

Charlene Swaim

March 20, 1936 – July 6, 2025

Wanda Charlene Swaim, 89, was born to Charles and Emily Wasson in Lamesa, TX, on March 20, 1936, and passed away in Stillwater, OK, on July 6, 2025. She was raised in Big Spring, TX, and graduated from Abilene Christian University. Charlene met her future husband, Charles Swaim, in Big Spring, who was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. Eventually, they moved to Dayton, OH, where Bob worked on his Ph.D. at Ohio State University. They spent 11 years in Lafayette, IN, before moving to Stillwater, OK, when Bob accepted a position at Oklahoma State University. Charlene began her career as an elementary school teacher. Later, she served as the director of the Church of Christ Rainbow Preschool. Her warmth and patience was felt by countless young lives. She loved cooking and entertaining, teaching Sunday school, attending church services, and meeting with her small church group. She was also a member of a bunko and a bridge group. In addition, she was a member of Lahoma and the Antiquers Club. Charlene was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; her parents; her sisters, Lavelle Maynard and JoBeth Lightfoot; her son Greg Swain; her daughter Debby Swaim; her sister-in-law, Carol Ann Spall; and her brothers-in-law, Doyle Maynard and Jerry Spall; as well as her nephew Joey Lightfoot. Surviving her are her daughter, Suzy Roderick (Jason); her daughter-in-law, Paula Swaim; and her grandchildren, Tucker Roderick, Michael Catlett, Sean Swaim, Seth Swaim, Blake Swaim, and Cale Swaim; as well as by her granddaughter, Brandi Roderick Crown; seven great grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews.