



## Dr. Carlos Arreola

December 27, 1941 - November 19, 2019

There are very few among us who have dedicated their life to the care and protection of others, with no thought of personal reward. Dr. Carlos Arreola was one of those very few. His extraordinary life was filled with selfless service to others, first as a combat-wounded veteran of the Vietnam War and later as a Veterans Administration Counselor, helping heal the hearts and minds of those who returned in body but not in spirit. His interest in nature and the preservation of all living things became a dominant theme in his life, and he began to involve himself more deeply in wildlife care and animal rescue. He determined to participate in Cleveland Amory's rescue of the Grand Canyon Burros, who were scheduled for slaughter by the National Park Service. The idea of making a home near Huntsville for some of these castaways fixed Carlos' future destiny and personal philosophy, as he observed how animals in our society were objectified and casually tossed away when inconvenient. Little Woman Home for Animals (LWHA) was founded in 1999 with the mission of providing life-long care to those who came to stay, and he never wavered in that goal for the following 20 years. LWHA was named in memory of a beloved Chihuahua "Little Woman," the first of his countless animal guests that came to his gate over the following years. Carlos was intensely personal and was legendary among those who knew him for finding ways to avoid talking about himself or his life. His interest was solely in keeping the 14-acres he purchased as the site of LWHA as unspoiled as possible. His concern was for all nature, and he expressed his desire to

make sure the plants, birds and even insects were provided a place in their natural habitat, and not displaced unless necessary to construct facilities to care for the animals. He poured his heart, his soul, his financial resources and his prodigious energy into Little Woman Home without reservation and without thought for himself. His life was bound up with LWHA and his only concern was making sure that vision did not fade after he passed.

Carlos was an inspiration, a joy, a mystery, and an exemplar for all whose heart is touched by the suffering of any animal, who believe human beings should be caretakers of the amazing creatures we share this world with and who give of themselves so that suffering can be lessened. He will never be replaced, but will be remembered by his family and friends their whole life long. And no doubt, Carlos would be most pleased knowing that his presence here on earth meant that countless creatures enjoyed an existence they would not have had, but for his great love. Godspeed to you, Carlos.

Dr. Arreola asked that those desiring to remember him do so by support of LWHA. Donations in the form of checks may be sent to Little Woman Home for Animals, 66 Evelyn Ln., Huntsville, TX 77340. Online donations may be made at [www.littlewomanhome.org](http://www.littlewomanhome.org), using the Remember Carlos top link.

# Tribute Wall



“ July 15, 2023. As I thought of you today, dearest Carlos, and the loving, selfless way you touched the lives of all the animals and people you cared for over the decades, I searched for information about you online. I am shocked and grieving to know you are no longer here with us on earth, but grateful to God for the opportunity to have known you and to be cradling my cat, Gia, who you helped me with her medical bills when I found her in a feral colony 15 years ago in Huntsville. Our love, gratitude, and fondest memories are with you forever, dearest Friend! Lee Ann Hoffmann

Lee Ann Hoffmann - July 15, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ Dr. Carlos Arreola

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Deeply saddened to hear of your loss on earth,, be at peace now with all the animals you loved , helped and lost,,you are with them again. We will all do our best to carry on your legacy. You are loved, wonderful man with a big heart 🥺💔💙

peggy wetzel - November 26, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Dr. Carlos Arreola



Charlotte Efird - November 24, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Carlos Arreola.*



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November 24, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *So saddened to hear this. He truly made a difference in so many lives, both 2 and 4 legged. I know he has a very special place in heaven. I imagine there were many happy faces and tails wagging when he met them at the rainbow bridge. He was such a special man and I feel blessed to have known him. He is going to be missed immensely. Rest In Peace, Carlos* ❤️

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**Courtney DuVall** - November 24, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Carlos Arreola*



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**M. Hyvl** - November 23, 2019 at 12:26 PM

BS

*Carlos we are so sad you are gone but it was time. I'll never forget the day you asked a favor of me to foster an especially large Great Pyrenees dog that I said Yes to. You asked me to foster him for 10 days and I just waited for 5 days before my husband said " We can keep him". BIG brought much joy to us and anyone he met and just this year he had to be put down due to his second bout with cancer weighing in @ 165 lbs.*

