



Ms. Carol Elaine Bowens

August 3, 1960 - December 14, 2023

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day -- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Carol Elaine Bowens, the daughter of the late Wylie and Creola Scott Bowens, was born in Sumter, SC. She departed this life on Thursday, December, 14, 2023 at Prisma Health Tuomey in Sumter, SC.

Carol received her early education in the Sumter, County Public Schools and was a 1977 graduate of Sumter, High School, Sumter, SC. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Education and a Masters of Business Education from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC, and did further

graduate studies at Francis Marion University in Florence, SC.

Carol was a National Board-Certified Teacher. She served as secretary at Morris College Department of Education, South Carolina State College Band Department, and Rafting Creek Elementary School. Her professional life as an educator included Cherokee County, Jasper County, and Lee County (Mt. Pleasant High School, Lee Central Middle, and Lee County Career Center). One of her greatest joys was working and traveling with the Singing Rattlers of Mt. Pleasant High School and the Lee Central High School Choir.

Carol accepted Christ as her Savior at Beulah African Methodist Church, Sumter. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society, the Ladies Club, and the Heavenly Highlights Choir. She was also a member of the Sumter Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Galloway Williams.

Her memory will be cherished by her siblings: Rev. Dr. Debbie Bowens-Davis (Deacon CMSgt Ret. Robert F. Davis), Dr. Brenda Faye Bowens, and Wylie Derrick (Deanna) Bowens; nieces: Jana D. (George) Brailsford-Wise, Dr. Sherree Davis and Tahitia Simone Williams; nephews: Anthony (Sarah) Slaughter, Scott Davis, Joshua (Romina) Bowens, Shelton Davis, Daniel Bowens, Derrick Alexander Bowens, and James Williams, II; grand-nieces: Khalia Davis, Zoey, Zoe Zalasko, and Zella Bowens; grand-nephews: Saffir Wise, Jeremiah Slaughter, Nathaniel Slaughter, and DeShon Stevens; aunts: Bessie King, Shirley Scott, and Yvonne Moore; close friend, Thomas Terry Slater and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

DEC 20. 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Public Viewing

DEC 20. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Ceremony

DEC 20. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Beulah AME Church
3175 Florence Highway
Sumter, SC 29150

Tribute Wall



“ Alexandria DaShaun sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Bowens



Alexandria DaShaun - December 26, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MD

“ To the Entire Bowen Family, we are deeply saddened by the passing of your sweet sister, auntie, cousin. We pray for your strength and peace as you move forward. We know Carol will forever live in your hearts. We love you all. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and her Entire Family

Mrs. Connie Davis - December 21, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ James Mcfadden lit a candle in memory of Carol Bowens



James Mcfadden - December 21, 2023 at 09:30 AM

TS

“ I have many favorite memories of Carol when we worked together. However, I'll never forget us going to restaurants and getting run out because they were ready to close and we were still sitting there talking. We enjoyed just sitting for hours talking about our jobs, former students, world situations and mostly about nothing. Today, you can't call many a friend. However, she was a true friend. Rest easy and in power my friend. Your memories will live on through your family, me, and your former students.

Thomas Slater - December 21, 2023 at 04:55 AM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family (especially Rev Dr. Debbie Bowens and Dr. Brenda Bowens). Ms. Carol was my typing teacher over 30 years ago. I enjoyed going to her class because she made it fun! She was so very funny kind and knowledgeable. And each and every time that I saw her, she always had that beautiful sweet smile. She will be missed dearly. "Be Encouraged" to all that knew and loved her. 🙏❤️

Tina Mack - December 20, 2023 at 11:43 PM

LF

“ My condolences to the Bowens family. Carol was a very special person.



linda franklin - December 20, 2023 at 07:15 PM

MW

“ *Mildred Wells lit a candle in memory of Carol Bowens*



Mildred C. Wells - December 20, 2023 at 02:24 PM

TJ

“ *WOW Carol the memories of you and McMoore are hilarious. From our time at the Luther concert and many meals together. It was always a joy to be in your presence. Childhood memories of your occasional visits to Mechanicsville and I mean occasional LOL because of your overwhelming dedication to Beulah to just some teenage time together will forever be unforgettable. You fought a good fight with dignity, privacy and determination. Your mark on christian service, education and family will never be forgotten. RIP Cousin.*

Terrilyon "Terry" Cooke James - December 20, 2023 at 09:15 AM

DD

“ *Condolences and prayers to and for the family . Family of the Late Rev. Phillip and First Lady Dora Mixon, Churchwoods Section of Bishopville, SC.*



Dessie Ann Mixon Davis - December 19, 2023 at 08:44 PM