



## Carolyn Walker Thompson

October 9, 1953 - May 15, 2018

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. II  
Timothy 4:7

Carolyn Jean Walker Thompson was born October 9, 1953, in Columbia, South Carolina, to the late Rubin and Myrdis Baxter Walker. Teresa Walker Jester, her sister, preceded her in death. Carolyn peacefully departed this life to spend eternity with God on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia. Even through her illness, Carolyn's life and resilience encouraged others in the faith and was an inspiration to everyone who was blessed to have known her.

Carolyn attended the Richland County public schools and graduated from A.C. Flora High School in 1971. She continued her education at South Carolina State University and transferred to Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Speech Communication in 1977. Carolyn was a member of the Henderson-Davis Players of South Carolina State University where she participated in many theatrical plays as an actress for which she received many recognitions and awards for her performances. She was also a member of the Delta Psi Omega Drama Club. Carolyn was gifted as an extraordinary writer and orator for which she received numerous accolades and awards.

Carolyn continued to pursue further studies at Johns Hopkins University where she received a Master's Degree in Health Administration. She relocated to Columbia and was employed at Allstate Insurance Company as a Claims Adjuster and later at BlueCrossBlueShield of South Carolina as a Medicare Fraud Analyst and Worker's Compensation Subrogation Analyst. She later attended the University of South Carolina and was certified to teach in Richland County public schools. Carolyn began her teaching career in 2001 at Southeast Middle School where she taught Speech and Drama. She later taught at W.G. Sanders Middle School and W.A. Perry Middle School where she established the first Oratorical Contest for both schools. Carolyn loved teaching, following her mother's legacy, and retired from Richland County School District One after 12 years of service.

Carolyn was united in marriage for 40 years to her faithful husband, Vernon B. Thompson. God blessed this union with two beautiful children, Chrishawna and Trey, and a loving granddaughter Taylor. Carolyn's Christian journey exemplified what it meant to walk by faith and not by sight. She was a faithful and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved her family and took pride in their accomplishments and achievements. She instilled the importance of good education in her children and grandchild just as her mother did for her. She was also a mentor to young adults, serving on the Killingsworth Home Board of Directors and the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Board.

As a lifetime member of Wesley United Methodist, she served faithfully in various capacities in the local church, district, and state level. Carolyn loved her church and was committed to worshiping and serving God. Carolyn continued to work, even when she was unable to attend due to illness, by making phone calls to the church visitors. Carolyn served as a Trustee, Lay Speaker, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Sunday School Teacher, member of the Building Committee, Communion Steward, Recording

Secretary for the Charge Conference, member of the Young Adult Choir, member of the Wesley Musical Choir, and member of United Methodist Women in the district and state level. Carolyn became the first African-American Vice President for the Columbia District United Methodist Women and later became the first African-American President.

Carolyn leaves to cherish her loving memory: her devoted husband, Vernon B. Thompson; a daughter, Chrishawna; a son, Trey; a loving granddaughter, Taylor; a dedicated brother, Michael (Sandra) Walker, all of Columbia; two aunts: Reba Bullock and Celestine (Julian) Morgan of Baltimore; three uncles: Clarence Walker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Wilbur Baxter of Baltimore, and Ralph Baxter of North, South Carolina; three sisters-in-law: Susanne (Joe) Smith, Elouise (Thomas) Lemon, and Gwendolyn Body; three brothers-in-law: Johnnie (Rochelle) Thompson, Jr., Charles (Virginia) Thompson, and Robert Jester; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

Columbia, SC

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Public Viewing

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Main Street United Methodist Church  
1830 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 779-0610

## Celebration of Life

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MAY **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Main Street United Methodist Church  
1830 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 779-0610

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Walker Thompson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to Carolyn's family. Even though it has been some time since I saw the family, I still feel a connection. I worked with Myrtis at what is now Davis Elementary. I attended Carolyn wedding . The service today was touching. God bless you all.  
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**Martha W.Earle** - May 22, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *Linda Carroway-Jones lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Walker Thompson*



**Linda Carroway-Jones** - May 22, 2018 at 12:20 PM

TD

“ Dear Ms Chrissy Thompson, We the employees of Kingdom Kids II and Full Gospel Christian Academy would like to extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers in your time of bereavement. We love you and know that you are missed.

Tereatha Davis  
Administrator

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**Tereatha Davis** - May 22, 2018 at 10:10 AM

CC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My Angel is now a true angel. I will miss seeing her smiling face. My thoughts and prayers will be with you always. We just have to remember that she is no longer suffering and in pain. May God continue to bless you and keep you wrapped in His Strong Arms.

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**Cookie Clark** - May 21, 2018 at 08:50 PM

RM

“ I pray that God will bring comfort to the Thompson and Walker family. Ruby McClam and family

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**Ruby McClam** - May 21, 2018 at 05:42 PM

RH

“ Regina Heyward lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Walker Thompson



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**Regina Heyward** - May 21, 2018 at 04:58 PM

RH

“ *Our Sincerest Condolences to the Walker-Thompson Family. The Heyward Family*

Regina Heyward - May 21, 2018 at 04:58 PM

  
Cynthia  
Taylor

“ *My fondness memories of Carolyn will always be her laugh, her diplomatic tact, and quiet regalness. Her mere presence on the Team was like a "soothing balm" to the room. - Cynthia A. Taylor, W.A. Perry Middle School*

Cynthia Taylor - May 21, 2018 at 11:55 AM

VL

“ *Victoria Lewis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Walker Thompson*



Victoria Lewis - May 21, 2018 at 09:49 AM

CB

“ *Looking at the picture of Carolyn Walker Thompson, I remember her from middle school. Met Vernon Thompson in 2017 and found out that we were relatives. Talked to Carolyn and never knew we were classmates once. Farewell, Carolyn you got your wings. R.I.H*

*Carolyn Rivers Brooks*

Carolyn Rivers Brooks - May 21, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn Walker Thompson.



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May 20, 2018 at 11:29 PM



“ Columbia/Irmo TNBA Senate purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolyn Walker Thompson.



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**Columbia/Irmo TNBA Senate** - May 20, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Phyllis Golston lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Walker Thompson



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**Phyllis Golston** - May 19, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carolyn Walker Thompson.



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May 19, 2018 at 11:09 AM

CM

“ *My, dear friend. May you sleep in peace in God's arms. I will always remember the fun times with you and Chrissy and me and my daughter, Karen. We met as neighbors in Baltimore and became good friends; we also shared the same South Carolina roots. Whenever we talked on the phone, through it all, your voice was always cheerful and full of love. You will be missed, but I know God needed you to come home to Him. Sleep well in peace, my friend.*



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**Cynthia C Martin Mackey** - May 19, 2018 at 09:48 AM

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“ *Clifford(Dosh) Walker and Trina(Ashley) Holmes purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carolyn Walker Thompson.*



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**Clifford(Dosh) Walker and Trina(Ashley) Holmes** - May 17, 2018 at 10:06 PM