



Carl Britton

June 24, 1939 - November 29, 2020

Carl L. Britton Sr. T/SGT-E-6, 81, passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2020, in Portales, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Carl's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

SERVICES: At this time, no service is scheduled. Carl will be interred in General Douglas L. McBride Veteran's Cemetery in Roswell, NM.

On June 24, 1939, Carl was born in Springfield, Illinois, to Lynn L. Britton and Allie Mae Britton. He graduated high school from Mountain Home High in 1957. While attending, Carl joined the active Army Reserve. He joined the USAF in 1957 and retired from active duty in 1977. During this time, Carl served 3 tours of duty in Vietnam. When he returned, he was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM. After retiring from the USAF in 1977, Carl was commissioned as a Captain in the New Mexico State Defense Force, US Army.

During his decorated military career, Carl received multiple awards and medals. After retirement, he attended Eastern New Mexico University, where he received his Bachelor's Degree of University Studies with Honors and emphasis in Sociology and Psychology. Carl later received his Master's Degree in Psychology. He was a life member of VFW, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and a 30-year member of American Legion Post 31 of Portales.

Carl loved old cars and enjoyed many in his lifetime. He and Melba restored "Old Blue" their 1969 Dodge Polara. Carl also loved music and for many years

sang, played guitar, and wrote songs. He also loved traveling to Las Vegas and Ruidoso with his Slot Tournament partner Melba.

SURVIVORS: Carl is survived by wife of twenty-two years, Melba Ann Britton of Portales, NM; son: Dr. Carl Britton Jr. and family of Lubbock, TX; as well as stepdaughter, Richelle F Longo (and family) of Las Vegas, NV.

A special thank you to Compassus Hospice Health for their care and support during this difficult time.

Carl's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Britton*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Oh how we clicked instantly when we met in church. I used to love cooking for Melba and Carl, going out to eat or just “hanging out”. He was my “big brother”. He and my husband, Kent, were diehard Cowboys fans. We loved Carl and miss him. I look forward to seeing him again where we will all have new bodies that work just right. Seems strange to not say “Melba and Carl” in the same breath. They were quite the team. Love y’all!*
Kathy

Kathy Odaffer - December 19, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ *Our coffee gang would often run into Carl and Melba on Thursday morning. Will miss Carl.*
Alan

Alan Dodd - December 11, 2020 at 11:02 AM

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“ I was a waitress in Las Vegas. Carl and Melba were my customers but were only strangers to me on their first visit. They started asking for me when they came in. In the summer of 2008 I wasn't there because my daughter was in intensive care for 3 days after surgery. They asked for me and the manager said I was out. They asked why and he said it was personal. They said, “we're her parents”. They got seated right away and were known as my parents after that. Carl (Dad) loved retelling that story to me, how they got right in and he would laugh. When I moved away from Vegas they were the only customers I couldn't say good-bye to. We had adopted each other. My heart hurts for my adopted Mom because these two were a team. Equally delightful and loving. I will miss you Dad. You were a sweet, kind and wonderful man. When I eat hamburgers I will forever think of you. Love you, -Terri

Terri Mickey - December 08, 2020 at 12:25 PM

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Carl and Melba were my parents dear friends. He was a very humble man. He had a wonderful sense of humor. Always had a joke or a funny saying. He thought the world of his son and step daughter. Melba was the love of his life. I am sure he is in heaven telling stories to Dad right now. He will be missed.

Andrea Heckathorn Colaizzi - December 08, 2020 at 07:57 PM

 Vivian Cato

Enjoyed visiting with him at the American Legion meetings. I'll never forget his sporty orange car. Melba is very sweet.

Vivian Cato - December 09, 2020 at 03:17 PM