



Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden

February 28, 1939 - July 24, 2025

The family of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden, age 86, would like to announce her passing on Thursday, July 24 at her home.

Carolyn was born in Rowan County, East Spencer, North Carolina, on February 28, 1939, to her parents Samuel and Carolyn Ford. She was a 1958 graduate of Dunbar High School. Carolyn received her Bachelor of Arts from Livingstone College in 1962.

Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden is preceded in death by her husband George W. Bolden of 59 years, and sister Theresa F. Dukes.

She leaves to cherish her memory along with her daughters Carol (Robert Stone-El) and Lesley; two grandsons, Nelson Stone-El and Adrian Bolden; two brothers, Robert M. Ford and Willie Perry; many other family members and loving friends.

Services for Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden are scheduled for Sunday, August 3, 2025, at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707 at 3:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., Ceremonial Rites will be performed by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., followed by the family visitation until 2:55 p.m.

Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden will be laid to rest in Beechwood Cemetery.

Floral deliveries will be received on Saturday, August 2nd, at St. Joseph AME Church between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Delivery of floral arrangements to the church

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Alpha Kappa Alpha Ceremonial Rites

AUG 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Viewing

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 2:55 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

AUG 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LY

“ With our deepest sympathies and in loving memory of Mrs. Bolden, may God grant you peace.

Lynn & Marcus Hawkins

Lynn - August 01, 2025 at 09:35 PM



JA

“ Juaneza Amos lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden

Juaneza Amos - August 01, 2025 at 07:48 PM



RF

“ Robert Ford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden.

Robert Ford - July 31, 2025 at 09:23 PM

RF

“ Robert Ford purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden.

Robert Ford - July 31, 2025 at 09:23 PM



DJ

“ Durham Chapter Jack and Jill purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden.



Durham Chapter Jack and Jill - July 31, 2025 at 08:57 PM

MP

“ Continued prayers for strength, comfort, and peace. 💕🙏 Mary Jane and Jerry Palmer

Mary Jane Palmer - July 31, 2025 at 12:51 PM

GO

Our sincere condolences to the family ❤️🙏🙏

Gaynell Osei-Kuffour - August 24, 2025 at 12:28 PM

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Gaynell Osei-Kuffour - August 24, 2025 at 12:28 PM

CD

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the both of you. Both Mom and Dad’s legacy will be forever in my heart.



Chanda DW - July 29, 2025 at 11:01 PM

BS

“ *Belinda Staten-Branch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden*



Belinda Staten-Branch - July 29, 2025 at 09:24 PM

MH

“ *Carol and Lesley....My heart ❤️ goes out to for your losses. I so remember all the play times in the old neighborhood...those were the good Ole Days as they say. I will be sending prayers for strength, understanding and love for you.*



Martina Hicks

Martina Hicks - July 29, 2025 at 09:09 PM

EY

“ *Eboné Yates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden*



Eboné Yates - July 29, 2025 at 08:10 PM

AM

“ Praying for the family. Alma P Macon. Raleigh NC



Alma P Macon - July 29, 2025 at 07:41 PM

SD

“ Extending heartfelt condolences to the Bolden family. We will truly miss the conversations and laughter that we shared with our dear friend and neighbor. Praying for God to comfort, strengthen, and wrap his arms around each of you at this most difficult time and in the days ahead. Sleep in Heavenly Peace,



Sheila Dickens and Family 🙏🌸❤️

Sheila Dickens - July 28, 2025 at 11:13 PM

JW

“ Jeannette Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden



Jeannette Wilson - July 28, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JV

“ My prayers goes out to your Family .your mom was a sweet lady and a very good neighbors. I will miss her

joe vereen - July 28, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Carol and Leslie,
You have my deepest condolences and I will
always cherish the good times and the love
Momma Bolden shared with me. I love you
both and your families.*



Roxana Alston - July 28, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Pamela Quick lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Carolyn Ford Bolden*



Pamela Quick - July 27, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Our condolences and prayers to the family.
Ernest and Valerie Green*



Valerie Green - July 27, 2025 at 04:20 PM



*Bernette Vereen
Condolences to the family of Mrs Carolyn Bolden she will be miss my
prayers 🙏 are to family*

Bernette Vereen - July 29, 2025 at 04:39 PM

EH

“ *Ethel Hastings Holloway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden*



Ethel Hastings Holloway - July 27, 2025 at 01:49 PM

EH

My warmest and sincere condolences to the family May God grant you peace through this time/

Ethel Hastings Holloway - July 27, 2025 at 01:52 PM

CL

With deepest condolences to the family of my dear Soror Carolyn F. Bolden of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Caroline Lattimore - July 29, 2025 at 09:05 PM

MR

“ *Maxine Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ford Bolden*



Maxine Robinson - July 27, 2025 at 01:49 PM

BV

Condolences to the family of the Mrs Bolden she will be miss. Joe and Bernette vereen

Bernette Vereen - July 29, 2025 at 08:28 AM