

# Carol Celeste Ferguson Cowart



Carol Celeste Ferguson Cowart (Maw) was born on December 24, 1939 In Mobile Christmas baby born to Benjamin Otis and Fannie Belle Ferguson. She had 9 brothers and sisters. She met her husband, Gene, at a cafe in Baton Rouge La and they were married on July 3, 1956 in Liberty Mississippi. They went on to have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. They lived in Watson La for years but eventually settled and resided in Maurepas La. They were married for 56 years when he passed away with her by his side. She was an amazing wife, mother and grandmother who always put her family first. She loved her family, flowers and her gardening, Her babies, and her beloved dog, Gizmo.

She carried the weight of many names. She walked this Earthly ground as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend. Some called her an inspiration, the strongest person they'd ever known, and her family would agree, no truer words had ever been spoken. We just called her "Maw"... Though she is gone, her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those blessed to have been in her presence. Her Heavenly Father said "your work is done, Come to me and rest". Her spirit has shed its binds and now she sits as our angel above.

Carol went home to be with our Lord and her husband on October 25, 2023, at the age of 83 with her caregiver and beloved granddaughter, Celeste Cowart Winkle, and her husband Roy Winkle Sr. and her great grandchildren, and her pride and joy, Cassie, Roy Jr and Belle by her side. Having been diagnosed with Dementia and aphasia in 2016, she wanted to spend her last year's with Celeste and her family as she had always planned. She was loved and cared for and spoiled for those last years.

Carol is survived by her 5 children, Mike Cowart (Donna), Jeannie Cowart, Mark Cowart (Vickie), Ann Cowart, and Bengie Cowart (Melissa). She is also survived

by her grandchildren, Celeste and Roy Winkle (caregivers), Shane McCoy (Misty), James Cowart, Charlie Falcon (Victoria), Jessica Templet (Dustin), Jennifer Loupe (Kris), Coty Cowart (Amber), Justin Cowart (Cheyenne) and great grandchildren, Her whole heart, Cassie Winkle, her Bubba Baby Boy, Roy Winkle Jr, her Sugar Baby, Kaylee Belle Winkle, and her other great grandchildren, Ali and Aiden McCoy, Sara, Gaige and Kaylynn Falcon, Casen and Georgia Loupe, Carter Cook, Leighton Cowart, Reece Mathews, Austin Cowart, and Brilee, Bricen and Raelynn Templet .. Also survived by her Brother Danny ( Marlene) and Sisters, Mary F. Patterson and Dianne F. Guillory and her lifelong best friend, Carolyn Chaney, and also her special “extra” grandbabies, Aiden and Cecilia Motichek, And numerous nephews, nieces, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, David “Gene” Cowart, her mother and father, B.O. Ferguson and Fannie Belle O’Neal Ferguson, her Brothers, Franklin, George, Sidney, Johnny and Quincy Ferguson and her Sister, Juanita F Dixon, Grandson, David Matthew Cowart and granddaughter, Chelsea Anna Cowart. And her beloved dog of 17 years, Gizmo.

Visitation will be held at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, Saturday, October 28, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will resume, Sunday, October 29, from 12 p.m. until service at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery, Walker. Please share your condolences at .

Pallbearers will be Roy Winkle, Roy Winkle Jr, Coty Cowart, Justin Cowart, Charlie Falcon, and James Cowart. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dustin Templet and Cameron Bourque

The Winkle family would like to thank the Maurepas Community and School for always stepping up to pack kids to ball games, make sure the kids always got to where they needed to and for the overwhelming support and prayers for Maw through this journey. Special Thank You to her hospice nurse, Kayla Bruce, for always being there and treating Maw and us like family. We love you. And Modern Hospice for 4 years of amazing care and compassion for Maw and for us.

Love is in a world of it’s own, Love is a matter of the heart. Maw never stopped loving us and never stopped feeling our love for her. She is and always has been the most precious soul and her love will live on forever.