



Carolyn Jean Kennedy

August 23, 1939 - March 6, 2026

NOTICE: Graveside Services are scheduled for 2:00pm Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at Arab Memorial Cemetery.

Carolyn Jean Skinner Kennedy, 86, of Arab, Alabama passed away on Friday, March 6, 2026 at Gadsden Regional Hospital.

Carolyn was born on August 23, 1939 in Litte Rock, Arkansas, to Truman Raymond and Hazel Marie (Griffith) Skinner. She was preceded in death by her parents and her two brothers, Raymon Skinner and Phillip Skinner.

She attended Jacksonville State University, where she met the love of her life, Bobby Wayne Kennedy. They shared 54 years of marriage, cherishing a lifetime of memories together until his passing in 2012.

Carolyn worked at Redstone Arsenal as a secretary for several years before continuing her education and earning an Elementary Education degree from St. Bernard College. She went on to teach 5th and 6th grade for 34 years in the Arab School System.

She was known affectionately by many young lives in the community and carried a deep compassion for her students. Her influence reached far beyond the classroom.

Carolyn enjoyed dancing with her husband, Bobby; working on the farm; sewing; traveling across the United States; and fishing. These simple joys reflected her warm spirit and love for family and adventure.

She is survived by her three children: Tammy Lynn Carr (Paul), Gary Wayne Kennedy, and Jimmy Paul Kennedy; her grandchildren; Rachel Hillary Jones and Amy Kaitlyn Klingner; and her great-grandchildren: Jeremy Scott Klingner, Harrison Thomas Klingner, Samuel Wesley Jones and Lydia Carolyn Jones.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel will hold a graveside service on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 11:00am at Arab Memorial Cemetery.

She was very much loved and will be greatly missed. She'll be forever in our hearts.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab Memorial Cemetery
565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Tribute Wall

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Jean Kennedy*



Kim - March 23 at 12:23 AM

DL

“ *Debora Lewis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Jean Kennedy*



Debora Lewis - March 10 at 07:27 AM

SC

“ *I remember watching your parents dance many times at Val Monte. They hardly ever sat down, just danced on and on. They were so good - so graceful and in tune with the music and each other I thought.*



Scarlett Cosby - March 09 at 06:57 PM

TC

Thank you so much for your kind memory. They called it their exercise.

Tammy Carr - March 09 at 11:04 PM