



Ms. Carolyn Jean Hester

May 31, 1951 - August 13, 2017

Ms. Carolyn Jean Hester, 66, of Peoria, IL passed away at 3:38 am on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL. Carolyn was born May 31, 1951 in Scott, MS to Willie Smith and Armenece (Johnson) Lane.

Carolyn worked as a Program Assistant at EPIC, formerly PARC.

Carolyn loved to read and write in her journal. She was a member of New Cornerstone M.B. Church. Carolyn was an Assistant Sunday School teacher, loved to sing and was a choir member, attended Central District Baptist Convention and was the Praise and Worship Leader, attended the yearly Illinois State Baptist Convention Women's Retreat and Founded His Footsteps Prison Ministry.

Carolyn leaves to cherish her most precious memories one son, Marshawn (LaShawn) Hester of Houston, TX; one daughter, Armenta Hester of St. Paul, MN; three brothers, Willie Smith, Jr., of Marietta, GA; Darren Lane and Timothy Lane of Peoria; six sisters, Genell Jordan, Christine Marsh, Freddie (Minister Oliver "OJ") Nicholas, Julia Smith, Cynthia Smith all of Peoria; Tiera Smith of Chicago; 4 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends who adored her. She is preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers, Charles Jones and Willie Jones.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am on Friday, August 18 2017 at New Cornerstone Baptist Church, with a visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at 10 am. Rev. Dr. Mark McConnell will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church
3609 West Harmon Highway
Peoria, IL 61604

Funeral Service

AUG **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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3609 West Harmon Highway
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*



Simons Mortuary - August 17, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ *Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Amirah lit a candle in memory of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*



Amirah - October 06, 2017 at 03:36 PM



I Love You MAW-MAW

Amirah - October 06, 2017 at 03:37 PM

BR

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. May God be with you in your time of need. May your love one R.I.P* 🕊



Brendaldreez - September 30, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*



Annette Lucy - August 24, 2017 at 11:59 PM

RN

“ *Rufus & Kim Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*



Rufus & Kim Nelson - August 19, 2017 at 06:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester.*



August 17, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester.*



August 17, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ *MATTIE RISBY sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*



MATTIE RISBY - August 17, 2017 at 12:21 PM



“ *Theresa Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*



Theresa Walker - August 16, 2017 at 08:59 PM



“ *Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester*



curtis shumate - August 16, 2017 at 07:43 PM

JL

“ THE WARRIOR FOR GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS AND NOW WILL BE OVER A LOT. AND SHE WILL ACCEPT HER CROWN

JOSEPH LAWRENCE - August 16, 2017 at 03:09 PM



“ To my family, i am so sad at the loss of Carolyn. I have had many talks and shared a lot of my life with Carolyn, one of my favorite cousin's. i can still see that beautiful loving smile of her's. i will truly miss her. Stay strong family and above all stay together.
With all my love,
Diane Dotson-Herron
Bloomington, IL

Diane Herron - August 16, 2017 at 01:54 PM



“ Condolences to Sis Carolyn's family. She was truly a Women of God sharing His word wherever she was through word & action. She will be missed but never forgotten. Family continue to hold to God's unchanging hand.

Evelyn Tate-Clayton - August 16, 2017 at 08:09 AM

DB

“ Carolyn was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. I loved working with her when I subbed at EP!C residential. She always had a beautiful smile and was such a nice person. My sympathy to her family.

Deb Bloomfield - August 15, 2017 at 09:57 PM

CY

“ I worked with Carolyn and her daughter at Smiley Living Center (PARC) and have not seen Carolyn in over 20 years. As I scroll through Facebook and come across her obituary I instantly recognized that smile. Carolyn had a beautiful smile and a contagious laugh. She was so full of life and treated everyone the same. She always had a kind word and gave the best advice. Heaven has certainly gained an angel. I only wish I could be there to say farewell, my friend. Armenta, my heart goes out to you and your family. You're all in my prayers.

Celeste Younger

Celeste Younger - August 15, 2017 at 08:24 PM

DT

“ Condolences and Prayers to Carolyn's family. May God, bless, keep and comfort her children and family.



Dyan Tyler - August 15, 2017 at 04:30 PM

CB

“ Chere' Blocker-Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Caroyln Jean Hester



Chere' Blocker-Gordon - August 15, 2017 at 03:55 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ms. Carolyn Jean Hester



Karen Ashby - August 14, 2017 at 07:21 PM