



Carol Lynn Jones

October 12, 1954 - November 18, 2020

Carol Lynn (Gardner) Jones died Nov. 18, 2020, at her longtime home in Lindsay. She was 66.

She slipped away suddenly and peacefully after a seven-year battle with multiple system atrophy. She fought through the rare neurological disorder with the same quiet dignity, grace and courage that she lived the rest of her life.

Carol was born Oct. 12, 1954, in Fairfax to Frank and Phyllis Gardner. She spent much of her childhood in Osage County, where she learned to ride horses and race barrels at a young age.

She graduated from Seneca High School in Seneca, Missouri, in 1972 and attended East Central University in Ada, where she met her future husband, Dale Jones.

Dale and Carol were married on July 13, 1973 - lucky Friday the 13th - in Lindsay, where they raised two daughters and co-founded Dale Jones Farms as equal partners.

Carol was a respected trailblazer in the local farming community: She could cut the straightest wind rows of hay in the county, drive tractors and grain trucks for hours on end, tend cattle and keep the books, all while caring for her action-packed children, and later, her beloved grandchildren.

She was an essential member of Murray Hill Church of Christ in Lindsay for 43 years. She was well known in the community for her unassuming beauty, kindness and generosity.

She was a voracious reader, an avid tennis fan and a stalwart supporter of her spouse, children and grandchildren.

Carol was preceded in death by her father, Frank Gardner, in 2013.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Dale Jones, of the home; daughter Brandy McDonnell and husband Patrick, of Lindsay; daughter Desty Davis and husband Glenn, of Lindsay; six grandchildren, Christopher McDonnell, of Broken Arrow, Gabriel, Brenna and Kyla McDonnell, of Lindsay, and Ian and Alec Davis, of Lindsay; mother, Phyllis Gardner, of Wynnewood; brother, Jim Gardner and wife Tonie of Piedmont; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Private funeral services are at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23 at Murray Hill Church of Christ, with a public graveside service to follow at Lindsay's Green Hill Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Boydston-Wilbourn Funeral Home.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Carol Lynn Jones, please click [here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

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KS

“ Dale and Family, Sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Carol. Sending healing prayers.

Kenny & Bonnie Selzer - November 21, 2020 at 08:49 PM

SR

“ Dale and family, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. There are no words of comfort except you will all be together again one of these days where there is no more sickness, death and sorrow. God bless you in the days ahead.

Sharon Nye Russell - November 20, 2020 at 10:41 PM

SJ

“ To all of Carol’s family - I am so sorry to hear of Carol’s passing. She fought with such courage and determination against her illness. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Suzie Jennings

Suzie Jennings - November 20, 2020 at 08:21 PM

DJ

“ Dear Brandy, Patrick and family,\n\nWe are very sorry for your loss, friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers. \n\nDon and Laurel

Donald Jordan - November 20, 2020 at 06:23 PM