

*Seeing you draped in white
Our heart breaks, hope out of sight.*

*Mom you left too soon
We hadn't loved you enough.
Our relationship was never ideal
Our journey very tough.
Our love for you hasn't died
So we will not entomb its heart.
I'll let it manifest in things
Let this be a new start.*

*As you leave today
Let us cry, let us say
Our mom was our hero.
Leading us to right
Forgiving and loving
A star so bright.
So we lose today
Our support, our light.
Our dear Mom.
Making our life bright.*

*Losing our mom, we lost ourselves today
In darkness so deep
we try to find light, just a ray
Just enough to hold on
Hold on to life.*

*The final goodbye said
They bury her - before our eyes.*



*She wasn't just our mother.
She was the true embodiment of love.
She was the best friend who stood
by our side no matter what.
She was the one who loved us without condition...
and we wouldn't be half the people we are today
if it weren't for her and all she has shown us.*

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude
for your many acts of kindness, and for your
attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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Celebrating

THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF



Mary Frances Carte

September 8, 1945
March 28, 2025

Mary Frances Stewart Carte

Came into this world on September 8, 1945 and departed on March 28, 2025, she was almost 80 years old. Frances was the daughter of Auzy Dee and Ethel Rebecca Jackson Stewart. She was married for almost 58 years to the love of her life, Gary Dale Carte – only to be separated, for fifty days, by death.

Frances was born in Smith County Mississippi, her family moved to Mesquite, Texas until they found their way to Lincoln, Arkansas in 1964. The Stewart family purchased the Lincoln Auto Auction and ran it as a family business for years. Every Friday night you could find Frances in the office filling out paperwork and bill of sales for the cars that went through the auction. She loved her children and was very active in their lives. Frances was a pro at encouraging them to follow their passions, no matter how much it pained her! From watching Tim try his hand at bull riding to driving Zana all over the state with Rainbow Girls, she was there to cheer them on. She and Gary were active in the Lincoln and Prairie Grove chapters of the Masonic Eastern Star - they enjoyed the friendships and fellowship of this community. Frances retired from the Arkansas Dept of Human Services where she worked for over 30 years. After retiring, and with her children grown, Frances was able to enjoy the little things in life and now had time for her many hobbies. She loved pretty flowers, gardening and making things grow. She enjoyed time in the kitchen, creating wonderful meals and baked goods to share. She liked to make pretty things with needle & thread and she made sure her family and friends enjoyed the fruits of those labors.

But, her favorite of all was her grandson Noah, whom she adored.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband Gary, her parents Dee and Rebecca Stewart, one sister Barbara Woodard, and three brothers Jimmy Stewart, Wayne Stewart and David Stewart.

Frances is survived by her son Tim Carte of Van Buren, Arkansas, her daughter Zana Carte Kelly of Prairie Grove, Arkansas and her grandson Noah West of Fayetteville, Arkansas. She has one remaining sister, Trish Hughes of Lincoln, Arkansas.

Frances' life was one of love; love for her family and her friends, love for her hobbies, love for sitting on the porch and enjoying the peace and quiet. Although not always understood, she was always filled with love and tried her best for those who meant the most to her. For that, we are grateful and she will be forever missed.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF
Mary Frances Carte

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.
Luginbuel Chapel
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Family Memories Video

“Crying in the Chapel”

Opening Remarks Dee Harper

Prayer

Obituary Reading

“How Can I Help You Say Goodbye ”

Scripture Dee Harper

Words of Comfort

Closing Prayer

“Sweet Beulah Land”

“A Mother’s Prayer”

Postlude Music

PALLBEARERS

Kevin Kelly - Tim Carte - Noah West
Kenny Steffens - Lyndal Stewart

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Dakota Mosley

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Bethesda Cemetery
Morrow, Arkansas