interest in everything they loved and pursued. Whether listening intently to their stories, celebrating their accomplishments, or cheering them on from the sidelines, she was their biggest fan and constant source of encouragement.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Carl Ray Pratchard Jr.; her sons, Jeremy Pratchard and wife Lauren of Jacksonville, Florida, and Cody Pratchard of Norman, Oklahoma; and her beloved grandchildren, Bella Pratchard, Max Pratchard, and Conner Pratchard.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved both of her sons deeply and was proud of the men they became. Her life was defined by love, service, and generosity of spirit. Her legacy lives on through the many lives she shaped in the classroom, the family she cherished, and the countless people who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A memorial service for Carol will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 2:00 P.M., at the Okmulgee First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Carol's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Okmulgee First United Methodist Church
302 S. Seminole Ave
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Tribute Wall



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



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 19 at 11:08 AM

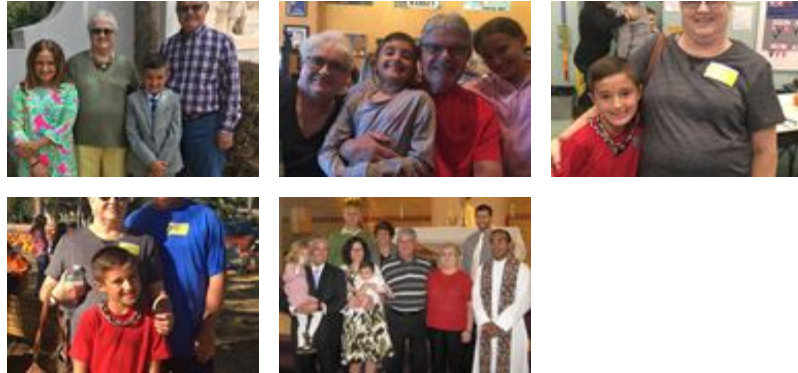
CB

“ *Our dearest Carl and family. Our hearts hurt with your hearts in the passing of our amazing and beautiful and precious Carol. Oh how we love you all and thank you both for your many years of teaching at our beloved Dewar school. We enjoyed such a close friendship. May our loving Lord wrap you in His arms and give you comfort and peace through His sweet Holy Spirit. Treasure the precious memories. We are praying for you all. God bless you. Our love Carrol H (Sonny) and Linda Been*

Carrol H (Sonny) and Linda Been - February 21 at 02:30 AM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 19 at 11:05 AM

TL

“ Carl,
Our Asbury days together were great and full of memories. I know that her memory will be a blessing to you and the boys..

Tom Landrith - February 18 at 09:03 PM

TC

“ *Good memories of your family. So saddened and so very sorry for your loss.*
Todd Crabtree

Todd Crabtree - February 18 at 09:00 PM

DM

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



David Miller - February 18 at 01:43 PM



“ *Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Carol Pratchard.*



February 12 at 04:49 PM



“ *We, the Okmulgee Salvation Army Board Members, will truly miss one of our greatest supporters. She and Carl bought fans for our needy customers during the summer months. They never failed to call me to volunteer to ring the bells at Christmas time. She and Carl would ring twice a week. Carl called me this year and cancelled their ringing dates because Carol was in the hospital. This was the first time in many years that they did not ring for us. Well done good and faithful servant!*

Carol Smith

Carol Smith - February 12 at 04:17 PM



“ *Prayers for peace for Carl and the boys. Carol was a sweet, sweet lady and I know you all will miss her dearly.*

Beth Little, Amy Paul Assiter, Yancy Pau - February 05 at 04:56 PM



“ *Many prayers to Carl, Jeremy, Cody and family. Carol was someone that I looked up to when we were kids. She was beautiful inside and out. Love to all of you, Tiffany (Pike) Lane*

