



Carolyn Hodge

April 4, 1948 - February 14, 2026

Carolyn Hodge, 77, a long-time Miami area resident, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at her home. She was born on April 4, 1948 in Portsmouth, Virginia to Dewey and Lois (Dardenne) Daugherty at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Carolyn grew up in Norfolk, VA and moved to Northeast Oklahoma near the Kansas border to a place known as 5 Mile when she was 16 years old. She later moved to Miami, OK in 1977 where she would live for the remainder of her life. She never lost her love for the ocean and the beaches of the east coast where she grew up. She attended high school in Riverton, Kansas where she graduated with the class of 1967. It was there that she met the love of her life, Gary Hodge although she didn't know it yet. Despite Gary's many attempts of getting a date with her, she refused him simply because he was an underclassmen (he was 2 years behind her). However, Gary stayed persistent over the years and continued to flirt with her while she was working at Milo Drugstore in Baxter Springs, Kansas shortly after high school. Carolyn eventually gave in to Gary's charm and kindness and agreed to go on their first date to the Cherokee County Fair in 1970. They would marry on May 14, 1971 and had nearly 48 years of happiness until Gary's passing in 2019. Carolyn and Gary had one son, Brian Hodge. Carolyn was also a proud citizen of the Quapaw Nation.

Carolyn worked as a hairdresser for a few years in the early 1970's. Later she began her career with Wal-Mart in 1987 as a cashier, where she would retire after 28 years of service. She made many life-long friends during her time with

Wal-Mart. She looked forward to outings with all of her Wal-Mart girls and also her friend of over 60 years, Linda Price. Carolyn was also a wonderful cook and guests were always well fed. Carolyn enjoyed traveling, playing cards, and loved to keep Brian and his wife, Bridgette, up on current events. Carolyn was preceded in passing by her parents, Lois and Dewey Daugherty, her husband, Gary Hodge, her father and mother-in-law, Fred and Pauline Hodge, and a brother-in-law, David Hodge.

Survivors include her son Brian Hodge and his wife Bridgette of Tulsa, her brother Bill Daugherty and his wife Karen, her brother-in-law Steve Hodge and his wife Cami of Oronogo, Missouri, along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews, and many friends.

Visitation will be from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Celebration of Life Services are 10:00 AM Thursday, February 19, 2026, at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami with Pastor Leon Weece officiating. Interment will follow at Quapaw Tribal Cemetery in Miami.

Cemetery Details

Quapaw Tribal Cemetery

59100 E 66 Road
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Hodge*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 17 at 03:38 PM



“ *Marty S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Hodge.*

Marty S. - March 16 at 01:56 PM



“ *Janice McQueen lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Hodge*



Janice McQueen - February 18 at 07:22 PM



“ *Diane McGarry lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Hodge*



Diane McGarry - February 18 at 04:20 PM

BA

“ Carolyn and I worked together for 20years at Walmart,Loved her sweet personality, always had good thoughts of others, would get together with our friend Winnie and she always liked eating at Vanns in Baxter,, wish one thing that after retiring from Walmart, we didn't get out alot maybe McDonald's and went to Joplin few times.i know she loved her son and Britney so much and always talking about places Brian would take her,and her friends that she would get together, going to miss her very much as I know everyone will.Brian I wish I could be there but my brother in Texas is home with hospice, my thoughts and prayers are with you all

Barbara - February 18 at 11:17 AM

BA

Also flowers are supposed to be delivered from Sunkiss

Barbara - February 18 at 11:20 AM

MF

“ Marty S., Brian R., and Martha F. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Hodge.



Marty S., Brian R., and Martha F. - February 18 at 11:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Hodge.

February 18 at 09:38 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Carolyn Hodge.*



February 18 at 09:38 AM



“ *16 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 17 at 06:14 PM



“ *Diane McGarry purchased the Beautiful Heart Boquet for the family of Carolyn Hodge.*



Diane McGarry - February 17 at 06:14 PM



“ 12 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 17 at 03:31 PM



“ Lonnie Hodge family o planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Hodge.

Lonnie Hodge family o - February 17 at 12:29 PM



“ Lonnie Hodge family o purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Carolyn Hodge.



Lonnie Hodge family o - February 17 at 12:29 PM



“ Peggy Giles lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Hodge



Peggy Giles - February 17 at 12:26 PM

LP

“ Brian, Bridget, Billy, Karen
So sorry for for your loss. She was a great wife, mom, sister, and friend. Love and prayers to all of you during this difficult time. Russ and Linda Price.

Linda Price - February 17 at 11:59 AM



Carolyn trained me as a cashier at Miami Walmart in February 2001. We became good friends and grew really close after we both retired. She had a great sense of humor and was really funny. She was so kind, thoughtful and friendly. Always had a smile. I miss her terribly! R.I.P. Carolyn.

Peggy Giles - February 17 at 12:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Hodge.

February 17 at 11:34 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Hodge.



February 17 at 11:34 AM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 17 at 10:51 AM

JD

“ Jason & Tisha Dembinski purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Carolyn Hodge.



Jason & Tisha Dembinski - February 17 at 10:01 AM