

IN MEMORY OF
**CAROLE
JAMES**

Obituary for Carole James



Carole Ann James, 77, of Abilene passed away Friday, January 22, 2016 at Salina Regional Heath Center. She was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 15, 1938, the daughter of David and Bonnie (Chandler) Martin. Carole grew up in the Lincoln area where she spent much of her youth riding and showing quarter horses. She was crowned Nebraska Rodeo Queen in 1954 and graduated from Lincoln High in 1956. She attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

On March 23, 1969, Carole was united in marriage to William R. (Bill) James. In 1970, the couple moved to Abilene and established 3 J Ranch, where they lived until their respective deaths.

Carole was an active member of the Kansas and Nebraska Quarter Horse Associations and the American Quarter Horse Association. She was inducted into the KQHA Hall of Fame in 2010, after serving as the Association's President. A caring and compassionate friend to all, Carole became "Grandma" to many who crossed her path. She lived every day to its fullest and never hesitated to help others, regardless of the amount of work involved. Carole was at her happiest taking care of those she loved and found a way to see the good in everyone. At 3J Ranch, the door was never locked, and everyone was welcome for dinner or the weekend. No reservations necessary.

Carole is survived by her daughter, Terry Stover of Abilene; four step-sons, Kelly and wife, Wendy, of Clay Center, Dee and wife, Anne Burke, of Leawood, Kansas, Lon and wife, Pat, of Clay Center, Loy and wife, Kate, of Salina; former daughter-in-law, Debra Egli James; eighteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; her brother; David Martin and wife, Sue, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Sony Lowery, also of Lincoln, Nebraska; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bill, and her daughter, Diane Taber.

Funeral services for Carole will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016 at the LifeHouse Church, 420 N.W. 2nd Street, Abilene, with Pastor Kerry Coup officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery In Abilene. Family will receive friends for a Visitation on Thursday, January 28 from 5-7 p.m. at the LifeHouse Church and after 7:00 p.m. at the Shockey and Landes Building, 324 North Broadway, Abilene. Online condolences may be sent to www.martinbeckercarlson.com