



## Mary "Carolyn" Bullock

September 7, 1932 - July 4, 2020

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Mary "Carolyn" (Killough) Bullock, age 87, of Grove Oklahoma, announce that our dear Carolyn peacefully passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2020, at home with her loving husband and family by her side. Carolyn was born September 7, 1932 to John "Allen" and Louise (Bentley) Killough in Duncan, Oklahoma. Carolyn grew up in Claremore and graduated from Claremore High School in 1951. Following high school she attended the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College (Oklahoma A&M, now O.S.U.) and the University of Oklahoma.

Carolyn and Charles A. "Chuck" Bullock, Col. (ret.) were married August 24, 1952 in Claremore, OK. Chuck was a commissioned officer in the US Army and Carolyn and Chuck, with their growing family, were stationed in many military posts across the US and in Germany. Carolyn was a devoted wife and mother, excelling in raising their five children, including times when Chuck was deployed overseas in Korea and Vietnam. Her hobbies included painting and she was an avid reader. In 1980, Chuck retired from the Army and they returned to Oklahoma, settling in Grove, where Carolyn began a successful new career as a Real Estate agent before retiring herself in 1995.

Carolyn was a former President of the Zeta Alpha chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. She was an active member of "Bob's class" at the First United Methodist Church and was a member of the Grove Friday Book Club and the "Grand Travelers." She and Chuck were also members of Lendonwood Gardens. Carolyn and Chuck were avid travelers, even after retiring, visiting many countries and every continent except Antarctica.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Zora Cunningham, Julia "Judy" Bowers; brother, John Killough; and son, Charles A. Bullock II.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 67 years, Chuck, and children: daughter, Mary Elizabeth Bullock-Rest (Stanley Rest) of Fayetteville, AR; sons, Wesley A. Bullock (Jennifer Simkins-Bullock) of Toledo, OH; William A. Bullock (Jacque) of Oklahoma City, OK; and David G. Bullock (Laura Norton) of Annapolis, MD; her brother, William Killough of Grove, OK; and their 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Carolyn, with her ever-cheerful disposition and smiling eyes, will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A Celebration of Carolyn's Life will be held Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 11:00am at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Chapel. The service will be live-streamed on the Nichols-Stephens Facebook page. Because of the extraordinary times we live in during the coronavirus pandemic, the health and safety of our dear friends and family is paramount to us, so remote participation by viewing the Facebook livestream of the service is welcome. The service will also be recorded for later viewing. For those choosing to attend the service in person, the family requests that facemasks be worn (and will be provided at the door), and there will not be a reception or receiving line following the service.

In lieu of flowers, individuals wishing to honor Carolyn's memory may choose to make a charitable donation in her name to either the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care for Children and Youth ([circleofcare.org/ways-to-give](http://circleofcare.org/ways-to-give)) or to Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries ([cjammm.org](http://cjammm.org)). Online condolences may be made at [www.nicholsfuneralandcremation.com.v](http://www.nicholsfuneralandcremation.com.v)



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“ An external video has been added.



**Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services** - July 09, 2020 at 10:55 AM

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“ Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Mary "Carolyn" Bullock.



July 17, 2020 at 08:46 PM

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## “ A Memory of Carolyn from Colin Bryan

I first met Carolyn on our first visit to the US some 30 years ago at the home of her cousin and namesake Carolyn Morgan Foster in Bristow OK at a gathering of Rhodes descendants of which my late wife Audrey was one. Both of the Carolyn's descended from Martha Rhodes who emigrated to the US with her husband Joseph, a cordwainer (shoemaker), and young family in 1848 from Wakefield, Yorkshire. Audrey descended from Mary Rhodes, Joseph's sister who remained in England. The family eventually moved to a farmstead in Griggsville Illinois and built a substantial red brick house to accommodate a growing family. It was Carolyn Foster an English teacher in Bristow High School who researched the genealogy and brought us all together.

My memory of that gathering was a bit blurred since there were lots of friends and relations most of whom we had never met before but I do remember being introduced to an attractive dark-haired lady with a lovely smile accompanied by her rather bemused husband, Chuck. It was a rather a brief meeting but following this there were regular reciprocal visits across the pond between cousins. It wasn't until a couple of visits later that we really got to know Carolyn and Chuck and became firm friends. Together we have travelled all over the UK, Europe and New Zealand and seen more of the US than most Americans and had lots of fun. Health issues have kept us apart for a number of years but the happy memories of our many times together travelling in Carolyn's presence will remain.

