



## Velma Ruth (Bratton) Carley

May 9, 1932 - September 4, 2021

Velma Ruth (Bratton) Carley, 89, of Richmond, Texas passed away on September 4, 2021. She was born on May 9, 1932 in Leslie, Arkansas to Monroe and Dottie Bratton. Her hobbies included making quilt tops, cooking, traveling and taste testing pies. She LOVED pie! Velma was a loving, caring individual, always eager to give a “Velma” Hug to everyone. Most times one hug just wasn’t enough. She was a faithful, long-time member of Word of God Fellowship where she was a member of the Christian Women’s Circle and the Joy Club. She loved her church and was never shy about inviting everyone she met to come visit. She wanted them to hear her daughter sing and to hear Pastor David preach. This loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend will be sorely missed.

In addition to her parents, Velma is preceded in death by her loving husband, Owen Gene Carley; and siblings, Wilma Rogers, Ulis Bratton, Agnes Bratton, Benni Bratton and Nellie Bratton; plus six half sisters and one half brother.

Survivors include her daughter, Regena “Gena” Ricklefsen and her husband Terry L. Ricklefsen; grandson, Ryan Ricklefsen (wife Chastity); great grandchildren, Abigail, Aubrey, Rylan, James and Andrew; sister, Leah Shows; along with many beloved nieces and nephews as well as many dear friends. Ms. Velma always lovingly proclaimed she had a second daughter in the lovely and kind Miss Laura Sexton, who is a long-time faithful friend of the

family.

The family would also like to gratefully recognize Mrs. Beverly Faye Wilson for the love, kindness and attention given to Mrs. Velma for the past two years. God bless you Beverly!

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 10, 2021 at Word of God Fellowship Church in Richmond.

On Saturday, September 11, 2021, at the church beginning at 11:30am; friends and family are invited to a celebration of life luncheon with all of Velma's favorites from BullCreek Cafe plus lots of pie. Following this time of fellowship and remembrance, the funeral service will begin at 2:00 p.m., with Pastor David Shows officiating. Burial to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

For those wishing, please consider making a donation to Operation Christmas Child, c/o Word of God Fellowship, 24200 SW Freeway, Suite 402-198, Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Word of God Fellowship  
4513 FM 2218  
Richmond, TX 77469

## Service

SEP **11**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ My dear precious Aunt Velma, you were always there for me growing up and i will never forget our memories when you stayed with us in Ft Smith. I still remember the day Uncle Owen Gear came home from overseas, you just could not wait for the taxi to arrive in front of the house and when he walked through the door and dropped all his army stuff in the floor and picked you up and set down with you in his lap and you all kissed for at least a hour. Now you are together again forever. I love you and miss you.

Jack Stump  
10-08-21

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Jack Haskell Stump - October 08, 2021 at 07:31 PM

DN

“ Dear family of Velma Carley,  
We were so saddened to learn of your mom's passing.  
She & your Dad, were next door neighbors to our parents on Bernard St.  
Each of them became such good friends & neighbors through the years.  
They had so much in common.  
What a reunion that must have been!!  
She was a loving & caring lady we will miss until we meet again.  
Please know our thoughts & prayers are with each of you.  
Delane Meekes Neal & family Beasley, Tx  
Ron Meekes & family Richmond Tx.

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Delane Meekes Neal - September 11, 2021 at 02:24 PM

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*Delaney and Ron,  
Thank you so much for these kind words. Mom and dad could not have had nicer neighbors than your mom and dad. I was truly blessed to have my sweet momma for so long. 🥰  
God bless you!  
Sincerely,  
Regena Carley Ricklefsen*

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**Regena Ricklefsen** - September 15, 2021 at 05:44 PM

DH

“ *Darla Henry sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Velma Ruth (Bratton) Carley*



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**Darla Henry** - September 09, 2021 at 01:21 AM

DH

“ *Aunt Velma  
Thank you for all the wonderful memories throughout my childhood and teens. And the hospital visits, and when you came, you always brought me pistachios nuts. I'll never forget the wax fruit and olive pits. You didn't either....LOL....I could write a book but I won't. I just know I miss those days and will cherish them forever. You was a precious Aunt that I'll love and miss until Eternity.. Praying for Peace for Gena, Terry, Ryan and his family and all the Grandkids. May God fill the void in each of your hearts.  
My Love Always  
Darla and Roy Henry*

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**Darla Henry** - September 09, 2021 at 01:19 AM

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*Sweet Darla and Roy,  
I remember visiting you also in the hospital. Mom and I fell in love with pistachios after you introduced us to them. Thank you for sharing those sweet memories that we can both treasure.*

*Love you bunches and it meant the world that you came to her service.  
Love always,  
Regena*

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**Regena Ricklefsen** - September 15, 2021 at 05:48 PM