



Mary Dora Carlson

December 2, 1930 - May 16, 2021

Mary Dora Carlson, formerly of Stoneham, Colorado, entered eternal life on May 16th, 2021. She was residing in a nursing home close to her family in Pilot Point, Texas. Mary was born to Harry and Faye Volck Craig on December 2, 1930 in Sterling. Mary Dora attended school in Stoneham, graduating in 1948. Her love for the agricultural way of life followed her all the way through adulthood. She married Art Carlson where they ranched and farmed south of Stoneham for almost 60 years. Their daughters, Cristi and Ceri, all worked together as a family, loving the outdoors, cattle, and horses.

While she worked extremely hard at home and in the field, she always made time to maintain a beautiful yard of flowers. For variety, she also pursued employment away from home, including arranging flowers at Hamilton's in Sterling, a clerk on the auction block at Brush Livestock Exchange, and the assistant Postmaster at the Stoneham Post Office for many years. She was also a member of the Stoneham Cheery Lot Club, the Royal Neighbors of America, and the First Baptist Church in Sterling. When her daughters were grown, she also became very active in WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics) serving as the National Treasure.

She had a passion for promoting the voice of agriculture and even testified before the House of Representatives in Washington DC. Along with working, she was also known for her holiday baking of fruitcakes and pecan pies for

any special occasions, caring for, and shuttling, elderly people in the community to their appointments, giving tours of the Pawnee Buttes, writing letters to friends and family to stay connected, learning family history, and taking great care of her grandchildren.

At age 84, her health began to decline. She chose to move to Texas to live near her daughters and families. She is survived by daughters Cristi Sanders of Pilot Point, TX and Ceri Artzer of Weatherford, TX. Grandchildren include Erin Glenn, Kalyn Sanders, Cory Sanders, Jett Hillman, and Ty (Stevi) Hillman. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Charlie Craig, and her husband Art Carlson, all of Stoneham.

Cemetery Details

Prairie View Cemetery

CO-14
Stoneham , CO 80754

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey
400 South Highway 377
Aubrey, TX 76227
info@slaymemorial.com
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

Burial

MAY 28. 1:30 PM (MT)

Prairie View Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

SV

“ *Mary Dora was a true rancher. One time we went to visit and she busy pulling calf out of a cow. She was always friendly and smart 😊* ”

Sara Vigen - May 18, 2021 at 07:55 PM

JK

Everyone I was around Mary she had the prettiest hands and an honest appreciation for birds and a beautiful landscape. We should all wish to live an honest life as she did.

Judy Karsten - May 18, 2021 at 10:04 PM

PA

Always such a pretty person - inside and out. She just seemed to have a gracious and kind aura around her. Hugs and Prayers

Pat Allison - May 19, 2021 at 07:39 AM

BB

She was a straight-forward, strong, loving and generous Christian ranch woman. When she went to Washington D.C. and boldly told the President and Congress how life really was when you were in agriculture I was so amazed and proud. I will never forget her kind voice, her laugh and her beautiful face.

Barbara Hamilton Brown - May 21, 2021 at 03:58 PM

IL

Some of us knew her from Audubon Society. She hosted us for an evening star watch one year. I agree with all your other comments and am hoping to attend the graveside service. Ila Leavy

Ila Leavy - May 27, 2021 at 01:41 PM

NE

I met Mary Dora through Audubon and soon began telephoning each other to tell of birds seen. From there I learned what a talented ranch wife she was. WE have lost a true pioneer of the Colorado ranchlands

. Norma J Erickson

norma erickson - May 29, 2021 at 11:06 PM