



## Carol Avery

October 15, 1928 - December 25, 2011

Carol H. Avery died Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, 2011 in Roswell, NM. Services are scheduled for her at the First United Methodist Church at 2pm, Tuesday, January 3, 2012 with Rev. Gorton Smith officiating.

Carol was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 15, 1928. She graduated from Lowell High School, Lowell MI in 1946, Grand Valley State College, Grand Rapids, MI in 1966 and earned her MA from New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM in 1976. She taught school at Lowell High School, Lowell, MI, Springer High School, Springer, NM, and was the high school librarian in Artesia, NM until her retirement. In 1946 she and Keith W. Avery were married at Snow United Methodist Church, Lowell, MI.

Survivors include three children, Carleton (Cla) Avery and wife, Kathy, of Roswell, David Avery of Amarillo, TX and Jane Ellen Gray of Roswell as well as four grandchildren, Chayne and life partner, Russell Garcia of Albuquerque, Chan Avery of Albuquerque, Matthew Reed of Lubbock, TX, Sarah Reed of Carthage, TN, and one great grandchild, Avery Lawless also of Carthage, TN. She is also survived by a sister, Judy Clippard of Swartz Creek, MI; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Avery of Marquette, MI; as well as seven nieces and a nephew, all of Michigan. Also remembered are step-grandchildren Saul Gray-Hildebrandt of Santa Barbara, CA, and Amanda Huggins of Grand Rapids, MI.

Carol was a member of the Clipper Sunday School Class of FUMC. A memorial service and burial will be held in Lowell, MI at a later date.

The family requests in lieu of flowers please make donations to: Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, 888 West Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106, Cowboy Bell Scholarship Fund, 200 North Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, NM 88201, or Friends of the Roswell Public Library, 300 North Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, NM 88201.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Avery*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *To Clay and family. Sue and I ar so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. Even though we did not know her we allways heard wonderfull things about her and your father as well. It is never and easy thing to lose a parent as you know. Our sympathy is with both for you and your family. We are planning on being at the cementary on Sat to offer our condolences and to say hello. Sincerely Mike & Sue*

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**Mike & Susan Shinabarger** - April 26, 2012 at 01:53 PM



“ *Carol Avery*

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**Yvonne Dodgson** - April 26, 2012 at 10:37 AM



“ *cla avery and family i am praying that you and your family are blessed with peace love and joy at this time i had the opportunity to meet your dad and mom thru walgreens and were two very special people. May God Bless you all with comfort.*

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**valarie de los santos marrujo** - January 17, 2012 at 10:43 PM

LW

“ I had two teachers at LHS that made a difference and one of them was Carol Avery. She was tough, expected everyone to do and be their best, challenged us and had a remarkable gift for teaching. She truly made a difference in anyone that was fortunate to have been in her class. Thank you Mrs. Avery!

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**Lynn W.** - January 14, 2012 at 08:16 PM

CG

“ I am saddened to hear of Mrs. Avery's passing, She was one of my favorite teachers during my years in the Springer schools. She was a good and caring teacher, and did a lot of us a lot of good learning the English language. I was just reminiscing with my wife a few days ago, regarding a catahoula cow dog that Mrs Avery managed to get me to take home with me from a litter of puppies that one of their dogs had. He turned out to be not much of a cow dog, but was a good dog in other ways. I was 16 years old at the time, and was pretty sure my Dad would kill me for bringing home a dog, but Mrs Avery was pretty insistent that I needed to take him home.

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**Chris Gillespie** - January 08, 2012 at 02:08 PM

SH

“ Avery family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Carol at the High School Library. She was a wonderful person and I was very fond of her. Every year, after her retirement, I looked forward to her Christmas card with one of Keith's paintings and the poetry. She loved her family and was so very proud of each of you. I know you all have wonderful memories to hold on to. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Silvia Haldeman** - January 06, 2012 at 10:18 PM

LH

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother Jane, Cla and David. My thoughts and prayers are with your family, may God give each of you the strength to get through this.

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**Lisa J Herrera** - January 03, 2012 at 11:25 PM

FK

“ Avery Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Avery... She was a teacher of mine at Springer High School. I loved her and was so excited to see her when I was attending church last Christmas season with my daughter and her family in Roswell. She was so happy to talk with me and meet my children and grandchildren. I am in the education profession and I would like to credit your mother/grandmother for my even thinking of this as a profession. She was and will always be a great lady. My heartfelt sympathy to all of you.

