



Carol Atchison

September 25, 1946 - February 21, 2026

Carol Sue "Granny" Atchison, a loving mama and cherished granny, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 21st, 2026, at the age of 79. Born in Centralia, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 25th, 1946, the daughter of James Hull and Fern (Mays) Hull. She married Tom Atchison, Sr. on July 19, 1961 in Walnut Hill, and he preceded her in death on September 17, 2000.

Carol dedicated her life to caring for others, working as a private sitter, and nurturing countless children whom she loved as her own. Her passion for life was evident in her love of playing cards, Bingo, fishing, and camping, activities she often enjoyed surrounded by her devoted family and friends. Her presence brought warmth and laughter to every gathering, and she was revered for her charitable spirit and unwavering kindness.

A woman deeply rooted in family values, Carol is survived by her loving children: Tom Atchison, Jr. and wife Cheryl of Walnut Hill, Richard Atchison, Sr. and wife Cheryl of Patoka, Robert Atchison and wife Julie of Sandoval, Tina Atchison of Centralia, and Michael Atchison and wife Tara of Martin, TN. Her legacy continues through her 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, all of whom cherished her dearly.

Carol is also survived by her siblings: Linda Finckbone and husband Lee of Centralia, Virginia Ord and husband Steve of Walnut Hill, Judy Glammeyer of

Sandoval, Betty Steinkamp and husband Roy of Sandoval, and Donnie Hull and wife June of Centralia, Marsha Hodge husband Joel of Odin, along with her step-sister, Janet DeClue of Arkansas. She is remembered lovingly by her many nieces and nephews who brought joy to her life.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Thomas Atchison Sr., her parents, James and Fern Hull, two children, Melissa and John Atchison, grandson, William Atchison, and three brothers, Gary, Charles, and James Hull, all of whom she held close to her heart and missed dearly.

Friends and family are invited to a visitation from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on February 26, 2026, at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, Illinois. A Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 pm officiated by Pastor Jonathan Urshan, celebrating Carol's beautiful life and the love she shared with everyone she met. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery. In memory of Carol, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Carol's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Carol Atchison please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Atchison*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - February 26 at 09:18 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Atchison.*



February 25 at 08:01 PM



“ *From Rich, Mike & Candice Simer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol Atchison.*



From Rich, Mike & Candice Simer - February 25 at 04:04 PM

FS

“ From Rich, Mike & Candice Simer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Atchison.

From Rich, Mike & Candice Simer - February 25 at 04:04 PM

LC

“ A very sweet lady. She will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

Leah Casconi - February 24 at 01:50 PM

WS

“ Wayne S. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol Atchison.



Wayne S. - February 24 at 12:06 PM

WS

“ Wayne S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Atchison.

Wayne S. - February 24 at 12:06 PM

LO

“ She was a bonus mom and was loved dearly. Love you all!!! Lora

Lora - February 24 at 09:03 AM

DH

“ Everytime I seen her she was always smiling and always friendly. Very nice woman. She'll be missed for sure.

Don Heustis - February 24 at 05:05 AM

DH

“ A very nice lady...



Dale Heustis - February 24 at 04:59 AM

BM

“ The sweetest woman I knew for a short time she only ever expressed the love she had for her grandchildren and their children rest easy

Breanna Melton - February 23 at 04:50 PM

AG

“ Grandma Carol always loved when the kids and grandkids would come around. She is not my blood, but she treated me better than any of my blood relatives did. She always wanted a hug when I got to her house and when we were about to leave. It never failed. That's what I'm going to miss the most is those warm, gentle hugs! Rest easy, Granny

Amber Grose - February 23 at 01:18 PM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss prayers to family

Lillian Smith - February 23 at 01:16 PM

DW

“ Donna & Mike Weaver purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carol Atchison.



Donna & Mike Weaver - February 23 at 01:10 PM

DC

“ such a sweet person inside and out. always a smile on her face. I don't think she ever met a Stranger. always and forever "Aunt Carol" sending prayers to the Atchison family

Donald Cooper - February 23 at 12:56 PM



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February 23 at 12:14 PM



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February 23 at 12:14 PM

CJ

“ Such a beautiful person. sending prayers for the family

Charlotte jordan - February 23 at 11:47 AM