



Carolyn Williamson Woodard

November 10, 1937 - August 3, 2021

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, our beloved mother Carolyn Williamson Woodard peacefully went home to be with the Lord. Carolyn was born on November 10, 1937 in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Mrs. Leona Cross and Solomon Cross.

At an early age, Carolyn was introduced to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as she was a student at the Our Lady of Victory Catholic School where she graduated. While there, she participated in daily Bible study and prayer. During these years, Carolyn and her six siblings were faithful followers and visitors of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

After high school, Carolyn attended the school of practical nursing at Norfolk General Hospital. She began working at Norfolk General after graduating with a degree in Licensed Practical Nursing in April 1966. Carolyn was assigned to the Ambulatory Nursing Directorate, Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Air Station (NAS), Oceana, where she worked in the Immunizations and Military Sick Call Departments. She also worked in the OBGYN unit at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. She retired after 31 years of distinguished service in which she received numerous accolades to include: Several Outstanding Performance Awards; two Meritorious Unit Commendations, selection as Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's Civilian of the Quarter (Jul-Sep 91), selection as Branch Medical Clinic NAS Oceana's Civilian of the Quarter, 4th quarter 1991, and nominee for Civilian of the Quarter, 4th quarter, 1997. Additionally, Carolyn participated in many professional and civic organizations to include: the

National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses, Inc., Neighborhood Police Community Relations, Donor Bone Marrow Drive Registry, Children's AIDS Network, and the Lake Cavalier Corporation.

In addition to her many professional accomplishments, Carolyn was a devoted wife, mother, sibling, and friend. She enjoyed traveling and spent many years after retirement traveling with her husband, Lester Woodard in Europe, South America, and all over the U.S. Carolyn always had a bubbly personality. She made friends wherever she went. You could always count on her to visit and bring joy and laughter to her family and friends. No one could put a smile on your face or laughter in your heart like Carolyn Cross Williamson.

Throughout her life, Carolyn remained devoted to serving God. She was a lifelong member of Third Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia. Before her extended illness, she remained faithful to the following auxiliaries: Trustee Wives Ministry, former president of the Sanctuary Choir (12 years), Crusaders and Mt. Hermon Ministries, Nurses Unit, and Feed the Hungry Ministry. She was also a member of the Sunday School and a Vacation Bible School helper. Carolyn's death was predeceased by her husband, Shelton Williamson; and her loving daughter Robbin P. Williamson. She leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Carl V Williamson; sisters, Barbara C. Mann, Sandra Martin, Sylvia Davis, Delores Dudley, Gloria Jordan (Barry); brothers, Miles Cross (Ariminda), David Cross (Juanita), Cecil Cross (Diane) and Atlas Ingram (Chae); nieces, Crystal Briscoe (Hawk), Carol Reynolds (Darren); nephews, Michael Mann (Tanya), Mark Mann (Robin), Cynthia Duckett (Cowanis) and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, step daughter, Candice Washington (Mario), step grandchildren, and many, many friends.

A private funeral will be held at a later date with members of the family. In lieu of flowers and gifts, please make donations to Third Baptist Church, 461 Godwin Street, Portsmouth, VA, 23704.

Cemetery Details

Hampton VA National Cemetery

VAMC, Emancipation Drive
Hampton, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Carolyn Williamson Woodard*

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 11, 2021 at 10:47 AM

BB

Much prayers for strength and peace to the family from Barbara Bynum

barbara bynum - August 11, 2021 at 11:45 AM

RC

Such a beautiful home going service for my beautiful aunt. Queen is the perfect word. Thank you brother! From Cecil R. Cross Jr. aka Randy.

Randy Cross - August 11, 2021 at 02:53 PM

CA

“ *Mrs. Williamson was always the nicest person, who always made you feel right at home. Robbin was a good friend of mine, and I was saddened to learn of her death upon visiting my father. I send my sincerest condolences to Carl and the family. May the memories Mrs. Carolyn, Mr. Shelton, and Robbin etched on his heart give him comfort as he continues his journey. I never met Mrs. Carolyn’s second husband, but send my condolences to him as well. Rest Peacefully!*



*-Charlotte O’Neal-Ayeni
HHI*

Charlotte Ayeni - April 26, 2023 at 05:23 AM

LW

“ *Atlas,*

On behalf of the I. C. Norcom Class of 1971 we send our condolences to you and your family. We know you will miss your sister. Please remember that there is no sorrow that heaven cannot heal and God makes no mistakes. We will continue to lift up you and your family in prayer.

Please contact us if there is anything you may need assistance with or just need a listening ear.

*Respectfully,
Linda V. Williams
President, I.C.N. Class of 1971 50th Reunion*

Linda V. Williams - August 12, 2021 at 03:21 PM

DW

“ Sending condolences to the Williamson Woodard family during this difficult time. Know that we are thinking of you and sending up prayers of comfort. Donna and Anthony Woods

Donna Woods - August 12, 2021 at 12:04 PM

EP

“ Eddie & Valynda Powell lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Williamson Woodard



Eddie & Valynda Powell - August 11, 2021 at 12:01 PM

BD

“ Aunt Carolyn was the *HOST WITH THE MOST*. There was never a time you'd feel unwelcomed. Just a beautiful spirit. Full of life. She knew how to live. We could all learn a lot from her 🤪. Love you 🥰

Billy Davis - August 11, 2021 at 11:07 AM

HT

“ Carolyn was a shining light in our world. She was always cheerful and willing to help in any situation. We loved her and are blessed to have had her in our lives.
Howard and Florence (Juanita) Townsend.

Howard & Florence Townsend - August 11, 2021 at 08:22 AM

GL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Glo - August 10, 2021 at 08:00 PM

NS

“ I worked with her son Carl a number of years ago and have remained best friends. Carl's mom was a beautiful, caring and affectionate person. When we had staff potluck luncheons, she always delivered a delicious dish. The person Carl has become will always be a tribute to her and Carl's father and the example they exhibited. I'm sure she will be missed. Neva

neva smith - August 10, 2021 at 01:10 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dr. Daphne Davis - August 09, 2021 at 08:45 PM

DD

“ Aunt Carolyn was a true DIVA and was always dressed to impress. She was lively, upbeat, and the life of the party. My mother, Sylvia, Aunt Carolyn's sister, enjoyed hanging out with Aunt Carolyn on those Norfolk cruises, where we danced and laughed as we made incredible memories. My brothers, Billy Davis and Dr. Jeffrey Davis, and I will never forget our trips to Portsmouth to visit our Auntie.

We also appreciated her support of our African Centered School, St. Sya Academy. Every other year, we took Sankofa Journeys to African American historical sites. Aunt Carolyn accompanied us to Tuskegee, Alabama, to visit Tuskegee University and Dr. George Washington Carver's Museum. We also visited Rosa Parks Museum in Alabama. We also traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to visit Dr. King's Center. She also traveled with our school to the Gullah Islands in Beaufort, S.C. We loved her for her lively disposition and pray that she finds peace in the land of the ancestors.

We love you, Auntie,

Ashe'

Dr. Daphne L. Davis, Daughter of Sylvia C. Davis

Dr. Daphne L. Davis - August 09, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 09, 2021 at 07:21 PM

MW

“ *Such a beautiful soul... May God comfort and keep the entire Williamson-Woodard family as you process the loss of Mrs. Carolyn. She was such a joy to know for my entire life. Always pleasant, smiling, and dressed impeccably from head to toe, she never entered or left your presence without some sort of word of cheer. But how could I remember her without recalling the overwhelming love, support, dedication, and care of her sister, Mrs. Barbara Mann? It's simple; I can't. My prayer is that God will show His limitless grace, mercy, and peace upon you, Mrs. Mann, and your supporting cast as you mourn the loss of your dear sister and friend.*

My family and I will continue to lift you all in prayer and cherish the example of LOVE you have modeled before us. Always remember that your labor shall not be in vein and there shall be a just reward for your unselfish living. In addition, remember that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Cherish the wonderful memories and trust that she is resting in the arms of the Lord and someday, we shall see her again. In Jesus' name.

*Deacon Michael L. Williams
Third Baptist Church*

Michael L. Williams - August 09, 2021 at 07:26 AM

MB

“ *MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AND I WILL KEEP THEM IN PRAYER AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.*

*SINCERELY,
MARY BROOM*

MARY BROOM - August 08, 2021 at 08:12 PM

RA

“ My deepest sympathy to the Cross Family, Carolyn will never be forgotten the memories we shared of all the love and the kindness that Carolyn showed everyone she met. Carolyn will always be remembered for that beautiful welcoming smile. We love you Cross family we will be praying for you and will always be forever in our hearts. 🙏 Raynell Williams Akram



Raynell Akram - August 08, 2021 at 07:19 PM

PG

“ I will always remember her kindness when Robin and I were in Mrs Williams 6 grade class



Pamela Gary - August 08, 2021 at 01:29 AM

RF

“ Blessings and prayers for the family of Sister Carolyn

Rev Joyce Foster - August 07, 2021 at 07:07 PM

DW

“ Daphne Waring-Sorrell lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Williamson Woodard



Daphne Waring-Sorrell - August 07, 2021 at 06:20 PM

AF

“ I enjoyed seeing Mrs. Carolyn at her home and fellowship. She's always a friendly and happy person. My sincere condolences to the family



Arnita Fulp - August 07, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn Williamson Woodard.



August 06, 2021 at 08:21 PM

DK

“ *My sincere expressions in prayers and condolences are extended to Mrs. Carolyn Williamson Woodard family. Mrs. Carolyn, as I called her was a faithful impeccable Christian leader as president of the Third Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir for many years. She successfully administered quality standards planning for our many concerts and our annual Christmas Handel's Messiah Celebration of Praise. Our extensive music/choral repertoire of great anthems, spirituals, hymns, and gospel renditions were always vocally and lyrically discussed as she would often highlight its' sacred message. I still miss her many calls making sure I was okay and sharing a joke for me laugh! To Mr. Carl Williamson, Mrs. Barbara Mann, and siblings - continue to depend and trust God! To God be the Glory for It Is Well!*



*Dr. J. Leon Knight
Minister of Music at the Historic Third Baptist Church &
Director of the Third Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir*

Dr. J. Leon Knight - August 06, 2021 at 05:03 PM

LS

“ *To the family of Mrs. Carolyn: Earth has no sorry the heaven cannot heal. Love you Carl*

Lynnell Spruill - August 06, 2021 at 10:50 AM

LB

“ Leigh Burton lit a candle in memory of
Carolyn Williamson Woodard



Leigh Burton - August 05, 2021 at 07:02 PM