



## Carolyn Ann GRIJALVA

August 28, 1944 - December 26, 2020

Carolyn (Cara) Grijalva, 76, went to be with Our Lord on December 26, 2020.

Cara was born in Galveston, TX on August 28, 1944, to Everett Daniel Brooks and Willodyne Gatewood Brooks. Her father was in B-17 gunnery training at Galveston. After WWII, they relocated to Oneonta, NY, where “Danny” had family.

After Danny’s death in 1953, the family relocated to Hereford, TX. Cara finished high school in Abilene, TX, at Abilene Christian High School in 1962. She moved to Los Angeles in 1967 and began her career at Western Airlines as a pilot scheduler both in Los Angeles and in Anchorage, AK. She was most proud of obtaining her pilot’s license with a floatplane rating.

Cara and husband Al Grijalva (US Air Force) were married in 1980 in Honolulu, Hawaii and transferred to Yokota Air Base, Japan in 1981. When they returned to the US, they moved to Little Rock, AR, where Carolyn returned to the travel industry as a travel agent. In 1997 they relocated to St Louis, MO, where she continued working in the travel industry. Cara loved to travel and took many trips: Tahiti, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Hawaii, Mexico, and Italy were just a few of the travel agent familiarization trips she was able to take.

Cara and Al were active volunteers in St. Louis Family Church. Cara volunteered in the infant room and belonged to the women’s groups. She loved music, dancing, needlepoint and reading and was always humming a tune. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed hosting dinner parties with her friends and family.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; children Michael Edwin Axe, Cara Michelle Axe Pounders, and Chad Wayne Myers; brothers Alan Brooks and Daniel Joseph Brooks. She is survived by husband Al Grijalva; daughters Cari Nicole Grijalva and Danielle Jeanine Holroyd (husband Devin Andrew); daughter-in-law Cindy McCracken Axe; sister Linda Brooks; sister-in-law Isabel Brooks; and numerous special family worldwide. In 1988 Carolyn and Al hosted a beloved exchange student from Norway, Eli Kristin. They always thought of Eli as another daughter. She is further survived by grandchildren: Shelby, Alicia, Chase, Victoria, Anya, and Willodyne (Eva) and one great granddaughter, Addison. There will be private services for Cara. In lieu of flowers, the family would like any memorials to be directed to St. Louis Family Church children’s ministry/JUMP in

Chesterfield, Missouri.

# Comments

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“ Cara was such an inspiration to me at St. Louis Family Church as I got to know her in the Women’s Ministry. Her love for the Lord radiated from her as she extended that love to all of those she met. What a woman of beauty and grace. I pray God’s blessing, comfort, and peace for her family as they share memories of her life. She will be missed but I rejoice that she is in heaven.

**Diane Bain** - December 29, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ Cara was a precious friend to me. We met at St. Louis Family Church while taking a Healing Study class after she lost a child and immediately became friends. She is and was the most beautiful person inside and out. I will always treasure all the women’s Bible study classes, breakfasts at the various parties at St. Louis Family Church, lunches, dinners and times together with Cara. She made my life better being a part of it. I enjoyed all our talks and much laughter. She was such a warm, loving and giving person. She loved the Lord with all her heart and her family was very important to her. She always talked about her children and grandchildren. She always bragged on Al and how lucky she was to have such a great husband that loved her so much. She loved all her children and missed the ones she lost. She enjoyed all the travels and places she and Al got to experience together. She was an intelligent woman who I admire. She was the kindest person I ever knew and I will miss her greatly. Heaven definitely has an angel there right now. Love and miss her deeply. Prayers to all the family for comfort and peace for your hearts.

**Michele and Mike Russell** - December 29, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ There are too many things to say to list here ... Cara was the most beautiful loving and kind sister in law. We did not live close by but the several times we got to be together were so special and she always made sure she told me how special I was to her. I always valued her friendship and mostly her love. She had a gift for loving endlessly. I am thankful that my brother and Cara came to my wedding in California in October 2006 so that my oldest brother “Hop”, as we call him, could walk me down the aisle with my son when I remarried. That was a special time for our family and everyone was together in one place and it was a beautiful time. I also will treasure the time we spent together in Texas when she and “Hop” drove 18 hours to see me when my granddaughter was being born at Fort Hood. Every time we were together we could just talk and talk like we’d never been apart and shared plenty of laughter and memories. The last time I actually got to see beautiful Cara was when they came out to California again when my father was in the hospital and then passed away in July 2016. We had a beautiful time visiting together at my house. I will always treasure those times. My only regret is not staying in touch more frequently with this beautiful person that I got to have as my sister-in-law. My comfort is that I know she loved me so and I loved her the same.

**Ramona Horta** - December 29, 2020 at 12:47 PM