



## Carolyn Lee McKinley Bridgeforth

April 12, 1943 - December 1, 2017

Carolyn Lee McKinley Bridgeforth aged 74 went home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the first day of December in the year 2017, in Broward County in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She was born on April 12, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the eldest daughter of Lester Mckinley Sr. and Sylvana Lee Lyons Holley.

Carolyn was flamboyant in her style, charismatic in her love for Jesus, education and music. She was an amazing, incredible woman. When she strolled down the hallways of a multitude of educational institutions in which she worked, she walked with grace, dignity, and integrity while ensuring that students were prepared in life for success.

Carolyn enjoyed reading an array of literature, writing poems, and singing as a soloist all over the state of Virginia in many churches and choirs. She was an avid member in the Voices of Norfolk, a sorority sister in Zeta Phi Beta and a faithful member of the Twinks Social Club.

Carolyn graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, Virginia with her high school diploma. She graduated from Norfolk State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and received her Masters of degree in Reading Education at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Carolyn retired as an educator from Norfolk Public Schools System with over 40 years of service.

Carolyn is survived by her daughter Robin (Brenton) Nelson of Jacksonville, Florida; two granddaughters Kimberly and Kelly Tinner in Fort Lauderdale, FL

, great granddaughter Nicole Clarke of Fort Lauderdale , Fl., brother Lester Mckinley Jr. of Virginia Beach , sisters Maeola Quirley of Norfolk, Virginia, and Marolyn (Stanley) Edmonds of Norfolk, Virginia, two half-sisters Lula Guthrie and Regina Bardby of Baltimore, Maryland; nephews Stanley (Tameka) Edmonds of Chesapeake, Virginia and Stephen (Betty)Edmonds of Houston, Texas, Charles Quirley, Jr of Norfolk, Virginia, Lester ( Shauneta) McKinley, III Greensboro, NC, nieces Crystal Conway of Greensboro, NC and Cheri Lyn ( Zacchaeus) Miller of Sasebo Japan. She also leaves her beloved step-son Gary Barnett Lee of Norfolk, Virginia and her longtime, faithful companion Ronald Lewis of Norfolk, Virginia and a host of grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins, close relatives, awesome friends, a plethora of co-workers and acquaintances.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Lee McKinley Bridgeforth



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 08, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ Missing my Twin Cousin, Carolyn always called me her Twin whenever she viewed my pic on fb, Miss you girl, but so glad you are resting now. I Love You Penny



Orisa Gordon-Smith - December 10, 2017 at 07:57 PM



I'm sitting here watching the Versus with Beebee and Ceecee Winans and thought about this wonderful lady. She was my teacher at L Winona school and I remember her playing there music in the class and I fell in love with there songs. Sorry to see she no longer here but I loved her. Rest In Peace Ms.bridgeforth

Nicole Incontrol - April 17, 2022 at 10:48 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 08, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ Ethel Streeter lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee McKinley Bridgeforth



Ethel Streeter - December 08, 2017 at 12:55 AM



“ Maeola, Marilyn, and Junior, our deep sympathy to you and all your family. We're praying that God's grace and love will comfort and encourage you at this time and that your memories of the love you all shared with Carolyn and the many years you had with her will stir gratitude and thanksgiving to God for her life and love. May God continue to bless and strengthen you.



In Christ love,  
Jennette and Bill Butts

Jennette Butts - December 05, 2017 at 10:24 AM



*My best friend for 29 years.*

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**Ethel Streeter** - December 08, 2017 at 12:54 AM