



Mrs. Carolyn Manley Simpson

August 30, 1943 - October 1, 2024

Carolyn Manley Simpson was born in August 1943 in Pendleton, SC. The first of three children, she was small in stature, but full of determination and heart. She was raised on the Pendleton mill hill, and textiles were always part of her life. She married her high school sweetheart Jack, with whom she raised three daughters: Angie, Darleen, and Julie.

Throughout her life, Carolyn found ways to faithfully serve her Lord. She was active in her church, beginning early in life as a piano accompanist and later serving with the youth program and as a Sunday School teacher at Salem First Baptist Church. Carolyn and her family attended Walhalla First Baptist Church, where, in her retirement, she joined the flower committee, played handbells, and served as an Awana teacher. She also worked in the church nursery and with Vacation Bible School. In all of these opportunities and in her pew during church services, Carolyn joyfully served the Lord, singing hymns, loving others, and anchoring her family in her Christian faith.

Carolyn's determination was always apparent, even from a young age. As an elementary school student, her first-grade teacher wanted to retain her, not because of poor grades but because of her small stature relative to the other students. Carolyn's mother defended her daughter, which enabled her to progress to the next grade where she proceeded to prove herself a more than capable student. This academic prowess continued throughout her life. She

was the first member of her family to graduate from college, earning a B.A. in Business Administration from Central Wesleyan College (SWU) followed by a B.S. in Textile Technology from Clemson University. She inspired all three of her daughters and granddaughters to follow in her footsteps in graduating from college and obtaining additional degrees.

In her role as an administrative assistant and later textile technologist with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service's Cotton Quality Research Station at Clemson University, she aided in the testing of cotton fibers, contributing to at least three published research articles, including "Effects of Mechanical Cleaning on Cotton Fibers: Part II: Combinations of Gin and Mill Cleaning-Fiber Quality (1991)". She also served as the Federal Women's Program Manager for the USDA-ARS Southern Region from 1980 to 1983.

Carolyn retired after more than thirty years of service with the federal government. She used her retirement time to demonstrate her vast kindness and generous heart. Her kindness was evident through her ministry with friendship breads: she seemed to always have one in the freezer or the oven, ready to give to anyone who needed some care.

Carolyn is perhaps most memorable for her passions: running, eating ice cream, and spending time with her three granddaughters, who lovingly call her "Nana." In her free time, she took up running, building a community of friends from Clemson to take daily runs around campus. She also competed in 5K runs across the upstate and proudly finished first in her age bracket in the Clemson University Presidential Road Race while her family cheered her on. Much of the rest of her free time was spent at Myrtle Beach, where she and Jack would set up their camper and spend weeks at a time, making new friends, reacquainting with old ones, and frequenting the campground ice cream shop. She also doted on her granddaughters, traveling to as many of their activities and events as possible.

She was a remarkable woman who shared a smile and a joyful spirit with all who were fortunate enough to cross her path. She leaves behind a rich legacy of a life anchored in the love of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was welcomed into her eternal home by her parents, Frank and Louise Manley; her husband, Jack Simpson; and her grandson, Trey Sutton. Her legacy will be carried on by her three daughters: Angela Lemere and husband Brian, Darleen Sutton and husband Jimmy, and Julie Sigmon and husband Eric; her granddaughters: Meredith Sutton, Molly Sutton, and Gabriella Sigmon; and her siblings: Barbara Jean and Terry Manley.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, October 5th with visitation from 1:00 -2:00 PM at Walhalla First Baptist Church in Walhalla, SC. The service will follow at the church at 2:00 PM. A graveside service will follow at Memory Gardens (586 Issaqueena Trail, Central, SC) at 3:45 PM.

Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made to the Children's Ministry at Walhalla First Baptist Church in memory of Carolyn Simpson.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

586 Issaqueena Trail
Central, SC 29631

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Walhalla First Baptist Church
403 East Main Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Celebration of Life

OCT 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Walhalla First Baptist Church
403 East Main Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Burial

OCT 5. 3:45 PM (ET)

Memory Gardens
586 Issaqueena Trail
Central, SC 29631

Tribute Wall

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Simpson



Wayne F. Barton - October 15, 2024 at 12:14 PM

JH

“ Judy Hines lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Simpson



Judy Hines - October 14, 2024 at 06:22 AM

EM

“ Eddie Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Simpson



Eddie Moore - October 09, 2024 at 07:46 AM

TO

“ So sorry to hear. She was a wonderful person! Will miss her.



teena owens - October 06, 2024 at 11:00 AM

BP

“ Another wonderful person gone from my childhood. Carolyn was indeed a special and unique person. I will miss her light that shined all around wherever she was. My prayers go out to her family now and in the days to come.
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Brian, Missy (Brown), and Will Patterson - October 05, 2024 at 01:24 PM

KL

“ Keith & Louise Lusk lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Simpson



Keith & Louise Lusk - October 05, 2024 at 10:30 AM

YF

“ Your Pendleton Elementary Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Manley Simpson.



Your Pendleton Elementary Family - October 05, 2024 at 09:50 AM

SR

“ Steve and Sheree R.Hamby lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Simpson



Steve and Sheree R.Hamby - October 04, 2024 at 09:30 PM

JS

“ Carolyn and her family were friends of mine and my family her and Jack went to school with my husband. They were sweet wonderful people. The girls and my children got to know each other when we were in church together at Second Baptist in Pendleton . I know she will be missed! Prayer for the family. Jackie Swaney

Jackie Swaney - October 04, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Manley Simpson.



October 04, 2024 at 04:56 PM

JM

“ Jim & Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Simpson



Jim & Becky Manley - October 04, 2024 at 03:18 PM

CA

“ Cathy Addis



cathy Addis - October 04, 2024 at 03:00 PM

TS

“ *The Greenville Chamber Singers purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Manley Simpson.*



The Greenville Chamber Singers - October 04, 2024 at 02:22 PM

SM

“ *Sherry Rogers Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Manley Simpson*



Sherry Rogers Moore - October 04, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Manley Simpson.*



October 04, 2024 at 12:12 PM

FB

“ *Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Simpson*



Frankie Burrell - October 04, 2024 at 04:53 AM

LL

“ Leonard Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Simpson



Leonard Loudermilk - October 03, 2024 at 10:07 PM

WL

“ Wanda Long sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Simpson



Wanda Long - October 03, 2024 at 09:14 PM

KT

“ What a sweet lady! Such a wonderful family. Praying for you all.



Karen Towe - October 03, 2024 at 08:54 PM

KH

“ Kay and Pat Hall lit a candle for Carolyn Simpson. We loved her and have missed her since she moved away. She and Jack were special friends.



Kay and Pat Hall - October 03, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Manley Simpson.*



October 03, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *Wayne & Peggy Sibbett lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Simpson*



Wayne & Peggy Sibbett - October 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Manley Simpson.*



Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church - October 03, 2024 at 11:33 AM