



## Carolyn Sue Sturgeon

May 17, 1943 - August 3, 2025

Carolyn Sue Sturgeon, age 82 of Yanush, Oklahoma passed away peacefully surrounded by family on August 3rd, 2025. Carolyn was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Willie Avo (Biggerstaff) and Travis Levi Barber on May 17th, 1943. After graduating from U.S. Grant High School in 1961, she earned a Nursing Degree at South Oklahoma City Junior College in January, 1978. She retired from the VA Center in Talihina, Oklahoma after many years of working as a Registered Nurse. Carolyn and Melvin Sturgeon were married on January 12th, 1990. He was the love of her life. She worked side by side with him on the ranch for over 30 years. Carolyn enjoyed sewing, cooking, puzzles, cross-stitching, and working at the ranch with Melvin. She spent many years working on family genealogy in great detail.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Melvin of the home; children, John Hampton, Angela Hampton, Cynthia Hampton-Whitnah; step-children, Troy Sturgeon, Tracy Sturgeon and wife Amy, Tony Sturgeon (deceased); grandchildren, Kaci Kai, Kerry Kai, Jessica Zatkan and husband Danny, Kaitlyn Hodges and husband Koby, Chet Brown-Whitnah and husband Mason, Shaley Whitnah, Cooper Whitnah; step grandchildren, Blake Sturgeon and wife Amanda, Kendall Sturgeon, Cody Sturgeon, Tyler Sturgeon, Nelson Sturgeon, Cordell Sturgeon and wife Cheyanne, Brittany Carroll, Dakota Carroll and wife Shila; great grandchildren, Kol Higdon, Gideon Higdon, Bentley Hodges, Audrey Hodges, Nathaniel Sturgeon, Carma Sturgeon, Briley

Sturgeon, Archer Sturgeon, Liam Carroll, Heidi Carroll, and Kieran Carroll; as well as numerous extended family and friends who are dearly loved.

Pallbearers will be Tony Hampton, Tracy Sturgeon, Troy Sturgeon, Cordell Sturgeon, Blake Sturgeon, and Kirk Anderson  
Honorary Pallbearer Nelson Sturgeon

Family Night / Visitation will be on Sunday, August 10th, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at McCarn Funeral Service in Talihina.

Services will be on Monday, August 11th, 2025 at 10:00AM at Tate Chapel in Yanush, Oklahoma with Bro. Rodney Tate officiating. Interment will follow at Cupco Cemetery. Services have been entrusted to McCarn Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to Cupco Cemetery.  
Care of Rowletta Anderson 1867 SW 240th Rd Tuskahoma, Oklahoma,  
74574.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McCarn Funeral Service  
500 Dallas Street  
Talihina, OK 74571  
(918) 942-5004  
<https://www.mccarnfuneralservice.com>

## Service

AUG **11**. 10:00 AM.

Tate Chapel

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences. I spent many years working with Carolyn at the Veteran's center. She was a great nurse and if she was working you knew things were getting done right that night. Another thing you also knew about her was how much she loved Melvin and her family.*

*I am sorry to hear of her passing and hope that Gods blessings will comfort you during this time of loss.*

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**Kathy Davenport** - August 07, 2025 at 12:38 PM