



## Carmoleta Paul

October 26, 1916 - May 15, 2011

Carmoleta Vaughn Paul was born October 26, 1916 to Samuel and Laura Vaughn of Maysville, Oklahoma, the youngest of eleven (11) children. She gained her gift for teaching from her father, who had opened the first public school in Maysville before Oklahoma statehood. She graduated from Maysville High School and received baccalaureate and Masters' degrees from East Central University. She graduated with high honors in four majors: history, math, speech and science. Her highest educational honor was winning the National Contest of College Debaters along with her teammates Dorothy Summers and May Boren. In 1996 she was also inducted into "Who's Who Among America's Teachers".

Carmoleta's first teaching position was at Elmore City. There she met and married William (Bill) I. Paul, Jr. November 26, 1941. Less than a year after their marriage, Bill was called to serve in WWII. Carmoleta continued to teach in Elmore City and Pauls Valley school system until the birth of their first child, a daughter, Bileta, in October 1944. By the end of that year, Bill had been sent to the Pacific Theater of war. He had only seen Bileta for one hour before leaving for overseas. After the Japanese surrender he remained in Japan until December 1946 and was then discharged.

Upon his return to the States, the family moved to Kilgore, Texas where he worked as a manager for Wackers. It was here that their son, William I. Paul

III was born in 1947. In 1949, the family moved back to Elmore City where their daughter, Jimmie Carol was born.

In 1951, Bill was called back to service during the Korean conflict as an officer in the 45th Division and spent another two years overseas. Carmoleta resumed teaching a week after Bill left. After his discharge, Carmoleta and Bill raised their children in Elmore City, where all three graduated from high school.

Carmoleta was first and foremost a Christian. She was baptized into Christ at the age of ten at the Maysville Church of Christ. After marriage, Carmoleta and Bill were both faithful members of the Church of Christ of Elmore City where Bill was an Elder for approximately thirty years. Carmoleta and Bill celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary not long before Bill's death.

Carmoleta believed wholly in Matthew 6:3 "seek ye first the kingdom of God" and demonstrated this throughout her life. She believed that by putting God first, it made her a better wife, a more caring mother and a better grandmother. It made her a better teacher for the church and institutions of learning. Carmoleta spoke to many ladies groups in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Utah and New Mexico. She touched many lives intellectually and spiritually. While she was a strong advocate of secular education, she believed it was of little value without the spiritual value.

Carmoleta was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, William, I Paul, Jr., her daughter Belita Burns, seven sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her daughter, Jimmie Carol Blaker and her husband, Dan, of Sugarland, Texas and her son, William I. Paul III and his wife, Cindy, of Ada, Oklahoma, two granddaughters, Amy Assiter of Canyon, Texas and Melody Lozano of Houston, Texas, five grandsons, Ike Wilson of Elmore City, Brad Wilson of Moore, Yancy Paul of Lexington, Caleb Paul of Canyon, Texas and

Jonathan Blaker of Houston, Texas, Alan Eldred of Carthage, Tennessee and Adam Eldred of Lenexa, Virginia. She is also survived by eighteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Carmoleta Vaughn Paul are scheduled for Thursday May 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church of Christ in Elmore City with Joe Terrell officiating. Interment will be in the Elmore City Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com). The family will receive family and friends for visitation at the funeral home on Tuesday afternoon from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Elmore City)  
105 S. Main  
Elmore City, OK

## Visitation

MAY 18. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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105 S. Main  
Elmore City, OK

## Service

MAY 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Elmore City Church of Christ  
North Missouri  
Elmore City, OK

# Tribute Wall

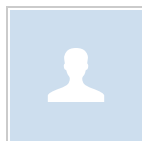


“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Carmoleta Paul*



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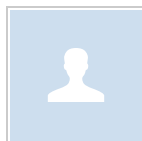
**Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carmoleta Paul*

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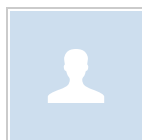
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“ *Mrs. Paul was my math teacher from 7th grade through Algebra II. She was an excellent teacher and had a gift for teaching. I was thrilled when our daughter had her sister Marie Forehand as her teacher here in Lindsay. I can't think of Mrs. Paul without remembering her beautiful shoes. Joe and I send our condolences.##imported-begin##Leah Moody Kennedy##imported-end##*

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“ *What a wonderful long life she had, leaving a tremendous legacy of love and caring to those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her.##imported-begin##Neva Sue Shirley Troy##imported-end##*

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“ Mrs. Paul inspired me when I was a student of hers at Elmore City, and encouraged me when I returned to Elmore City to teach. She was a great educator but more important, she was a great person.##imported-begin##Jim Clemons##imported-end##

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“ With love, the Kaiser's send our condolences for the family. She was a special lady, one who's arms were always open to me as a boy, and accepted me as if I were a grandchild. I always felt like part of the family. I hope to pass on the love that she shared with me to many generations as well.  
With love,  
John Kaiser##imported-begin##John Kaiser##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ My Mother, Lutie Jo Rigsby (passed 2010) and brother Ron Rigsby (passed 1992), spoke so highly of Carmoleta. I do remember her and all the wonderful things that were spoken of her. I have all of the family in my heart and prayers during this time. She is with her Lord and Savior and loved ones in Heaven.  
GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!##imported-begin##PAULETTE RIGSBY BROWN##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Paul was an ideal role model as well as a great geometry teacher.##imported-begin##Patricia Adkins-Rochette##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Paul was an ideal role model as well as a great geometry teacher.##imported-begin##Patricia Adkins-Rochette##imported-end##

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“ How could I or we, your students, ever forget you!!!  
May God Bless You & Your Family Forever  
& Ever...##imported-begin##Ginger Dahlem (Virginia Hursh)##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 11:32 PM



“ Mrs. Paul was a great math teacher. Her diligence in teaching helped prepare me for this subject matter in college. I truly appreciate the contribution that she made to my education.##imported-begin##Randy Reynolds##imported-end##

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“ My sympathy goes out to the family.##imported-begin##stacy woodard sneed (jim woodards daughter)##imported-end##

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“ I was one of her students at ECHS and I knew Mrs. Paul to be a very special and incredibly patient lady. Heaven is sweeter! God bless your family.  
Leona (Brooks) Nation##imported-begin##Leona Nation##imported-end##

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