



Carole Edwina Ryburn Perks

June 4, 1946 - June 22, 2025

Carole Edwina Ryburn Perks was born on June 4, 1946, in Heavener, Oklahoma, and passed peacefully from this life on June 22nd in Owasso, Oklahoma. She was 79 years old.

Carole was known for her warm hospitality. She loved to host and entertain. She decorated their home for every holiday, but especially at Christmas. Their annual Christmas open house was a highlight for many.

Carole had many hobbies, but she especially enjoyed cross-stitch, making jellies, and baking for her loved ones. Outside of the home, few things brought a smile to her face quite like swing dancing to classic Country and Western music.

Earlier in life, Carole was a 1964 graduate of East Central High School in Tulsa and later attended the University of Tulsa, where through the chance of an alphabetical seating chart she met her adoring husband, Joseph (Joe) Perks. They were married for 57 years and had two daughters.

Carole is survived by her husband, Dr. Joseph Perks; daughters Catren Lamb and husband Steve, and Cristen Perks Sloan and husband Noah; and grandchildren Kylie, Ahren, Eliot, Quinn, Marli, Hank, and Hattie. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and James Ryburn, her brother

James Ryburn, Jr., and her sister Linda Mazur.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at 10:00AM, at Kavanaugh Methodist Church, 2516 Park Street in Greenville, TX.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in her memory to FISH - Hunt County Shared Ministries (<https://hcsmfish.org>).

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 South Memorial Drive
Tulsa, OK 74145

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kavanaugh Methodist Church
2516 Park Street
Greenville, TX 75401

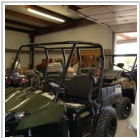
Tribute Wall

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“*Carole and Joe were my junior high youth group sponsors at University United Methodist Church, most likely around 1971-1972. They were such kind and hospitable adult role models for me, always putting me at ease and listening to whatever worries I had at the time. I will never forget how much we kids loved them and also Catren, who was super young at the time. One time around Christmas when we youth were invading their home, we witnessed Catren reaching for a Christmas ornament hanging on the tree, and Carole’s gentle “No, no.” I was so impressed by the interaction (most mothers and toddlers I had witnessed up until then were much more unnerving) that I remember wanting to be like Carole. I am sorry the world has lost such a loving woman of God. Your families are in my prayers at this time of grief and loss. Love to all of you, Kendel (Roberson) Hall, Tulsa*”



Kendel Hall - June 28, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“*Our hearts go out to Joe and the family. My husband, Bob, has many fond memories of them through Greenville Rotary. Oh how they loved to dance! I was always envious because they were so good!*”

Barbara Arrington - June 27, 2025 at 05:01 PM