



## Carol Adelia Gardner

April 2, 1941 - November 7, 2019

Carol Adelia Gardner, age 78, of Albia, passed away on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, IA.

Carol was born on April 2, 1941, in Iowa City, IA, to James and Alice (Kent) Mullinix. She grew up and attended school in Albia. On December 29, 1958, she married Ray Gardner in Albia and to this union, 3 children, Tim, Maggie, and Annie were born.

Carol was a homemaker, taking care of her family for 25 years. Later she worked at various jobs, including running a bed and breakfast in Centerville, IA, where she also did specialty gourmet catering and selling Bosch Magic Mill, before finally landing at Gardner Crop Insurance, working with her son, Tim.

Carol was a member of the Master Gardener's Club in Albia, Quilt Club, and a walking club. In earlier years, she was very involved in 4-H. She loved to cook and bake to share with others and used to grind her own wheat to make bread. She loved listening to music and enjoyed being outdoors and gardening. Carol was very social, enjoyed visiting with others and never knew a stranger. She was loved by all who knew her. Carol's family was everything to her and above all, she enjoyed spending time with them, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Carol is survived by her children, Tim (Jody) Gardner of Albia; Maggie Popson of Tampa, FL, and Annie Gardner of Albia; 5 grandchildren, Sarah (Kris) Popson, Katie (Chris) Adams, Emily (Travis) Patton, Kyle (Katie) Popson, and Elizabeth (Slater) Poe; 9 great grandchildren, Kole, Sophia, Bella, Cal, Ross, Emery, Thatcher, Nova, and Clay; 2 sisters, Louise Kosmach of DeWitt, IA, and Wanna Shaw of Loveland, CO; and 2 brothers, James (Rosalie) Mullinix of Albia, and Ralph (Priscilla) Mullinix of Loveland, CO. Carol is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Alice Mullinix; a brother, Jean Mullinix; a sister, Laura Lee Mullinix; and 2 brothers-in-law, John Kosmach and Jack Shaw.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Carol's family present from 4:00-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson and Brad Gray co-officiating. Burial will follow services in Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak View Cemetery

Albia, IA 52531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
203 Washington Ave East  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Adelia Gardner*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Carol Adelia Gardner*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Adelia Gardner.*



November 11, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ *While we never had the privilege of knowing Carol, those of us at J.W. Cole have the good fortune of knowing her proudest achievement; her daughter Maggie. We are blessed with Maggie's great attitude, humor and work ethic. If Carol was anything like Maggie, the world is now a sadder place. Our hearts go out to the family. Your pain is shared. We wish Ms. Gardner everlasting peace.*

*Marco Fuentes and the staff at J.W. Cole.*

**Marco Fuentes** - November 11, 2019 at 08:40 AM

HP

“ Maggie, wishing well of you and your family in this time of loss. Sending thoughts of peace and courage.



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**Heike Parrish** - November 11, 2019 at 08:15 AM

CH

“ So sad to hear of Carol passing. My brother Matt and I have so many memories of her going to her house all the time. One of my favorite memories memories we would stop there for Halloween and get her homemade popcorn balls. They were so good. She was a ball of sunshine. She will be missed.

*Carie Argo Hauser*

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**Carie Argo Hauser** - November 10, 2019 at 10:49 PM

AK

“ I loved Aunt Carol! I am so sad of her passing. I have so many great memories of her. She was my favorite Aunt. When I was little I couldn't wait to get to her house, because I always knew it would be a good time. She was always starting a new art or craft project. I have many fond memories of the sewing room or painting ceramics. She had the latest cool furniture, (electric lounge chair) or a mural painting on the wall! She was so caring, loving person and so much fun and always happy! She always went out of her way to make you feel loved and special. No wonder I used to say, over and over , while we were traveling to her house "when are we going to get there"? and my brother would say, " we just passed a sign that said, "Aunt Carol's house 5 miles", which didn't surprise me since she was such an awesome person, that she would have a sign to her house. Prayers to the family, I love you all. Alice Kosmach

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**Alice Kosmach** - November 10, 2019 at 09:10 PM

GK

“ George & Mary Kosmach purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Carol Adelia Gardner.



