



Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn

March 30, 1940 - December 25, 2021

The family of Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn, age 81, wishes to announce her passing which occurred on Saturday, December 25, 2021, at Hock Family Pavilion.

Carolyn was born March 31, 1940 to Irvin Brinkley Taborn and Ruth Maye Taborn in Durham, North Carolina.

Carolyn graduated from Merrick Moore High School in 1957 and later attended the former North Carolina College (now NCCU) in the mid-1960's studying Business Administration. She spent her early adult years in Durham as a community improvement and civil rights activist, working for the betterment of the underserved population in the city. She was a citywide performer singing with the NC Mutual singers, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church choir, where she was also an usher, and Greater Saint Paul where she was both a performer and director of a Christmas play. Carolyn was active in PTA and a Cub Scout den mother. She worked for Operation Breakthrough in the Head Start Program.

In her later years, once the family relocated to Maryland, Carolyn continued to work as a community improvement activist in Gaithersburg, MD, establishing transportation and recreation for an underserved minority community. She became a resident manager for many years, ensuring proper screening for applicants trying to obtain fair housing. Her career also included management in the retail, hospitality, and fast food industries. She rounded out her career working for school systems in Prince George's County, Maryland, and both Durham and Orange Counties, North Carolina, where she retired.

An avid reader, Carolyn owned many books and magazines of the day. She kept up with current events and was always anxious and ready to discuss with anyone politics, science, or religion, as well as the need to strive for a good work/life balance. She was a lifelong entrepreneur; a fashion designer and seamstress, and even upholstered furniture. As a seamstress, she created her own line of products under the name "Ms. Sew-n-Sew". She made everything from most of her own clothes, to wedding dresses, lingerie, costumes, draperies, and home décor items; the list goes on and on.

Carolyn lived a full life of over 81 1/2 years, longer than her parents and all eight of her siblings so far. She had a dynamic personality, with a beautiful and bright smile; at the same time sweet and tough. She would unapologetically dish it out, and not retract when giving her viewpoint or perspective; a warrior and a faithful believer in God's will. However, she also had a kind and endearing side, and never met a stranger. "Go with God, and take God with you" were among her favorite sayings.

Carolyn leaves to cherish precious memories, one daughter, Karen Michele Taborn-Gray; two sons, Kevin Taborn Sellers and Christian Omar Harrison; sister, Eleanor T. Johnson; brother, Miles Taborn; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701, on Wednesday, January 5th; Viewing from 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and Life Celebration Service at 12:00 noon.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn through Zoom Live Stream:

Please click the link below to join the webinar,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86288565720?>

Webinar ID: 862 8856 5720

Passcode: 788307

In every effort to protect our families and their guests, face coverings are required.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Durham, NC 27701

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM

CF

“ *Descendents of Francis Taborn Day and her son Samuel "Sam" Day and grandma Odie Daye Crews our deepest sympathy to the family !!*

Crews family - February 08, 2022 at 01:38 PM

BC

“ *Crews Taborn Daye families Danbury ,Connecticut & Raleigh , North Carolina*



Barbara Crews - February 08, 2022 at 01:29 PM

MB

“ *Family, I won't you to know I am sending my most sincere condolences. Carolyn and I go back a long long way. I will truly never forget her and she will be solely missed.*

Merita Beatty - January 06, 2022 at 03:30 AM

PB

“ *Thank you for the lovely memories over the years that we've shared. I appreciated your honesty, advice, open mindedness , candidness & cheerful spirit in everything you did and said. You were an aunt that I will never forget. Rest from all your labor & dwell in the house of the Lord. Priscilla & family*

Priscilla Barnette Barbee - January 05, 2022 at 01:22 AM

KA

“ *Karen, Heartfelt sorry on the loss of your Mom. You were a great daughter and you will be rewarded for taking care of her. You honored your Mother. Praying for your strength and for your family. Virtual hugs. 🙏🙏💜💜💜 —Katasha*



Katasha - January 04, 2022 at 11:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn.*



January 03, 2022 at 09:18 PM

MB

“ *Life is hard but it gets harder when we have lost a Important,Loving,Caring,and all ways willing to give her advice about GOD and Life. I will Cherish her Memories that she shared with me and my family. I LOVE YOU Aunt CT Rest In Peace. 🙏*

Meredith Brooks - January 03, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn.*



January 03, 2022 at 05:04 PM

CG

“ *Cottie Gorham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn*



Cottie Gorham - January 02, 2022 at 08:37 PM

FD

“ Family,
God is by your side and we pray that you feel his deep love for you. We have a special bond with Carolyn because Aniyah is also our granddaughter. Carolyn sent Aniyah beautiful cards and took time to write loving comments to her. We enjoyed speaking to Carolyn recently and the laughter we shared will always be remembered.

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted,
Matthew 5:4*

Frances and Jimmy Dixon

Frances Dixon - January 02, 2022 at 12:03 AM

JF

“ Jimmy & Frances Dixon & Family purchased the Pink Tribute S
pray for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn.



Jimmy & Frances Dixon & Family - January 01, 2022 at 10:17 PM

RH

“ Ms Carolyn would always come up MD and visit the grandkids at Kevin house no matter what or how she get there she'll always come...I know because I always be there too, how I'll miss that. Reny

Reny Henson - December 31, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs.
Carolyn Lovette Taborn.



December 31, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RO

“ Carolyn will truly be missed. 🙏❤️ My sincere condolences to Michelle and other family members. Sincerely, Ruby A Osborn and Family

Ruby A Osborn - December 31, 2021 at 10:36 AM

TD

“ Indeed, Carolyn would walk in the room and lighten it up with love and laughter. Her creative talents and gifts will be greatly remembered. Praying that God comforts my cousins and the entire family during this time...Love, Cousin Temita



Temita Davis - December 31, 2021 at 10:24 AM

SH

“ My condolences to the family. Carolyn was a funny and witty. She had a great spirit and will be missed dearly. May God wrap his loving arms around you and the family. Rest in Heaven CT.

Love,
Sharnia “Nee Nee” Herbin

Sharnia Herbin - December 31, 2021 at 09:43 AM

LW

“ Linda J Warren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Lovette Taborn



Linda J Warren - December 29, 2021 at 05:48 PM