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**Frances Cobby Kampsy** - January 03, 2012 at 08:33 PM

CC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Avery was one of my teachers in Springer, NM & her and Keith were also our neighbors. She was a very sweet lady & wonderful teacher. May God Bless you all in your time of sorrow.

*Carla (Moreno) Casas Las Cruces, NM*

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**Carla (Moreno) Casas** - January 03, 2012 at 02:30 PM

JC

“ As the last and youngest of the Haddan girls I have many memories of my older sister. I remember being Carol's flower girl when she and Keith were married (those were my flower petals...no I don't want to put them on the ground). I remember staying with them at the Blakesly Place where, upon getting back home, I told my mother that Carol had treated me like a "muffin rag"

The first long trip I ever took was to NM when Cla was born. What a darling baby! Then there were the summer visits. Always so thrilling to have them come to visit and always so sad when they left again. Carol and I were also college students together at GRJC. One semester we even rode together. I was always hoping she might let me drive because she always had her notes out studying while she drove. We always made it.

I wish things had been easier for her near the end but am assured that God was good and that there is special meaning for her death on Christmas Day.

My love to all the family, especially Cla, David and Jane.

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**judy clippard** - December 31, 2011 at 03:15 PM

BM

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss, Carol was a wonderful lady and a good friend.

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**Bill & Dixie Mosley** - December 31, 2011 at 12:10 PM

JK

“ Dear Clay, David, and Jane,  
Your mother and father, Carol and Keith, greatly influenced my life.  
Keith through his paintings and poetry and Carol by her continued  
quest for education.  
She commuted regularly to Highlands University and inspired me to  
follow her example. Four years of 180 miles three times a week paid  
off. Thank you Carole!  
My prayers to all family and friends.

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**Jim Keith** - December 30, 2011 at 09:31 PM

CC

“ Dear Avery Family,  
I'm very sorry for the loss of Your Mother and Grandmother Carol.  
I didn't get to know Carol very well, but We did know and speak to  
each other. She was a very Friendly and Sweet Lady, and We'll all  
Miss Her.  
Just before Christmas, I sent an e-mail to Carol entitled "Wizards of  
Winter", a musical Christmas video, and I hope She got to see it  
before She passed.  
Sincerely,  
Clint Cooper, aka, Avery's Kitties Caretaker.??

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**Clint Cooper** - December 30, 2011 at 06:06 PM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Avery family.

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**Charlene & Steve Shaffer** - December 30, 2011 at 05:47 PM

JC

“ Cla and Kathy,  
We are so sorry for your loss. We pray for peace and comfort for  
your family during this time.

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**JP and Bianca Cheney** - December 30, 2011 at 04:52 PM

JD

“ I know It is so hard to loose a parent .I am so sorry coach Avery. You and your family is in my thoughts. Jodi Deeter (MT View 1982-1984)

Jodi Deeter - December 30, 2011 at 04:24 PM

GP

“ Cla and Family, My Condolence To You And Your Family On The Great Loss Of Your Sweet Mother. You Took Such Good Care Of Her! Blessings To You ~ Gloria Phelps (MACC)

Gloria Phelps - December 30, 2011 at 10:37 AM

JC

“ Clay, David and Jane:  
There simply are no words to describe my sadness for your loss. I've known all of you and your parents since 1963 and I feel your sorrow now.  
Your parents were remarkable human beings and you all share so many of their traits.  
God Bless you. I will see you all in Roswell for her services.

Judy Clemence - December 30, 2011 at 09:41 AM

KJ

“ Hello Cla, we are so sorry for your loss. We will pray for your family and hope that you will be able to overcome this.

Kim Vasquez & John Jerge - December 29, 2011 at 08:24 PM

SE

“ So sorry to hear the news about Auntie Carol. We loved her very much and I know she will be dearly missed. I have lots of wonderful memories that I will always treasure. It was fun to watch her and Mom get together and laugh about the "good old days." Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Sharon, Tony & Family

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**Sharon Ellison** - December 29, 2011 at 08:04 PM

KB

“ Dear Mr. (Cla) Avery:  
I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I know how hard it is to lose a mother or a family member on Christmas Day. I pray for peace and comfort for you and your family. Take good care!  
Love, Karen Keyes Brito (Mt. View Middle School - 1975-1977

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**Karen Keyes Brito** - December 29, 2011 at 02:39 PM

RL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Avery family in their loss of Carol!!

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**Richard/Joan & Lynette Lucas** - December 29, 2011 at 12:18 PM