Carolyn's zest for life and adventure can probably be attributed to her ancestor Martha who returned to the UK several times, no mean feat in the 19th century being both expensive and hazardous. Asked about this she is known to have replied, "The Lord shall send and I shall spend" a motto that has been handed down. I have to say that Audrey must have inherited the same gene.

Carolyn had a presence that filled a room, a smile that lit her face and that rare ability to listen. Carolyn's world was her family and would speak of them with pride.

She will be greatly missed by all her English cousins.

**Colin Bryan** - July 17, 2020 at 09:52 AM

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“ Photos of Carolyn and Chuck's travels to England to visit our English cousins and our English cousins to U.S. (sent by Katherine), 1995, 1997, 1999.



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“ Many happy memories of traveling adventures with Audrey and Colin Bryan



Colin - July 15, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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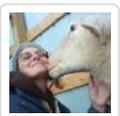


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Sandy Fulton Killough - July 10, 2020 at 10:11 AM

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“ I've come to the conclusion that I'm never going to find adequate words to say how much she meant to us. She had a beautiful soul, she lit up every room she entered, she was amazing. I smile every time I think of her. She brought out the very best in people. We love her from the depths of our hearts, and will miss her very very much.

Sandy Fulton Killough - July 10, 2020 at 10:10 AM

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“ In 2003 we travelled from New Zealand to Grove to stay with Carolyn and Chuck. We already knew them from a visit to New Zealand so we were looking forward to renewing our friendship. Going through Security in Los Angeles the official noticed we were flying on to Tulsa and asked us what the hell we were going to Oklahoma for. Well we soon found out. The hospitality we received from Carolyn and Chuck was amazing. They filled our time with visits to local places of interest and introduced us to their circle of family and friends. Not least we went to Bristow to meet Carolyn Foster who on 8 May 1986 wrote to Terry's Mother Jessie Cass to establish the connection with the Scholefield family in England through Doris Scholefield, Jessie's sister.

To us Carolyn fitted our ideal of an American lady - she was friendly, hospitable, energetic, independent and capable. She and Chuck had a loving marriage and after so many years together Chuck, we know you will sorely miss her.

You and your extended family are in our thoughts at this time from across the Pacific and we wish you all well in the coming days as you adjust to life without her.

Terry and Barbara Cass - New Zealand

**Terry Cass** - July 09, 2020 at 11:54 PM

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“ I only met Carolyn twice. The first time was at dinner at Slice of Life in Skokie. The second time was at Natasha's graduation party at Milt's in Chicago. She impressed me as a very sweet, down to earth person.

My condolences to the whole family. May she rest in peace.

Marilyn R. Rest

**Marilyn Rest** - July 09, 2020 at 03:25 PM

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“ Carolyn was “JOY” personified. Her eyes sparkled in greetings, her laughter was contagious, and acceptance of others was obvious. She will undoubtedly leave a void for her family...and for friends.

For us, the love that filled their home was obvious from the minute you entered. It is no wonder that her siblings one-by-one joined Carolyn and Chuck for retirement in Grove. When I first met Carolyn, she was the gracious and lively host of a dinner party that included those siblings and spouses. The atmosphere of humor and gentle teasing, laughter and care was not missed. We both felt openly included in that group.

Being in the same exercise group at the YMCA gave Joyce encouragement that staying fit was a goal no matter the age. Being that age now and remembering Carolyn’s determination to keep going is an inspiration for Joyce.

She gave her time and her smile to the Bob’s Class project.... changing clothes in the boxes for foster children from one season to the next. Going out to eat together to take a break from the work was fun, too.

She was always a part of the crazy-fun get-togethers with Bob’s Class friends like at White Water Creek....and always giggling and laughing as we gathered round and raucously sang “A Tooty-Tah”. “Tumbs up” to you, Carolyn.

Yes, you will be missed. We send loving hugs and care to Chuck and the whole family.