*Carlos placed many a special animal with the right person and those that could not be adopted always had a forever home @ Little Woman Home For Animals! Rest In Peace Carlos job very well done!*

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**Boyce & Sally Stalter** - November 23, 2019 at 08:07 PM

CB

*“ Carlos was one of the most unselfish people I've ever known. He would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need whether that individual be two legged, four legged, a creature that crawls on the the ground or the environment in general,*

*Carlos started his working career in El Paso Texas in a veterinarian's office tending to animals, then he went into the U S Army serving in Vietnam, then got a Phd in psychology to serve trouble veterans due to that war among others and finally founded his no-kill animal sanuary, Little Woman Home for Animals. Service to people, animals and the environment was Carlos', whole life and we are all richer for it. He made life more pleasant to thousands.*

*Good bye Carlos and thank you for your friendship, kindness and focused determination to improve the welfare of others.*

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**Charles Bowers** - November 23, 2019 at 12:17 PM

KC

“ I am so blessed to have known Carlos. He was a very kind, loving man and he always made me laugh. The world is definately a better place because of his love for all living creatures.

**Kay Cox** - November 23, 2019 at 06:01 AM

RF

“ I had no idea. Omg im so sad. Can someone from his family please call me 832-649-1278

**Robert Fisher** - November 22, 2019 at 08:48 PM

MH

*Nice talking with you Robert. So sorry it was under such sad circumstances.*

**Martha Hutchinson** - November 22, 2019 at 09:14 PM

DR

“ Dawn Rachal lit a candle in memory of Dr. Carlos Arreola



**Dawn Rachal** - November 22, 2019 at 07:54 PM

LU

“ My brother Carlos was the most kind, gentle, loving and hardworking person ever. He loved his little residence so much. As I read this tributes to him, it shows how many lifes he touched. Thank you!!!  
From his sister Lupe and family.

**Lupe** - November 22, 2019 at 07:35 PM

TR

“ *Carlos’s light shines on. He has always been and will continue to be our Guardian Angel. Love.*  
*Thelma*



Thelma Ramirex - November 21, 2019 at 09:11 PM

NV

“ *I pray The Lord gives you peace and strength during this time as I'm sure he will be greatly missed by the entire LWHA organization. His legacy will live on with this organization. God Bless.*

Nicole Venette - November 21, 2019 at 06:46 PM

JB

“ *Joni Bailey lit a candle in memory of Dr. Carlos Arreola*



Joni Bailey - November 21, 2019 at 04:06 PM

 Doreen Skroski

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Doreen Skroski - November 21, 2019 at 02:24 PM

RF

“ *Rebecca Frost lit a candle in memory of Dr. Carlos Arreola*



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**Rebecca Frost** - November 21, 2019 at 08:00 AM

  
Cynthia  
Traylor

“ *Carlos and I met when he first started Little Woman. That is when we got Max! We started talking, and one thing lead to another, and soon we were talking about our backgrounds. Carlos had such a gentle way about him that drew both people and critters to him. I will never forget his sense of humor...dry, witty, tongue-in-cheek. His work for both veterans and the animals he held so dear, will never be forgotten! Love you, Carlos!! Rest easy, my friend.*

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**Cynthia Traylor** - November 21, 2019 at 06:57 AM

JJ

“ *Such a wonderful man. So kind and will be missed. My prayers are with the family, friends and beloved animals during this difficult time.*

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**Jeannine Jacoby** - November 20, 2019 at 02:22 PM

KA

“ I had the honor of knowing Carlos and the rest of the LWHA squad. He had a vision and made that dream happen. This photo is from our 2013 visit and clearly shows his love for the animals and theirs for him.



Kay - November 20, 2019 at 02:01 PM

WD

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



WDH - November 20, 2019 at 01:02 PM

RB

“ I met Carlos nine years ago when I first moved to Huntsville. He was a gentleman and so soft spoken and kind. His dedication to LWHA was touring and he was very proud of the work that he was doing, as well he should have been. My deepest condolences to all of his friends and family.

Ruth Brouwer - November 20, 2019 at 11:06 AM

VI

*I met Carlos several years ago. He was so kind and soft spoken. His dedication to helping animals is what I will always remember him for. He will be missed. My heart breaks for those at LWHA as they deal with this great loss. May God bless and keep you all during this time.*

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**Vicki** - November 20, 2019 at 01:16 PM