



## Carolyn Leistra Boyd

July 11, 1943 - April 22, 2026

Carolyn Nell Leistra Boyd was born in Palestine, Texas on July 11, 1943. After a lengthy illness, she passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus with her husband by her side.

Her parents were John Fred Leistra and Zelma Lee Kiser Leistra. Because John served in the Army and Air Force, the family lived in numerous cities throughout the United States.

Carolyn was a creative person. She was a fine seamstress, quiltmaker, cook, and her greatest passion was porcelain painting. Everything she crafted was meticulous and beautiful. She loved the beauty of God's creation and noticed every detail in it. She was known as "Miss Peabody" to the family, as she was always correcting our grammar.

She met her "sweet David" while she was going to Del Valle School. She was in the 8th grade and he was in the 9th. In their later years, he called her "his Rose." They dated throughout their high school years and were "head-over-heels" in love with each other. Fresh out of school, they married on July 22, 1960, and were married for 65 years. They became the foundation of a large family of what they called their "blessings."

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Zelma Leistra, her only sister Barbara Garverick, one grandson James Debault and one great-

grandson Lanny Thacker.

Survivors are Husband David Harold Boyd Sr. of Rockdale, Children; Julie Chyrese Boyd of Rockdale, Brenda Lee Boyd Easterling and husband Tommy of Raleigh Mississippi, David Harold Boyd Jr. and wife Dawn of Rockdale, Chloe Nell Boyd Skubal and husband Paul of Rockdale.

Grandchildren; Lange Debault and wife Molly of Llano, Chyrese Thacker and husband Shane of Keller, Shannon Gray and husband Damon of Bedford, Blake Debault and wife Krista of Milano, Will Payne of Austin, Joshua Easterling and wife Deidra of Raleigh Mississippi, Wesley Easterling and fiance Samantha Bass of Laurel Mississippi, Abby Stovall and husband Bradon of Round Rock, Amanda Caffey and husband Austin of Rockdale, Michael Boyd and wife Mikaela of Anchorage Alaska, Shaun Skubal and wife Gracie of Edom, Scott Skubal and wife Morgen of Rockdale, Cody Skubal and wife Jaycee of Rockdale, and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Forest Grove Christian Church in Rockdale Texas. Interment will be at Forest Grove Cemetery.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, beauty, and faith that will continue for generations.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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# Cemetery Details

## Forest Grove Cemetery

8902 South Highway 77  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Forest Grove Cemetery  
8902 South Highway 77  
Rockdale, TX 76567

## Celebration of Life

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Forest Grove Christian Church  
8902 South Highway 77  
Rockdale, TX 76567

## Burial

APR 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

Forest Grove Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall

IS

“ Carolyn was a dear friend. We will miss her always. Inez Sladek and Jeanie.

Inez Sladek - April 29 at 12:24 PM

BE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Brenda Easterling - April 26 at 09:44 PM

JM

“ Acts 16:15 "she urged us, If you have considered me to be faithful to God, come and stay at my house. AND SHE JUST MADE US COME." In the Bible she was Lydia. For us it was Carolyn. Nearly 30 years ago, she and David opened their home, and more importantly their hearts to us. We continue to thank God when we make mention of you. With our deepest gratitude and sympathy, The Bradford's Florida Family.

Joe & Wanda McNeil - April 26 at 07:56 PM

JJ

Mom and Dad have always loved having y'all as neighbors! Thank you for the nice comment! Julie

Julie Jenkins - April 28 at 02:29 PM

ST

“ *David and family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss and we are sorry we are unable to be at her service.*

*Carolyn was a beautiful soul that will leave an empty space that her light once filled. Ivan and Sheila Talley*

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**Sheila Talley** - April 26 at 06:12 PM

JJ

*Thank you Shelia! We missed y'all being with us. Julie*

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**Julie Jenkins** - April 28 at 02:25 PM

PS

“ *I loved and admired Carolyn,. She always made you feel welcome, has family from Virginia we didn't get to visit together a lot. But when we were together it was special. My Gods blessings be with you all. Shalom*



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**Pete & Laurinda Sturgill** - April 26 at 09:29 AM

JJ

*Yes, I agree that we surely enjoy each other's company! Miss y'all so much! Thank you for your comment! Julie*

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**Julie Jenkins** - April 28 at 02:29 PM

VC

“ *Virginia Cantrell purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Carolyn Leistra Boyd.*



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**Virginia Cantrell** - April 25 at 11:40 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carolyn Leistra Boyd.*



April 25 at 10:08 AM



“ *140 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - April 24 at 04:21 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



wesley - April 24 at 02:18 PM

BM

“ Brent Miller purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Leistra Boyd.



Brent Miller - April 24 at 12:20 PM



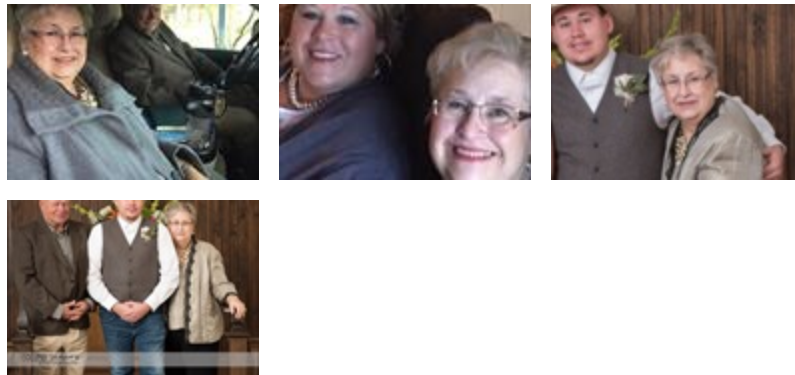
“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carolyn Leistra Boyd.



April 24 at 11:32 AM

WE

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



wesley - April 23 at 08:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Leistra Boyd.*



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April 23 at 05:53 PM



“ *Beth Bratton, Richard and Dena Kocian purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carolyn Leistra Boyd.*



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**Beth Bratton, Richard and Dena Kocian** - April 23 at 05:05 PM