



Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek

June 15, 1942 - July 7, 2025

Carol Loann Paddlety Ahshapanek, 83 of Anadarko, Oklahoma entered into eternity with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 7, 2025 at home surrounded by her family. Carol was born June 15, 1942 at the USPHS Indian Hospital in Lawton, Oklahoma to James “Big Jim” Paddlety JR and Joan Horsechief.

Carol grew up in Anadarko and graduated from Riverside Indian School in 1961. While attending Riverside she participated in softball, basketball, was elected football homecoming queen and was President of the Student Council.

While in high school she participated in the Candy Striper program at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. There she took care of her then future husband Don Ahshapanek. She married her lifelong love on September 28, 1962 at Angie Smith Memorial Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Born to this union were three sons, Darren, Don Jr (Shaunde) and Brian. They were married for 52 years prior to Don’s passing in 2015.

Carol stayed home raising her boys, then returned to college and graduated from Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas. She then pursued her nursing career. Carol graduated from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas in 1979 with a Bachelor Degree in Nursing. Carol worked in many health care specialty areas and retired from the Indian Health Service after 20 years of service. While working with the IHS she was a Public Health Nurse and served in the Commission Corps. She worked at Phoenix IHS, Pawhuska

IHS Clinic, Lawton Indian Hospital and Anadarko Indian Health Center. She retired in the early 2000's.

Carol was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. She also was a descendant of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. Carol was elected as the 1958 Wichita Tribal Princess, was a member of the Wichita Service Club and a member of the Kiowa War Mothers organization.

Most paramount of Carol's life was her salvation and relationship with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Carol was a member of the First Baptist Church in Anadarko where she attended church and Sunday school. Carol was preceded in death by her father James "Big Jim" Paddlety JR, mother Joan Horsechief, paternal grandparents James Paddlety, SR and wife Annie Blackbear, maternal grandparents John Horsechief and wife Alice Pickard, sister Jamie Paddlety, brothers Garland "Red" Paddlety, Clifton Paddlety and James Paddlety III.

Survivors include brother Darrell Paddlety and wife Brenda of Arizonia, sister Rose of Oklahoma City, sons Darren and wife Michelle of Anadarko, Don Ahshapanek JR and wife Loriann of Mississippi and Brian Ahshapanek of Anadarko.

Grandchildren: Rebekah Ahshapanek, Daniel Ahshapanek, Andrew Ahshapanek and wife Sunshine, Sean Ahshapanek and Barbara, Don Ahshapanek III and wife Traci, Tia Ahshapanek, Niya Ahshapanek and Paul Johnson. Great grandchildren: Jaci Poncho, Michelle Meeks, Jocelyn Ahshapanek, Shaunde Ahshapanek, Daez C Ahshapanek, Daezia Ahshapanek and Houston Ahshapanek.

The family would like to thank Russell Murray Hospice for their exceptional compassionate care.

Memorial service will be lived stream.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
700 W Petree Rd.
Anadarko, OK 73005

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *A very precious lady.*



Judy Gibson - July 11, 2025 at 12:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.

July 10, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.*



July 10, 2025 at 02:28 PM

HC

“ *Hopewell Baptist Church purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.*



Hopewell Baptist Church - July 10, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.



July 09, 2025 at 11:26 PM



“ Steve Soyez & Mary Thorpe-Soyez purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.



Steve Soyez & Mary Thorpe-Soyez - July 09, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ Steve Soyez & Mary Thorpe-Soyez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.

Steve Soyez & Mary Thorpe-Soyez - July 09, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ Jackie, Lonna, Paul, Greg, Xavier, Sydney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.

Jackie, Lonna, Paul, Greg, Xavier, Sydney - July 08, 2025 at 03:50 PM

JX

“ Jackie, Lonna, Paul, Greg, Xavier, Sydney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.



Jackie, Lonna, Paul, Greg, Xavier, Sydney - July 08, 2025 at 03:50 PM

RS

“ Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of Carol. May the Lord comfort you at this time and in the days ahead.



Randall & Kristie Subieta - July 08, 2025 at 09:58 AM

RE

I will miss you Mz Carol. You were very caring and loving, and I will do my best to carry on your strength as an indigenous woman. I love you with all my heart. PTL you no longer suffer, rest in eternal peace. Simply warm hugs and kisses. Rayna. ❤️🌹💜

Rayna Emhoolah - July 10, 2025 at 01:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Loann (Paddlety) Ahshapanek.



July 08, 2025 at 01:38 AM

FA

“ On behalf of the Rudy and Velma Akoneto family, we extend our sincere condolences to our Paddlety family upon hearing the news of Aunt Carol's Homegoing. At the Kiowa Chapter 18 American War Mother's special event honoring the charter members, I had the special honor of visiting her and reminiscing about Grandma Sadie Etsagoah Redhorn. My heart is overflowing with joy knowing she lived a very successful servant's life and now has won her eternal victory. Aho Dawkee! Love and prayers for all the family.



Franklin Evans Akoneto - July 08, 2025 at 12:57 AM

JR

Rest in peace Carol our prayers are with your family's and my grandma Emma Bert paddlety Apekaum loved you very much as well as your father and the rest of family God bless and comfort families Amen

Jr.Toehay - July 08, 2025 at 02:41 PM

MK

I'm so happy we got to visit & eat together at our last breakfast benefit at Ware's Chapel UMC! You were always a joy to be around & visit with...you always reminded me of my sisters and a very dear mentor I always looked up to! God Bless your family!

Maxine Whitehorse Komah - July 08, 2025 at 09:27 PM

JH

Over past few years we shared a lot of stories about family. Now I can pass stories to my grandchildren. Going miss your calls and you coming to Kiowa AOA. Prayers for family that you be comfort thru this time.

JANELLE PADDLETY HORSE - July 09, 2025 at 12:58 PM

DG

“ *i will forever cherish her friendship! First met her and Don when they came to the Kiowa Tribe AOA Center when I served as director. And as the years passed, every time I would see her, she greeted me warmly, reminding me of how it was good to see each other. May God’s blessings and comfort be with the family during this time.*



David Geimausaddle - July 08, 2025 at 12:42 AM