George & Mary Kosmach - November 10, 2019 at 10:07 AM

 Rhonda McGee

“ Carol was always so friendly and smiling. I enjoyed visiting with her whenever we ran into each other. I know she will be greatly missed. Prayers to her family.

Rhonda McGee - November 10, 2019 at 09:32 AM

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“ Rhonda McGee lit a candle in memory of Carol Adelia Gardner



Rhonda McGee - November 10, 2019 at 09:22 AM

MF

“ Mary and Dean Porter and family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Carol Adelia Gardner.



Mary and Dean Porter and family - November 09, 2019 at 11:06 PM

RM

“ To my special and loving sister. Over the years, when I was faced with family decisions, large and small, I always thought, ‘what would Carol do’? I used her examples of caring and love to guide me through those times and she never failed me.

*She was a nucleus of family life and a life example of how to bring a family together. Her many offspring viewed her as the ‘matriarch’ of the family, so deserving!*

*But I remember her growing up also, albeit she was five years older than me, I remember her asking me to comb her hair in a ‘ducktail’ when she was in high school with vasoline. Yuck!*

*I also remember her and my other two sisters, sitting on the front porch swing on B Ave East and singing to the ‘Hit Parade’ Hank Williams songs.*

*If this is a goodbye to my sister Carol, I don’t want to say it. I only want to say to you, I love you and you made my life and my family’s life so enriched and happy.*

*We love you,  
Ralph, Priscilla, Brad, Mike, Clayton & Colton*

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**Ralph Mullinix** - November 09, 2019 at 07:24 PM

LF

“ Louise Kosmach and family purchased the Pink T tribute Spray for the family of Carol Adelia Gardner.



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**Louise Kosmach and family** - November 09, 2019 at 04:52 PM

CS

“ So many fun memories with Carol. Drives across Nebraska, working on home improvement projects, and her good natured teasing. Her kindness and happy heart will be forever in our memories. Hugs and condolences to all the family.

Charlie Spaur - November 09, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carol Adelia Gardner.



November 09, 2019 at 02:18 PM

KM

“ Although Carol and I are cousins (her Grandmother and my Grandmother were sisters, we never really knew each other until a few years ago when her sister did some family research and contacted me. I feel very blessed to have known Carol and will miss her greatly. My sympathy to her family.

Kathryn Mellecker - November 09, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Adelia Gardner.



November 09, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Adelia Gardner.



November 09, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Adelia Gardner.



November 08, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ Too early to say goodbye to our wonderful Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and friend. She was the best! Always upbeat and happy never a bad thing to say about anything or anyone. I will miss you forever Mom.  
Your loving Son  
Tim

**Tim Gardner** - November 08, 2019 at 07:59 PM



Carol was such a loving and fun person. I really enjoyed her humor. Sending hugs and prayers to all.

**Angie Gilbert McCombs** - November 09, 2019 at 06:41 AM



So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.

**Roxane Wuebker** - November 09, 2019 at 08:50 AM

SG

*Carol was such a wonderful person to know and have for a friend.  
Shirley Gray*

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**shirley gray** - November 09, 2019 at 05:12 PM

ES

*My sympathy to all family ! She was always happy an kind to all ! It was a joy to know her !*

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**Evelyn Sharpe** - November 10, 2019 at 08:09 PM

HM

*Friend to everyone, always a smile on her face, great person to know.  
Sorry for your loss, sorry for our loss too.  
Peace be with you.  
Harold and Cindy Major*

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**Harold and Cindy Major** - November 11, 2019 at 10:59 AM

DH

*Sorry to hear about your loss  
Diane and Bob Hess*

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**Diane and Bob Hess** - November 11, 2019 at 11:16 AM

DE

*Such a special person, Can't forget that laugh. She would always shake her head when I was at my moms and telling my stories of bad decisions. She meant so much to so many. My mom and her both would light up when they were in the presence of each other. I am so sorry to hear this news. My love and good vibes go out to the family.  
Dave Ellison*

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**Dave Ellison** - November 11, 2019 at 12:23 PM

KE

*Prayers and peace to the family of Carol Gardner. I attended a garage sale at her house when she lived on S 13th and it was like we were old friends. Thinking of you Annie, Maggie and Tim and families. Kathy Elliott*

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**Kathy Elliott** - November 12, 2019 at 09:59 AM