



Carolyn Dean

September 24, 1942 - August 28, 2021

Mary Carolyn Dean, née Mainord, was born in Seminole, Oklahoma on September 24, 1942 to Grover and Bertha Mainord. She died on August 28, 2021 at home in Norman, Oklahoma. She is survived by her husband, Charles, to whom she had been married for over 58 years – a testament to her patience.

For most of their married lives, Carolyn served the families that she and Charles pastored in Byng, Oklahoma; Independence, Kansas; Colby, Kansas; Durant, Oklahoma; Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; and finally, Norman, Oklahoma. Of course, she cared for Charles too, ensuring that he didn't embarrass himself too much, both by ensuring his ties and socks matched and correcting his improper English.

Carolyn was in every sense of the word a home-maker; her home was her center. She devoted herself to making her home a place that was warm and inviting. Through her attention to order, her insistence on keeping her home ready for company, and her cooking, she made sure that everyone felt welcomed and cared for from the time they walked in the door. Her home was always ready for you, no matter when you showed up.

When she wasn't cooking or cleaning, Carolyn could often be found sewing, cross-stitching, or crocheting. If you knew her, you have undoubtedly received

one of her creations for a special occasion or life event: they were made with the utmost care, and they were given with unconditional love.

Carolyn is survived by her two children: Rhonda, and her husband, David of Norman, Oklahoma; and Charles, Jr., and his wife, Cassy of Osceola, Missouri. Carolyn also cared deeply for her four grandchildren: Trevor, Mary, Maddison, and Jonathan. She entertained them for weeks at a time when they were young, planning daily activities outside or taking them on trips. And while she seriously valued the orderliness and cleanliness of her home, when it came to her grandchildren, those rules went out the window.

Carolyn is also survived by four of her sisters: Marcine Roberson, Delores Jennings, Evelyn Stevens, and Linda Tipton, husband, Lynn; one brother: Gilbert Mainord, several nieces, great-nieces, nephews, and great-nephews. And her cherished brother and sister-in-law Harvey and Sharon Dean of Pittsburg, KS, as well as their children and grandchildren. Her favorite family events were the annual Mainord family reunion and shopping trips to The Outlet Shoppes in Branson, Missouri.

When she and Charles retired from full-time pastoring in 2007, Carolyn focused on making one more home for the two of them. They continued investing in others even in their retirement, first at Norman Community Church of the Nazarene and at CrossPointe Church most recently.

The center of Carolyn's life remained her home and her family. She made lunch for them every Sunday, and she continued to care for them until the end, to ask about their activities and their lives, and to focus on others. Even during her cancer treatment, she was gracious, kind, and a blessing to everyone she encountered.

Ultimately, Carolyn demonstrated that her house was indeed in order, both

inside and out.

Memorials may be made to Excell Hospice, 1200 SW 104th, Suite D,
Oklahoma City, OK 73139.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

Antioch, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, Ok

Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Dean*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *My heart is sadden because of the loss of one of my sisters in Christ. I will miss her sweet, kindness, compassionate, infectious smile and laughter. I know now you are resting in peace without pain.*

Diane Coghill - September 02, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Carolyn was a regal lady. Always sweet, smiling and friendly. My prayers are with Charles and family.*

Carolyn Fox - September 01, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Brother Dean, I have such sweet memories of the love and support that you and Sister Dean gave me growing up. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Rhonda, As a young girl, I particularly liked your mother's strong presence and the assertiveness of her voice. It was always a bit inspiring to me, because I was raised to appreciate strong women. When I think of her, that's what I remember. I felt her strength and her warm care. Sending hugs your way you.

Bethany Butler Myers - August 31, 2021 at 11:37 PM

PM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Dean families,*



Patty (Tomlinson) McKee - August 31, 2021 at 10:46 PM

BS

“ *I sat many times in front of her in Church. What a beautiful angelic voice she had. She was a precious lady who I will truly miss. I can see her singing with the angels above*💕💕

Bobbie Stapp - August 31, 2021 at 02:24 PM

KB

“ *Brother Dean, All our love, thoughts and prayers to you, Rhonda, Chuck and their families. Carolyn was a very special lady and she blessed our lives in many ways.*

*All our love,
Larry and Kathy Bean*

Kathy Bean - August 31, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *I remember her and Charles from when they pastored in Pauls Valley. I went to many dinners and celebrations at their home with my grandparents CR and Luella Daugherty. Prayers for Charles and the family.*

Shelby Jarrett - August 30, 2021 at 07:54 PM

TA

“ We are so sorry for Carolyn's passing, and Charles and this family is lifted up in prayer by Tom and Linda Ashby. We pray that you are all comforted by God' love and Grace.

Thomas Ashby - August 30, 2021 at 01:09 PM

BB

“ Truly a Proverbs 31 Woman. Carolyn was a testimony and example to what Jesus meant when he said for us to love others as ourselves, She shared her love and friendship freely to all. We look forward to celebrating in Heaven with you dear Sister in Christ Jesus, Betty Bredy

Betty Bredy - August 29, 2021 at 05:55 PM

NG

Where could I begin with all the memories I have of both Pastor and Carolyn Dean. Your time as Pastor here in Independence, Ks will never be forgotten. I loved playing for Sister Carolyn to sing. I even still play those songs over for myself here at home. Just know that I will be praying for you, pastor and for the family. Remembering Rhonda and Chuck too. Love and prayers for you all. Naomi Gorman

Naomi Gorman - September 02, 2021 at 10:41 PM