Joyce and Dick

C. Richard and Joyce Weaver - July 09, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. I met Carolyn at Natasha's college graduation. She was so happy, radiant, and proud of her granddaughter. A constant smile, a sense of humor, and kind words.

A wise person once said that as we go through life, every decision we make draws a line on a canvas, and over time those lines paint a portrait of us. I think Carolyn's portrait has her smiling at you and giving you the strength to continue life in the path of justice, mercy, and hope. May the most wonderful memories of her lift you up now and stay with you.

**Juan Pablo Hourcade** - July 09, 2020 at 08:12 AM

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“ What can I say about my Mother-In-Law that has not already been said. She was the most kind and loving person I've ever met. From day one she made me feel accepted and loved. She also made my children feel like they had a Grandmother.

She loved to laugh and have a great time.

I'm truly going to miss our times we had when I came up on the weekends. We would go shopping at our favorite store where I would become her personal shopper, or take in a movie. Saturday night was bingo at the American Legion. The second time I took her with me, I purchased our supper. I got what would become our regular of chili cheese dog, peanut M&Ms and a diet soda. I made the mistake of purchasing only one bag of M&Ms as she stated to me that she only wanted a couple. Before I knew it she had eaten the whole bag. I learned that from that point on I would need to purchase two bags.

There was another time at Bingo where they were playing the extra game of pull tabs, She took an interest in them and I went ahead and purchased two packs and let her pick which of the two she wanted to play. That night I also learned that she had crazy luck. She won that pull tab with only three numbers called. From that night on the caller nicknamed her "Money Bags" because that was not the only time she won that night.

There was only one Carolyn Bullock and now that she is gone the world is a little sadder place. I guess it will be up to all of us to try and bring the love and laughter she did to make this a better place till we meet again Momma.

**Jacquie Bullock** - July 09, 2020 at 03:44 AM



“ Love this. She was a truly wonderful person and friend.

**Jerry Brasier** - July 09, 2020 at 10:12 AM

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“ Always fun, up for a game, visiting, going somewhere. She always paid attention to what people said and showed compassion.

Marilyn Casey

Marilyn R Casey - July 08, 2020 at 09:52 PM

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“ You will never be forgotten! I miss you already! Rest in peace...

Joy Tomicich - July 08, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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Molly Faulkner - July 08, 2020 at 02:10 PM

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“ Lu Ann, Molly, and Keith Faulkner and their spouses and families send love and peace to the entire Bullock Clan--- Aunt Carolyn's memory is a blessing .. smiling, fun and ready to play!

We donated to the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care for Children and Youth ([circleofcare.org/ways-to-give](http://circleofcare.org/ways-to-give)) or to Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries ([cjam.org](http://cjam.org)).



Molly Faulkner - July 08, 2020 at 02:07 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your loving and generous mother, Shinyu, Kodo, Carson, Jennifer and family. Sending you bows and sympathy in your time of grief.  
Kinko

Cheryl Ann Baughman - July 08, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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“ Some pictures from our visits to Grove. Aunt Carolyn was dearly loved and we are sorry that we aren't with you during this time.



JOHN A CUNNINGHAM - July 07, 2020 at 11:13 PM

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“ This is a favorite photo of Carolyn taken on a Patti Beth trip to Portugal and Spain in 2011. Sitting across the table, Carolyn's image kept appearing in my water glass. After sharing the photo with our group, I reached for my glass - and Chuck said, "Are you sure you want to drink that after Carolyn was in there?"



Ellie Womack - July 07, 2020 at 05:01 PM

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David Bullock - July 07, 2020 at 04:09 PM

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Wesley Bullock - July 07, 2020 at 01:53 PM

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“ That's for always showing me nothing but love and kindness. I feel like I stuck gold having a Grandma like you



Jett Bullock - July 07, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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“ This was about the second day on our Riverboat trip.



Jacque Bullock - July 07, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ missing you grandma



natasha - July 07, 2020 at 09:47 AM

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“ Skip and Joan Cunningham purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mary "Carolyn" Bullock.



**Skip and Joan Cunningham** - July 07, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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“ More photos of our dear Carolyn across the years



**Wesley Bullock** - July 07, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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**Wesley Bullock** - July 07, 2020 at 08:02 AM