



## Carla Stephanie Preston

March 27, 1975 - November 25, 2024

Carla Stephanie Preston was born on March 27, 1975, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her father, Larry Allen Johnson and mother, Cecelia “Vicky” Johnson, both loved her dearly. Carla passed away Monday, November 25, 2024, in Miramar Beach, Florida, at the age of 49 years. Carla graduated from Owasso High School in 1993, and continued her education at the University of Phoenix, earning her Bachelors of Science degree in business management and business administration, and completed her studies at Oklahoma State University earning her Masters degree in business administration.

Carla worked professionally in the banking and payment card industry, earning many different job titles over the course of her career with several financial institutions including First Data, NextCard, First National Bank of Omaha, FNCCC, SunTrust Bank, and most recently Truist Bank.

In addition to her educational and professional achievements, Carla brought joy to her family and community. Carla enjoyed a variety of pastimes including exploring national parks, traveling, crafting, fishing, and bringing people together through good food and social events. Carla was an incredible cook, who participated in lasagna love, feeding families in need. She also loved giving back to her community by participating in CASA, fostering children in need, and being the social director and treasurer of her local pickleball club all at various points in her life. Carla adored spending time with her family and loved her daughters more than anything in the world. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Carla leaves behind many who hold cherished memories including, her husband Lance Preston; her daughters, Julia Lauren VanBershot and Maggie Anne Preston; stepdaughter, Sydney Marie Preston; granddaughter, Mercy Reign Burleson; younger sister, Haley Ann Drusen; father, Larry Johnson; nieces Kristi Goff and Jessica Sidener, and aunt Cindy Schockemoehl, as well as numerous nephews and nieces, cousins and dear friends.

Carla was preceded in death by her younger sister, Cynthia Johnson-Goff, and her mother, Cecelia “Vicky” Johnson.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso with Pastor Leonard Pirtle officiating. Committal service and interment will follow at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Carla's memory to these Sea Turtle focused non-profits [www.southwalmarturtlewatch.org](http://www.southwalmarturtlewatch.org), [www.friendssofswseaturtles.org](http://www.friendssofswseaturtles.org) or to the Oklahoma CASA organization: [oklahomacasa.org/donate.html](http://oklahomacasa.org/donate.html).

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery

Highway 169 and Highway 20  
Owasso, OK 74055

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel  
9110 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Memorial Fund

DEC 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Friends of South Walton Sea Turtles  
174 Watercolor Way #431 Ste 103  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
<http://www.friendsofswseaturtles.org>

## Memorial Fund

DEC 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oklahoma CASA  
PO Box 54946  
Oklahoma City, OK 73154  
<https://oklahomacasa.org/donate.html>

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DEC 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

South Walton Turtle Watch

755 Grand Blvd.

Suite B-105

Miramar Beach, FL 32550

<https://southwalmarturtlewatch.org/>

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# Tribute Wall

JP

“ I enjoyed every minute of working with you my friend. Travis and I are sending our love and support to your family.

Jennifer Pray-Smith - December 06, 2024 at 02:02 PM

CT

“ Christine T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

Christine T. - December 04, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SJ

“ I am saddened to hear of our loss of such a beautiful soul here on earth. Carla was my boss for a short time at SunTrust, but made a big impact. Always thoughtful, kind and caring. Peace be to you and your family.

Susan Jones - December 03, 2024 at 06:58 PM

JP

“ My dear work BFF of 20+ years, I am heart broken but celebrate the life you lived. You were an amazing mom, wife and friend. You were selfless and always put others first. All the travel we did, work projects we executed were great but our life discussions were my favorite because you were always authentic. Rest in peace Carla and know you made a difference in all the lives you touched. Love you my friend-Jeff P.

Jeff Price - December 03, 2024 at 06:33 PM

T&

“ Torey &. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

Torey &. - December 03, 2024 at 04:57 PM

BT

“ BOK Payments IT team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



BOK Payments IT team - December 03, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

December 03, 2024 at 03:24 PM

PF

“ Parish Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Parish Family - December 03, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

December 03, 2024 at 01:26 PM

WS

“ Wolverton, Steece purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Wolverton, Steece - December 03, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



December 03, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

December 03, 2024 at 09:46 AM

CB

“ Praying that the Peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, will keep the Preston family during this difficult time. I will forever cherish the memories of the amazing work we accomplished, and I now understand the message of love, hope and support I received from you, seemingly out of the blue, earlier this year. May your soul Rest in Peace, Carla!

Charlene Benn - December 03, 2024 at 07:37 AM

FB

“ From De'Metris & Charlene Benn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



From De'Metris & Charlene Benn - December 03, 2024 at 07:28 AM

FB

“ From De'Metris & Charlene Benn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

From De'Metris & Charlene Benn - December 03, 2024 at 07:28 AM

KH

“ Rest in Peace Carla. You will be missed by all your Freeport Family Friends ❤️. You left an impression in our hearts. Thank You 🙏

Kelly Haynes - December 03, 2024 at 06:39 AM

ML

“ Meris L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

Meris L. - December 02, 2024 at 09:47 PM

MP

“ Mike & Tena Painter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Mike & Tena Painter - December 02, 2024 at 09:36 PM

SD

“ Sean, Marlene and Emily Darragh purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Sean, Marlene and Emily Darragh - December 02, 2024 at 08:54 PM

TM

“ Tim, Sarah and Logan Morgan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Tim, Sarah and Logan Morgan - December 02, 2024 at 08:12 PM

LF

“ Love VanBerschot fam purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Love VanBerschot fam - December 02, 2024 at 04:43 PM

LF

“ Love VanBerschot fam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

Love VanBerschot fam - December 02, 2024 at 04:43 PM

CF

“ Carla's Truist Deposits Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Carla's Truist Deposits Family - December 02, 2024 at 04:39 PM

CF

“ Carla's Truist Deposits Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

Carla's Truist Deposits Family - December 02, 2024 at 04:39 PM

BI

“ BOKF IT - I&O purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



BOKF IT - I&O - December 02, 2024 at 03:31 PM

JV

“ Julia V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

Julia V. - December 02, 2024 at 03:14 PM

JW

“ Jody W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

Jody W. - December 02, 2024 at 02:48 PM

GS

“ Gene and Cindy Schockemoehl purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Gene and Cindy Schockemoehl - December 02, 2024 at 02:42 PM

GS

“ Gene and Cindy Schockemoehl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

Gene and Cindy Schockemoehl - December 02, 2024 at 02:42 PM

KM

“ Kelly Martin purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.



Kelly Martin - December 02, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.*



December 02, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

December 02, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

December 02, 2024 at 02:03 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.*



December 01, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carla Stephanie Preston.

December 01, 2024 at 10:53 PM

RD

“ *Rachel & Kris Ducharme purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.*



**Rachel & Kris Ducharme** - December 01, 2024 at 08:18 PM

HF

“ *Haley's TRS Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carla Stephanie Preston.*



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**Haley's TRS Family** - December 01, 2024 at 04:08 PM