



## Carol Jean Smith

December 12, 1939 - December 11, 2018

Carol Jean (Hopper) Smith, age 78, of Ventura, CA passed away December 11, 2018, in Ventura, CA.

Mom was born Carol Jean Hopper on December 12, 1939, in a farm house in Cloverdale, KS. She later moved to a farm in Moline, KS with her parents and sisters, and attended Moline High School, graduating in the class of 1957. After moving to the big city of Wichita in 1961, she met future husband Ed Bentley. Two kids (Dana and Jay) were born, and four years later the family moved to Saugus, California. Carol moved reluctantly, but the move to the warmer climate gradually grew on her. In 1976, Carol and the kids made another move to Woodland Hills, after a second marriage, where she stayed for the next 40 years.

Carol loved dancing and would dance with her friends whenever she could, but her love of the farm and love of the land never left her. She loved to garden and her front yard was always her pride and joy. Carol was also a good cook, and made amazing mid-western food. The family joke of how she stayed so thin was that the food was gone by the time she sat down at the table to eat.

Carol moved to Ventura in 2014, when she moved into the Ventura Townhouse. There she made some wonderful friends and enjoyed the

camaraderie as well as the incredible ocean/Channel Island view.

Carol leaves behind daughter Dana Bentley and husband Tom Murphy, son Jay Bentley and wife Natalia Fabia, grandchildren Miles, Hunter and Peribeau, sisters JoAn (Bill), Barbara (Bob), Wanda (Charles), and many nieces and nephews.

Dana and Jay would like to thank the Ventura Townehouse and Coastal View Skilled Nursing for taking such good care of mom. We could not have asked for better people to a part of our village.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Green Lawn Cemetery, Grenola, Kansas.

Online condolences can be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com)

Services have been entrusted to:

Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington – P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Cemetery

Grenola, KS 67346

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Grenola, KS 67346

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Shirley A Morgan lit a candle in memory of Carol Jean Smith*



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**Shirley A Morgan** - December 30, 2018 at 07:53 PM

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“ *Dear family of Carol Hopper, My sincere condolences to everyone. I worked with Carol in 1960 at Standard Mercantile (Wholesale Liquor distributor) in Wichita, Kansas, As Carol - I was a farm girl - fresh out of High School. We had many good times together. We went dancing - looking for boys!!! She dated one of the guys in the warehouse for a while. She was quite smitten with him! I remember Carol well. She had a cool brown and tan (not sure what year) Chevy. She was a go-getter. Lots of fun! I have very fond memories of her. Loved her. I attended her wedding here in Wichita and knew of her living in Calif. Shared Christmas cards for a few years. Mary (Davignon) Blasi*

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**Mary Blasi** - December 20, 2018 at 09:34 AM