



## Carol Reva Jessop

June 5, 1936 - February 16, 2026

Carol Reva Jessop (née Anderson), of Rolla, Missouri, passed away peacefully on the morning of February 16, 2026. She was 89 years old. Her son Brad Jessop, his wife Amy, and her daughter Beth Prigelmeier and her husband Kenny were by her side.

Carol was born in Pampa, Texas, to Carroll Wayne (everyone called him Wayne) and Reva Anderson (née Pfaff) on June 5, 1936. Her dad worked at the Skelly Oil refinery, and Reva stayed home to care for the house, often squeezing wet, and rolled towels into gaps in the windows and doors to keep out Dust Bowl winds and dirt. Soon, her sister Nancy was born, and her father, like many others at the time, moved on to better jobs to support his growing family. The boys came later—Mark, Chris, and finally David. The family moved around, living for a while in New Mexico, Minnesota, Arkansas, eastern Washington, and Kansas. They spent several years in Venezuela; however, by then, Carol was in college and only visited the family.

At Kansas State, where she studied History, she met Frank Dean Jessop, a young man a few years older, freshly out of the Air Force, full of ideas and plans for the future. Also, he had a car. Frank Dean would pick up Carol and her roommate, Sally, and take them to the library to study. Afterwards, they'd grab coffee. Before one of these outings, Frank Dean asked Carol, "Do you think this time Sally could stay behind?" And thus began a romance that would last their lifetime.

Carol and Frank took over his family's grocery store in Lyndon, Kansas,

calling it Jessop's IGA, and Carol settled into her dream of having roots in the community. It didn't last. Like her dad, Frank Dean took a job with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (PX/BX) to support a growing family, and they moved to Minnesota, Texas, Michigan, Minnesota again, Colorado, Tennessee, North Dakota, and Texas one last time before finally settling in Rolla.

She lived in Rolla longer than any other community. It was her home. Carol's wandering youth served her well. She developed a keen skill for making friends and loved being surrounded by people. It was an ability she used to serve the communities where they lived, working with groups and charities as diverse as the League of Women's Voters, GRACE, and the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC). She was the secretary of the Presbyterian Residence Association and participated in Art is Ageless. Carol worked at several day cares and pre-schools run by the various Presbyterian churches they attended over the years. She taught Sunday School, served as a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts and Webelos, volunteered at her kids' schools, and when she got bored, which wasn't often, started a book club, including one with her friends at the Presbyterian Manor in Rolla.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Dean Jessop, who passed away on May 3, 2023; her brothers Mark, Chris, and David; and her parents. She is survived by her sister, Nancy Underwood of Mount Hope, KS; Dr. Brad Jessop and Amy Lapointe of Sulphur, OK; Scott W. Jessop and his partner, Rachel Fowler, of Manitou Springs, CO; Beth Prigelmeier and Kenny of Moorhead, MN; and Kirk Jessop and his wife, Jocelyn, of Edmond, OK. She has seven grandchildren: Theron Jessop and his wife, LeRhonda; Alexandra Jessop and her husband, Angelo Sapienza; Michael Schmidt; Tyler Schmidt; Kathleen Jessop; Samuel Jessop; and Annabelle Jessop. Carol also had two great-grandchildren: Aiden Jessop and Juliette Jessop. Services will be held on February 20, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Rolla, MO. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Pre-school or

the Presbyterian Manor Good Samaritan Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens

Rolla, MO 65401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla  
919 East 10th Street  
Rolla, MO 65401

## Funeral Service

FEB 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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919 East 10th Street  
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## Interment

FEB 20 (CT)

Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Carol and Frank with fondness, sharing many laughs during our small group’s Christmas parties. She was a great cook and we shared many delicious recipes.. we will miss her.

Ina jansen - February 23 at 02:35 PM

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“ James, Anna and Millie Bracklein planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Reva Jessop.

James, Anna and Millie Bracklein - February 19 at 07:22 PM

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“ James, Anna and Millie Bracklein purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carol Reva Jessop.



James, Anna and Millie Bracklein - February 19 at 07:22 PM

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“ Your Boeing Friends and Colleagues planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Reva Jessop.

Your Boeing Friends and Colleagues - February 18 at 04:42 PM



“ *Your Boeing Friends and Colleagues purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carol Reva Jessop.*



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**Your Boeing Friends and Colleagues** - February 18 at 04:42 PM



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

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February 18 at 10:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Reva Jessop.*



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