



Carol Ann Killion

November 20, 1942 - February 11, 2026

Carol Ann Killion, aged 83 of Pocahontas, Arkansas passed away Wednesday, February 11th at St. Elizabeth's Place nursing facility in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Grant Killion and her parents, Millard and Miriam Bailey of Ravenden Springs, Arkansas. Carol was born and raised in Ravenden Springs and met Grant at Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas where she started school at the tender age of 16. She is survived by 2 daughters: Deborah Killion of Pocahontas and Brenda Cooper of Conway, a brother, Bill Bailey and a sister-in-law, Freeda Bailey, both of Pocahontas. Several cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends also survive. Carol graduated from Arkansas State University in 1974, completing the degree in Business Education from Harding. She then began teaching at BRTC (Black River Technical College) in 1975. Carol got her Master's degree in Business Education from Arkansas State University.

Later, she acquired her S.C.C.T. (Specialist in Community College teaching) degree as well. She taught Typing, Accounting, and Shorthand in the 70s, then taught

Windows and computer skills as technology evolved. She was a dedicated teacher who

truly cared for her students and loyal employee of BRTC for 33 years and was the first to

introduce online classes at BRTC. She also led FBLA, (Future Business Leaders of America)

and helped numerous students obtain better jobs which many reported that they kept for

over 20 years.

Carol was a member of civic organizations focused on helping those in need and improving

her community including the Women's Club of Pocahontas and "Red Hat Society."

Carol was a devoted Christian and a member of the church of Christ. She accompanied

her husband, Grant to many small congregations where he preached, and later Grant

served as an elder for a local congregation for 22 years. Carol was dedicated to God and

benevolent works of many kinds including visiting the sick, cooking for families, and other

works. She and Grant were especially partial to helping hungry children and often gave to

the Paragould Christian Children's Home.

Carol was the most wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother one can imagine and, while

she was devoted to her career, her family always came first. She knew how to put priorities

on what mattered the most and she would help anyone she could to help them improve

themselves and their lives.

Carol loved to travel with her husband Grant to see and take pictures of nature like

waterfalls and mountains. She loved to travel with her family and share experiences with

them. Carol showed love to all she knew, even strangers. She was a beautiful soul and a

“song of joy” (like her name) and loved to play the piano and sing in local choirs, at church,

and with her family. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral Service will be Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2 PM at the Ravenden Springs Church of Christ with Dennis McCarty officiating.

Pallbearers will be Braden Cooper, John Reese, and other family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ron Butterfield, Jim Mooney, and Bill Bailey.

Interment will follow in the Janes Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 1 to 2 PM.

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Although about three years older than Carol, she is the one who gave me the courage to act upon my faith and be baptized into Christ. It was during a gospel meeting at Ravenden Springs, AR August 1955. One night Carol responded and as I watched her walk down the aisle, I decided to do the same the following night. Carol's example gave me the courage to publicly respond. I shall be forever grateful. My condolences to the family.

A friend,
Bob Diles

Bob Diles - February 13 at 10:09 PM

BC

Thank you for sharing that Bob! I love this memory!!! She would love this❤️She loved your family and so do we.

Brenda Cooper - February 14 at 02:08 PM

DK

This would mean so much to Mom. She always liked you.

Deborah L Killion - February 14 at 02:09 PM

RB

Carol and her husband Grant were classmates with Edna and me at Harding. I had the distinct privilege of being the best man at their wedding. Close friends since college days they both have been like family.

Ron Butterfield - February 16 at 04:59 PM

KH

Mrs. Carol was beautiful ray of sunshine and I really enjoyed being in her class at Black River Technical College. She had such joy about her that came out when she spoke and taught. Praying for her family and friends as she takes her place in heaven beside her loving Grant.

Kathy Huffman - February 17 at 12:53 PM

FR

I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful lady and a perfect example to her family and friends.

Frances Robinette - February 18 at 03:13 PM

LS

She was so kind to me at BRTC when she realized I also grew up at Ravenden Springs and our families knew each other. She encouraged me and helped me in so many ways. I'm so sorry I just now saw this and missed her services. She was a light in this world, but her light will be even brighter in heaven.

Lucinda Smith - February 21 at 11:21 AM

BC

Thank you all for taking the time to honor her with your words everyone. Makes it a little easier to handle losing her on the earth. Knowing we will see her again gives us peace although hard right now.

Brenda Cooper - February 27 at 11:38 AM