



Dorothea Martha Carter

September 13, 1932 - March 6, 2021

Dorothea Martha Carter was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She fell asleep in death on March 6, 2021, she was a "young woman of 88 years". She was born on September 3, 1932 in Schlungwitz, Germany to Martha Lina Pinkau (Fleischer) and Paul Herman Pinkau. She went to nursing school in Dresden, Germany, began working at a hospital in Ebersbach and later fled to West Germany. It was there that she met her husband David Carter and they were married on July 5, 1960 in Basel, Switzerland. Because David was in the military they moved many times, living in California, Texas, and Germany before finally settling in Fort Cobb, OK where Dorothea enjoyed a large garden and every farm animal imaginable; including her beloved peacocks. Dorothea had a love for art and was a skilled painter. She filled her home with paintings and art materials, often giving her paintings to friends and loved ones. She enjoyed being in the kitchen creating meals for her family and never shied away from a new recipe, even if it didn't come out exactly right. Dorothea was an extremely loving and generous person. She didn't hesitate to help; whether that was cooking a meal, taking someone in or giving her belongings to those in need. She gifted friends and family with the results of her cooking, knitting and painting. The most important gift she gave to her family, was their spiritual heritage; and placing it deep in their hearts. Dorothea's mother was baptized in 1922, as a child she began learning and developing a love for Jehovah. Although throughout her childhood Jehovah's Witnesses were under ban, the experiences she had

would have a lasting impact on her life. Dorothea was baptized on July 3, 1965 as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in California. She was passionate about witnessing to others and raised her children to love Jehovah God and live by the Bible's principles. In October 1993 her husband joined her in serving Jehovah, as members of the Anadarko Congregation. Together they dedicated their lives to spreading the good news of Jehovah's Kingdom. When most would be settling in to enjoy the quiet life of retirement, she and David moved to Cuba, NM, to help in an area that had a great need for Kingdom preachers. It was a joy for them both, they served there for four years before moving back home to Fort Cobb. Her faith in Jehovah and the promise of paradise brought her comfort through the hardships of this world. Dorothea loved having new experiences and new friends. After David died she moved to Edmond to live with her son, Michael and his wife, Margaret. She filled their house with food and plants, and her cat Sammy, her greatest joys. A year ago she decided to move to an assisted living community and even though the pandemic made it impossible to see her family, she enjoyed making new friends. She cherished the time spent visiting with her family in Germany, the distance did not stop her from keeping a close relationship. She always made sure to call her loved ones, sometimes all in the same day, one after another. She is preceded in death by her husband; parents; brothers, Lothar Paul Pinkau and Ehrenreich Gerd Pinkau; brother-in-law Siegfried Grohmann and son-in-law, Gary Smith. She is survived by her sister, Annelies Ilse Grohmann (Pinkau) of Lichtenau, Germany and sister-in-law Ursula Helga Pinkau of Grosspostwitz, Germany. Three children; Michael Carter and wife Margaret of Edmond, OK; Annemarie (Cookie) Smith of Anadarko, OK; Kathryn Elrod and husband Keith of Anadarko, OK. Five grandchildren; David Carter and wife Christina of Oklahoma City, OK; Megan Rinehart and husband Levi of Oklahoma City, OK; Alexander Smith of Oklahoma City, OK; Lauren Elrod of Oklahoma City, OK and Eric Elrod of Anadarko, OK. Three great-grandchildren; Benjamin and Corie Carter and Carter Rinehart, all of Oklahoma City, OK. As well as several nieces and nephews that meant a

great deal to her. She was the heart of our family and we will miss her immensely. We look forward to seeing her again in the coming paradise earth. The family would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt condolences and prayers at this time. We would like to end with Dorothea's favorite scripture. "With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his people. And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away" Revelation 21:3-4 Please join the family for a service on Zoom at 1 p.m. CST Saturday, March 13. Go to: .The meeting ID is 863 5761 4990, and the passcode is 31321. Cremation services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home Messages of condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

KE

“ Thank you Bill ---- Kathryn Elrod

Kathryn Elrod - March 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank Undine and Karlheinz. It was wonderful seeing you Sunday. -
--- Kathryn Elrod

Kathryn Elrod - March 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

UG

“ Dear Annemarie, Michael and Kathryn, your mother's death greatly saddened us. We are very sorry for your loss. With heartfelt condolences Undine and Karlheinz (Germany)

Undine Gruve - March 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dorothea was like a grandma to my 2 kids. I remember her giving me lots of advice on how to soothe baby's tummies, how to get them to sleep and many other things. She was always knitting or sewing some adorable new outfit for my kids and they have many fond memories of going for a visit to the farm for days at a time. She had a big heart full of love to be a grandma to everyone. It really warmed my heart that she was such a good friend to my mom and to my family. I will never forget how she comforted and soothed us all when we lost my sister just a few months ago. Can't wait to see her again 

Cindy Williams - March 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Wir werden dich nie vergessen , und dich immer im herzen tragen.
Familie Zoerb , deine freunde aus deutschland.*

Familie Zoerb - March 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mike and Margaret were on a rare outing and James and i had promised to look in on Dorothea while they were away. Before we knew it she had us peeling potatoes and cooking sausage omelettes, all the while telling us stories from her very colorful life...a life that had clearly been well-lived. We will miss her and cherish our memories of her til we see her again.*

terry matlock - March 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Love and Prayers!!!*

Bill Reedy - March 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM