



Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley

August 19, 1957 - February 20, 2015

Carolyn Corley was from Title Town USA- Valdosta GA. She was a Professional School Counselor in the Jackson Madison County School System for the last 14 years.

She was born August 19, 1957 in Brooklyn, NY. As a young girl she was raised in Valdosta, GA. She graduated from Valdosta High School at the age of 16. She then attended Valdosta State University in Valdosta, GA. After that, she transferred and received her A.A. Degree from Southwestern Christian College, and then she received her B.A in Mass Communication from Freed-Hardeman College in 1978.

She was employed as a dorm supervisor with Freed Hardeman University for four years, before she earned her Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from FH-U. She taught in the Chester County School System at the high school level for four years, at the elementary level in JMCSS for five years, and counselor for over 14 years. She went on to receive a Doctorial of Philosophy Degree from Clayton College of Natural Health in Holistic Nutrition, where she received highest honors. Finally, in May 2011, she received her Education Specialist Degree from Freed-Hardeman University.

Carolyn received various awards in the 1970's, 80's and 90's. Among her most cherished was when she was crowned Miss Black Valdosta in 1974.

Other awards include The Old Hickory Mall Teacher Appreciation Award-2000, The Most Distinguished 4th Grade Teacher Award-2006, and The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Educator of the Year by Gamma Psi Chapter-2006.

However, her greatest award was finally given on July 27, 1979 when Charles presented her with the award of WIFE. In 1980 and 1984, he again presented her with the greatest reward of all, the title of MOMMA to their wonderful daughters Toni and Candice.

She loved God with all her heart and was a faithful member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband Charles Corley and two daughters, Toni and Candice, one sister, Shelia Mitchell (Jerome) of Valdosta, GA and a host of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3360 Highway45 North
Jackson, TN 38305

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Skyline Church Of Christ
1024 Skyline Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Service

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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1024 Skyline Drive
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Tribute Wall



“ *Joi Phelps lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Corley*



Joi Phelps - April 11, 2025 at 03:50 AM



“ *She was my best teacher ever!! I miss her dearly!!! She was just on my mind!*

Joi Phelps - April 11, 2025 at 03:50 AM



“ *Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley*



Dee - June 18, 2015 at 02:00 PM



“ *Carolyn, my good friend, I will miss you very much. What a wonderful, beautiful person. Heaven is lucky to have you. Sincerely Dee in Oregon*

Dee - June 18, 2015 at 01:20 PM

RaRa
Estes

“ RaRa Estes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley



RaRa Estes - June 07, 2015 at 11:39 PM

NA

“ For you and your family. I never knew you but I heard amazing stories about you from Mrs. Sheila. She shared how amazing of a woman you were and how hard you worked. It is inspiring to know a woman like you lived and lived so fully. Thank you and I will remember her stories. :) -N.F.



Natasha - May 14, 2015 at 04:31 PM

J1

“ Janie Wolfe Davis/classmates C/o 1975 lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley



Janie Wolfe Davis/classmates c/o 1975 - March 03, 2015 at 10:23 PM

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“ Janie Wolfe Davis/classmates C/o 1975 lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley



Janie Wolfe Davis/classmates c/o 1975 - March 03, 2015 at 10:19 PM

EW

“ *ELAINE WRICE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley*



ELAINE WRICE - March 03, 2015 at 10:28 AM

BC

“ *Belivia Corbett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley*



Belivia Corbett - March 03, 2015 at 02:51 AM



“ *Roy Mitchell Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley*



Roy Mitchell Sr. - February 27, 2015 at 04:37 PM

DT

“ Dearest Sheila, classmate and friend...I am so sorry for your loss...your sister. Please know that my prayers are with you and Carolyn's family. Look to the Lord for your strength...He will help you through this. She's free now...no more worries...

May God bless and keep you,
Debbie Wiggs Thompkins
VHS Class of 1976



Debora Wiggs Thompkins - February 26, 2015 at 08:55 PM

TB

“ Tina Benjamin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley



Tina Benjamin - February 26, 2015 at 08:47 PM

AT

“ Amy Tate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley



amy tate - February 26, 2015 at 08:25 PM

OS

“ *Praying for you and the family!*



Obeatrice Simmons - February 26, 2015 at 12:51 PM

GM

“ *In the short period of time that I had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Corley @(Whitehall Elem.) I can say she was always in a joyful spirit. I didn't find out until later that she had gotten ill. My condolences to her family and friends, I know she will be missed (her smile, her kind words and pat on the back) she is a angel for sure now.*

*Gloria McDonald
Madison High School*

Gloria McDonald - February 26, 2015 at 11:44 AM

GS

“ *Gloria Sneed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley*



Gloria Sneed - February 26, 2015 at 10:27 AM

GS

praying for you all during this very difficult time. Gloria Sneed & family

Gloria Sneed - February 26, 2015 at 10:28 AM

PS

“ Our *HEARTS* and *PRAYERS* are forever with you Mrs. Sheila in this time of grieving for your loving sister Carolyn. Our arms wrapped tightly around you providing comfort, love and support. You are family and together we grieve. Love you Mrs. Sheila from your ClientTell Family...

Pat Sullivan - February 26, 2015 at 08:06 AM

PS

“ I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too, I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping; I have you in my heart! Forever and Always, your loving sister Sheila!”

Pat Sullivan - February 26, 2015 at 08:01 AM

JS

“ Charles, Toni, & Candace, we share in your sorrow in the loss of a very special lady who we had only known through Linda Byrd until our visit in May 2014 with your dear family. We spent 3 great days getting to know all of you and learning to love and appreciate Carolyn and each of you. We saw how gracious Carolyn was even though she was experiencing pain. Being with Carolyn & the family encouraged us so much, especially the Bible study & worship time we shared together. We will cherish the fellowship, pictures, and the special video of all of you singing to us. She wanted so much to visit the church here in Greenwood. We hope some day that all of you can fulfill her wish. We wish we could be with you at this difficult time. Our prayers will continue to be with you, and may God comfort and bless.

*In Christian Love,
Jesse & Sue
Greenwood, SC*

Jesse & Sue Smith - February 26, 2015 at 07:32 AM

LA

“ Mrs. Corley was an outstanding educator. I remember when she gave guidance life lessons to my classes. These were also life lessons that students can still utilize. She will be greatly missed.
Lonette Adams

Lonette Adams - February 26, 2015 at 06:51 AM

IW

“ I send deepest condolences to you all. I had the pleasure of meeting Carolyn through my sister. She was a caring and loving friend and woman of God. May the God of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all.
In Christ's Love,
Ivy Byrd Wilson

Ivy Byrd Wilson - February 25, 2015 at 10:54 PM

SP

Although I didnt get to meet most of her family, it was indeed a priviledge to have known Carolyn in school. She was especially dear to me throughout our high school years. Please know you her family are in our deepest thoughts and prayers.

Sandra Cooper Peterson - March 03, 2015 at 06:45 AM



“ Silver Season Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley .



February 25, 2015 at 08:55 PM



Shay
Belcher

“ *My cousin Cat, We will truly miss your beautiful smile and loving ways. To my family, Charles, Candace, and Toni, we love you and praying for our family as a whole for God to see us through this. Our family has lost another angel, but one we will never forget. To my sweet cousin Sheila, I know this is hard for you, but God is able to see you through. I love you and know that we will stand together as a family to hold each other together.*

*Cat, you will always live on in our hearts,
The Horton and William Family*

Shay Belcher - February 25, 2015 at 08:34 PM



LP

“ *Charles, Toni and Candace
May GOD hold you in HIS arms and heal the sorrow that you all feel. Carolyn was a wonderful Christian woman and a joy to know. Remembering when you and Carolyn were members at Skyline and her smile that she always had. Our sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you now.*

*IN Christ
Larry and Patsy Pritchard*

Larry & Patsy Pritchard - February 25, 2015 at 07:12 PM

KB

“ My cousin Cat, I love you and really wish we would have spent more time around one another!!! You were so beautiful and extremely intelligent, I admired you. Charles, Toni and Candace, know that I'm praying for you all!!! We will definitely celebrate the memory of Cat always and forever.

Love your cousin,

Tina

Katina Brown - February 25, 2015 at 04:20 PM

GC

“ Charles,

I continue praying for you, Toni and Candace.

Gerry Campbell

Gerry Campbell - February 25, 2015 at 02:16 PM

TB

“ To our dear friend Sheila,
We love you and are praying for you. The love you have for your sister was unbreakable. Thank you for sharing your memories of this beautiful spirit with us. Remember, ALL things work together for the good of them who love God which are called according to His purpose! Even though we do not understand, God's will is always perfect. Even when we do not like it, God's will is always perfect. We love you dearly!!!! We are here with and for you during this process.

Our Condolences,
The Staff of Something New Bridal & Formal Wear
Valdosta, GA

Tania Benjamin - February 25, 2015 at 01:33 PM

ST

“ Sharon Williams Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley



Sharon Williams Thomas - February 25, 2015 at 11:56 AM

ND

“ Nephew Daniel purchased the Silver Season Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley



Nephew Daniel - February 25, 2015 at 10:17 AM

SH

“ Alexander will miss Dr. Corley. Praying for the family.



Sandra Hodge - February 25, 2015 at 06:15 AM

CB

“ Charles, Toni, and Candace, the Southside congregation in Greenwood South Carolina sends our sincere and heartfelt condolences in the loss of your dear wife and mother. We know that she will be missed by all and we share in your grief. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time and may you find peace in knowing that all her pain and suffering will be no more. God bless you and may the heavens continue to smile upon you.

*Claude Byrd on behalf of Church of Christ
Southside Congregation
212 Old Mt. Moriah Rd
Greenwood, SC*

Claude Byrd - February 25, 2015 at 02:36 AM

CL

“ *My remembrance of Carolyn is high school. So sad to hear about the passing of such a wonderful person that always showed kindness to me. I know the angels are rejoicing for my sister in Christ.*

Extending my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to her husband, daughters, her sister Sheila and family.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Carolyn Lucas

Carolyn Lucas - February 24, 2015 at 09:58 PM

JM

“ *To my Best Friend Sheila,*

I am writing to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family I was so very sad to hear about your sister Carolyn, she was such a wonderful person.

I understand that it is a rough time that you are going through. Just want to say that I am right here for you and will pray to God so that you can handle it well. May your sister soul rest in peace. May peace and comfort find you during this difficult time.

*Love you,
Your Best Friend
Jackie Williams Mumford*

Jackie Williams Mumford - February 24, 2015 at 09:36 PM

JM

“ Jackie Williams Mumford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley



Jackie Williams Mumford - February 24, 2015 at 09:15 PM

DK

“ She was a dear lovely Christian lady whom I will greatly miss. She helped me through one of the more tumultuous times of my life back in 1987-1988 at Farrow Hall. May God bless Charles, her daughters and the entire family. David R. Kenney, Wadsworth, Ohio

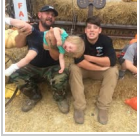
David R. Kenney - February 24, 2015 at 07:36 PM

OC

“ Carolyn,
Although we were cousins, it really seemed as if we were siblings. The conversations and laughter that we shared every Saturday morning around 8AM my time and 7AM your time will always be a part of my memories of you. You were a jewel! I understood you many times when perhaps no one else did. I will miss you dearly. You were my bestest cousin in the whole world. It is so hard to say goodbye to you. I will think of you always! I wanted to come to your funeral but things just didn't seem right and I elected to remember you as I last saw you. My heart is so broken because of some things but I will share those with you when I see you on the other side. I love you so much!
To Charles, Toni and Candi- May God Bless each of you. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of bereavement.

Frostie

Owen Clemons - February 24, 2015 at 02:44 PM



“ I so enjoyed working with Carolyn at Andrew Jackson Elem. She was a great teacher and friend!My deepest condolences to her family . She will be surely missed by all that knew her sweet smile and kindness.

Shelia Lindley - February 24, 2015 at 02:26 PM

CV

“ Such a wonderful sweet lady. Loved her beautiful smile and her calming way with children. She will be missed. Toni and Candace, my prayers are with you.

Connie Vincent

Connie Vincent - February 24, 2015 at 01:29 PM

GH

“ Carol's voice will always be remembered in my mind, once you've heard her voice it's always there. The wife of my very best friend (Charles) and the mother of two awesome young ladies (Toni and Candace),the Eternal journey has just begun. No more pain, only Gain for Carol has received the Crown.

glen hughes - February 24, 2015 at 11:53 AM

SL

“ To my dear friend Charles and his precious daughters:

Words fail me in expressing my condolences to you in the passing of your dear Carolyn. She was a treasure! I will never forget a dramatic reading she delivered back in the spring of 1978 at FHU. She won first place for her reading. I'm sure that is no surprise to you, for first place is what she often received. In spite of this, she was humble and unassuming and a beautiful example of what a Christian lady should be. I will be praying for your peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.

In brotherly love,

Steve Lusk

Steve Lusk - February 24, 2015 at 11:09 AM

 Paige
Kittrell
Holmes

“ My prayers are with you.

Paige Kittrell Holmes - February 24, 2015 at 07:38 AM

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SK

“Matthew 5:4 *“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” (KJV)*

Toni, Candace, and Mr. Corley, words can't begin to express my sadness for you loss. I met your mom several years ago at Freed-Hardeman University. Sometime later we became colleagues. She was a definitely a joy to work with. I always admired how she garnered the respect of every student in her classroom. You are in my thoughts and I'm just a phone call away Toni if you need a listening ear. .



Sharon Knight - February 23, 2015 at 11:07 PM

MD

“*You will be missed. From Little Miami Neighborhood From main street Cummings Street Hood we love you Denson And Linder Family Jackson Bakers and Johnsons Also*

mdenson - February 23, 2015 at 01:18 PM

DD

Rip in peace with the lord you will be truely be missed from David and Debra Dixon from valdosta ga praying for the family

David and Debra Dixon - February 24, 2015 at 07:05 AM

KA

“ Carolyn and I worked together at Isaac Lane and Alexander. I remember trading stories with her and laughing together. She was always a blessing to those around her. With prayers and love,
Karen and Greg Griffin

Karen - February 23, 2015 at 11:17 AM

CP

“ Cat and I have been friends for more than forty years. . If you knew her she only showed her beauty both inside and out. She was one of the kindest most sincere people I have ever known. Even in her illness she was always trying to take care of others before herself. Family you had a precious jewel and I know she loved you all so much she was , is one of my truest friends and we shared many wonderful memories and milestones in each others lives. Cat you will be missed but I know that you are gone to your rest you are no longer sick or in any pain and I thank God for His mercy that you no longer dwell in this sin sick world. I love you and I know that we will see each other again someday. I will not say good bye but, so long until we meet again in Heaven, my friend.

Cynthia Perry-Crawford - February 23, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ Thinking of You - Angel was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley .



February 23, 2015 at 10:16 AM

RH

“ Many happy and blessed memories of them & their "little" girls. They were dorm parents when I attended FHU '86-90. My ex-husband was in their dorm. They were so very special and were such a blessing to us. Even after we graduated, we talked about things we had learned from them. My heart is sad for Charles and their daughters. May they find comfort and peace knowing she is flying high with God. A very special thanks to them, for they will never know the lives they touched. Praying for God to help ease their hearts during this time. Love, Renee Henson

Renee Henson - February 22, 2015 at 10:45 PM

CH

“ Beautiful inside and out, loved her ! Thinking of all the family, Charlotte Holden

charlotte - February 22, 2015 at 09:17 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Bridges Corley .



February 22, 2015 at 07:31 PM

AE

“ Carolyn was a beautiful lady inside and out. We will always remember her fondly, and we are sorry for your great loss.

Al & Tamsie Earls - February 22, 2015 at 06:49 PM

LS

“ May you find peace, comfort, understanding & strength during this difficult time. Praying for your family. LaVett & Chanelle Alexander & family.



LaVett Shields - February 22, 2015 at 12:07 PM

SH

“ Carolyn Corley was a remarkable person. She was such a caring person and was always thinking of ways to help the children in the schools. She was a wonderful wife and mother to Candace and Toni and friend to her peers. I am heartbroken in her death and am sending prayers for the family.

Sincerely,
Sandy Hardin

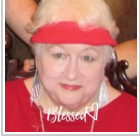
Sandy Hardin - February 22, 2015 at 11:44 AM

MW

“ Carolyn would light up whatever room she was in. I'm sure she touched so many people, even through her illness. She is now where she has always wanted to be. Our love and prayers to you Charles, Toni and Candace.

Jeff and Melanie Woods

Melanie Woods - February 22, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to Charles and the family. Carolyn was a beautiful soul, beautiful from inside and it showed in her lovely smile and kind demeanor. She was a good speaker at ladies' gatherings. I am deeply saddened and will miss just knowing that she is in the world; but I am happy for her as she is in the bosom of Abraham in the good side of Hades.

Mary Christie - February 22, 2015 at 03:11 AM

LB

“ Charles, Toni, and Candi, Carolyn was a true reflection of God's love. She shared so much with so many. She loved you all more than words can express. I am thankful for the sister/friendship we shared. Thank you for sharing her with me. My heart is hurting, but I know she is resting in the Father she loved and worshiped. My family and I are praying for you. Love, Linda

Linda Byrd - February 21, 2015 at 10:44 PM