Tiffany Lane - February 05 at 03:36 PM

SR

“ Although I didn't get to meet you, you raised a great son! Rest in Peace ❤️

Shanrika and Clarence Royal - February 05 at 10:32 AM

WS

“ Wanda And Larry Stewart lit a candle in memory of Carol Pratchard



wanda and larry stewart - January 30 at 08:17 AM

WS

“ My husband Larry Stewart met Carol when we attended Connors state cCollege Warner Ok in 1966 Larry Carl, Andy and Greg were all friends from Porum High High School and Carol, Sandy and myself, Wanda Stewart became friends through all the guys we met while going to college. Colorless was a fun- loving sweet person at Connors. I remember she had a very calm personality but a memorable sweet laugh. We all shared many memories in the Connors Student Union between classes from 1966-1968. We all graduated Connors and went on to different Universities. Larry and Carl have remained friends via the cell phone visiting as much as they can. Carol loved her husband, Carl and their sons wholeheartedly and Belle , Max and Conner were the greatest joys of her life. Carl had a sweet smile and a genuine love for her family wanting to see and be with grandchild children as much as she coul. Later , her health kept them from traveling to see the children and grandchildren. But I know she truly wanted to be near her sons and grandchildren in her teaching capacity, Carol had a love for the children like no other. Carol will be remembered for love for Jesus and her compassion for children and her sweet caring kindness to all whom she met in this life. Our condolences go to the complete Pratchard family as they remember Carol and what she truly meant to them.

wanda Stewart - January 30 at 07:33 AM

TA

“ Carol you will be dearly missed. You were such a bright light and always enjoyed our talks and your laughter. You will forever be in my heart.

Tina Anecito - January 29 at 10:09 PM

SK

“ Carl & family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my
prayers as you go through this heartbreaking
time.
Susi Kelch



Susan Kelch - January 29 at 02:23 AM

CB

“ Our hearts are sad to read of the passing of our precious Carol. She
was such a wonderful and devoted teacher at our beloved Dewar
schools. She and Carl made such a difference in the lives of their
students. They were so dedicated and so committed to helping each
student be their best. She is a dear friend of our hearts, and we will
miss her so much. We love you, Carl and all the family. Treasure
your precious memories because there are many. God bless you all.
Our love, Carrol H. (Sonny) and Linda Been Tiger Mountain

carrol H. (Sonny) and Linda Been - January 28 at 02:59 PM

SM

“ Please accept my condolences.



Sunny C. Moreno - January 28 at 01:11 AM

KC

“ I knew Carol as a little girl when she lived in Warner. Our parents
were friends. She was a teenager then and I looked up to her. I will
never forget listening to her first Beatles album. Rest in peace,
Carol!

Kay Collins - January 28 at 12:35 AM

BB

“ *Becky Burney lit a candle in memory of Carol Pratchard*



Becky Burney - January 28 at 12:15 AM

CD

“ *Christine Delgado lit a candle in memory of Carol Pratchard*



Christine Delgado - January 27 at 06:39 PM

CD

You will be missed thank you for the wonderful job you did teaching my daughter

Christine Delgado - January 27 at 06:40 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Crawford lit a candle in memory of Carol Pratchard*



Lisa Crawford - January 27 at 10:41 AM

EG

“ Elizabeth GUY lit a candle in memory of Carol Pratchard



Elizabeth GUY - January 27 at 08:55 AM



“ Carl and Carol were members of the YMCA that I attended also...They were such an enjoyable couple. I have really missed them being there. Rest In Peace, Carol and Prayers of Comfort for Carl and family!!!!



Linda Siegenthaler Chambers - January 27 at 08:36 AM

JJ

“ We shared the same birthday with a few years in between. Her and Carl were favorites at Okmulgee Vision Clinic. Always traveled together like 2 peas in a pod. She will be missed.



Janette Johnson - January 26 at 09:20 PM

CD

“ She was a very sweet lady always smiling,she taught my daughter at dewar,and always had a good report on my daughter in school love you fly high

Christine Delgado - January 26 at 07:21 PM