

Carla Stanford Olney:

Carla is the twin to our dual Coming Home Queen nominee, Carolyn Clawson. Carla was born in the Hamlin Memorial Hospital to the late J.J. and Doris Gregory Stanford; she has lived in Hamlin her entire life, and stated “I love my hometown.” Raised on a farm, Carla says “I learned what hard work was, and I wouldn’t change a thing.” Carla’s only brother, Charles Zane Stanford, passed away in 2020; her older sister, Sandra Gruben resides here in Hamlin with her family, in addition to having her twin sister living only one block away; all of the siblings are graduates of Hamlin High School, as was her mother from the Class of 1947. Carla has been married to her husband, Jerry Olney, for thirty-nine years. They have two children, Michelle Jones and Don Clawson; they also are blessed with four grandchildren: Cashley Clawson, Callan Clawson, Cade Jones, and Camey Jones. Carla serves along with her sister, Carolyn, as a Sunday School teacher for the North Central Baptist Church here in Hamlin, teaching for more than twenty years. She lists spending time with her family as one of her favorite things to do, in addition to mentioning that “retirement is awesome.” Carla is a 2nd generation graduate of the Hamlin public schools, and her grandchildren are now the 4th generation to represent the family. Carla closes out: “God has truly BLESSED me.”