



Carolyn Shoemaker

August 29, 1939 - January 17, 2026

Carolyn Shoemaker was born on August 29, 1939 in Bastrop Louisiana to parents, Earl Powell and Martha Ann Rebecca (Hunt). She passed from this life on Saturday January 17, 2026 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 86.

Carolyn was a 1957 graduate of Bastrop High School. After high school she met William "Bill" Shoemaker of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania and they were married less than a year later on February 2, 1958 in Bastrop, Louisiana. They were gifted with two children, daughter Donna and son Billy.

Bill was a member of the United States Air Force for 22 years and during this time both Carolyn and Bill were able to experience and live in many different places across the country and for a few years in Aviano, Italy. On January 25, 1977, Carolyn had a kidney transplant which allowed her 48 more wonderful years with her family. She was active in the support of organ transplants and organized fundraisers and awareness as appreciation of the lifesaving gift she received.

After retiring from the Air Force Carolyn and Bill lived in Wichita, Kansas for 18 more years and were active members of Sharon Baptist Church. In Wichita Carolyn worked as a secretary for an oil and gas company for 16 years. They moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in 1995 to be closer to their children and

grandchildren. Carolyn was an active member of Arrow Heights Baptist Church for the past 30 years until her passing. She was always guided by her faith in God, drawing strength, direction and courage from her Christian beliefs.

Carolyn always enjoyed traveling, she and Bill were members of a camping group for many years and planned many memorable road trips with their grandchildren and children. She loved the outdoors and traveling back to Louisiana to visit with her family. An avid scrapbooker, she had a passion for creating family photo albums and regularly attended local "crops" with her daughter and friends. One of her favorite pastimes was playing cards and board games with friends and family. She never missed the chance share her hospitality and host birthdays, holidays and Sunday get togethers.

Carolyn is survived by her two children, daughter, Donna (Shoemaker) Long and Fiancé Gary of Broken Arrow, OK, son, Bill Shoemaker and wife Cherry of Sand Springs, OK. Three grandchildren, Jessica Rabideu and husband Gerren of Jenks, OK, Caleb Long and wife Katie of Tulsa, OK, and Ethan Long and wife Channena of Coweta, OK. Bonus grandchildren Nathan, Charity, Chera and Chance and five great grandchildren, Josh, Adelina, Silas, Luke and Gwyn.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Martha Powell, husband, Bill Shoemaker, Sr. and greatgrandchild, Silas Long.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN **26**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

JAN **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Arrow Heights Baptist Church
3201 S. Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Pictorial Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 28 at 01:47 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.*



January 26 at 07:07 PM



“ *Marcy Harmon & Janice McCarty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Shoemaker.*

Marcy Harmon & Janice McCarty - January 26 at 07:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.*



January 26 at 01:19 PM

RP

“ Robb, Brenda Maness & Regan Paquette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Shoemaker.

Robb, Brenda Maness & Regan Paquette - January 23 at 08:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.



January 23 at 08:10 PM

AO

“ Access Optics purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.



Access Optics - January 23 at 09:49 AM

AO

“ Access Optics planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Shoemaker.

Access Optics - January 23 at 09:49 AM

WF

“ With much love, The Payne family purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.



With much love, The Payne family - January 23 at 07:28 AM

WF

“ With much love, The Payne family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Shoemaker.

With much love, The Payne family - January 23 at 07:28 AM

CS

“ Our family knew Carolyn from Sharon Baptist Church in Wichita. Such a delightful lady.

Cleta Smith - January 22 at 06:24 PM

CG

“ Chris and Shari Gillespie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Shoemaker.

Chris and Shari Gillespie - January 22 at 05:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.



January 22 at 05:03 PM

YF

“ Your H&P, FMC family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.



Your H&P, FMC family - January 22 at 10:11 AM

YF

“ Your H&P, FMC family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Shoemaker.

Your H&P, FMC family - January 22 at 10:11 AM

WF

“ Whitecap Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Shoemaker.

Whitecap Family - January 20 at 06:15 PM

WF

“ Whitecap Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.



Whitecap Family - January 20 at 06:15 PM

FF

“ *Fondly, Your White Cap Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Shoemaker.*



Fondly, Your White Cap Family - January 20 at 05:34 PM