



Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis

August 20, 1936 - March 24, 2021

Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis, age 84, of Durham, North Carolina, left this earthly life to be in the presence of her Lord Jesus, on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at Duke University Medical Center.

She was born to her parents, Aaron Barbee and Dorothy Holland Mills on August 20, 1936, in Wake County, North Carolina.

Cora is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Jesse Chavis, sons, Michael McAllister and Rodney Currie, daughter-in-law, Sandra Holland, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren, and a host of extended family members and friends.

Public viewing for Mrs. Chavis will take place at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701, on Friday, April 2, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

A Private Family Celebration of Life Service for Cora will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 4610 Fayetteville Road, Durham, North Carolina 27713; with a viewing from 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis through

Zoom Live Stream:

Please click the link below to join the webinar,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542712711?>

Webinar ID: 875 4271 2711

Passcode: 403805

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

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

1004 Church Street
Morrisville, NC 27560

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

Viewing

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
4610 Fayetteville Rd
Durham, NC 27713
msmbcpastor@frontier.com
[http://www.morningstarchurchdurham.org/?](http://www.morningstarchurchdurham.org/)

Celebration of Life

APR 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
4610 Fayetteville Rd
Durham, NC 27713
msmbcpastor@frontier.com
<http://www.morningstarchurchdurham.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I'm thankful for meeting you thru Rodney. A beautiful and caring mother to all. I'm praying for your family during this time.*

Inga Riley

I Riley - April 03, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *My condolences goes out to the families.*
Laverne

Laverne Lassiter - April 03, 2021 at 04:38 AM



SD

“*Ms.Cora, is a name that will always and forever ring bells in The Dawson Family. I was an infant at the time so unfortunately I do not remember Aunt Linda, from what I know Corlisa has always been with Ms.Cora. Every since I could remember my mom would always take us to Morrisville to visit Corlisa and Ms.Cora, being so young at the time it seems like it took forever to get there but knew we arrived once I seen the long driveway with the statues in the front yard, our visit never seemed long enough though. From as far back in childhood as I could remember everyone knew when Ms.Cora was arriving because she would be cruising in nothing other than the latest Cadillac which she made certain was glistening accompanied by a huge smile from ear to ear, no matter what was going on. Attire always sharp with the accessories and jewelry to match, no occasions was too small, guaranteed Ms.Cora was going to be classy. The elegant, ambitious, humble, and sincere demeanor she exhibited will never be forgotten and the dedication and unconditional love throughout the years of rising Corlisa, instilling in her to always put God first, providing structure, and showering her with nothing but the best. We can never thank Ms.Cora enough for always being there. She has and will always be appreciated, certainly considered as part of our family, without a doubt will sincerely be missed by all. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to The Chavis, McAllister, Holland and Currie family.*



*All My Love,
Samara "Fats" Dawson*

Samara Dawson - April 03, 2021 at 12:53 AM

SD

“ *Samala Dawson-Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis*



Samala Dawson-Robinson - April 02, 2021 at 05:50 PM

VD

“ *Vanessa Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis*



Vanessa Dawson - April 01, 2021 at 09:36 PM

EU

“ *Elenita P. Utley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis*



Elenita P. Utley - April 01, 2021 at 04:24 PM

EU

“ *With Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy to the Family and Friends... Rest In Peace my Dear longtime friend Cora. I will greatly miss and cherish all those fond memories, calls and great times we've shared over eighty- plus years. Farewell my love till we meet again.*
Elenita P. Utley

Elenita P. Utley - April 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM

CH

“ Lighting this candle with saddened hearts, but also with grateful hearts for the love and friendship that she always shared with us when we first came to the Raleigh area. Her sharing and her genuine concern she would have for us when we would go through illness, family loss and tragedies, like Hurricane Floyd in our hometown. She will be missed, but her spirit will always be with us. Thank you Lord for putting her in our lives. Family, hold on to our Heavenly Father for peace, comfort and strength. Be thankful for your many memories. Prayerfully,
Carnell and Lois Hinton
Brother and Sister from Morning Star



Carnell Hinton - March 30, 2021 at 09:44 PM

TH

“ We send our deepest condolences to Jessie and the family. I will always remember when I was in the hospital years ago, preparing for dialysis, Jessie and Mrs. Cora came to visit me. She had the most sweetest and kindest smile. Jessie sang me a song! So encouraging! Mrs. Cora, you fought a good fight. R.I.P. my dear.
You may be gone, but will never be forgotten.

Praying for the family,
Tommy and Annie Holloway

Tommy and Annie Holloway - March 30, 2021 at 07:50 PM

MD

“ My condolences to the Currie, McAllister and Chavis families on the passing of "Ms. Cora." She was such a beautiful soul and always kind to me when I was at Morning Star. She was one of my choir presidents and worked to make sure that everything was done in excellence, as this was our gift we presented to the Lord. Her black and gold banquets were top notch, and were always a highlight of the various annual days at the church. I will never forget her love and devotion to her mother, husband and family. It never seemed that there was not a place that her love did not reach. She did it with such gentleness and grace. My prayers are with Mr. Jessie and the family.

Mario Davis - March 29, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis.



March 29, 2021 at 12:50 PM

KR

“ Keith Reed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis



Keith Reed - March 28, 2021 at 06:27 PM

MK

Maxine Mayo Kelley

Maxine Mayo Kelley - March 29, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MK

My deepest sympathy to Jessie and the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers! 🌸🌺🌹

Maxine Mayo Kelley - March 29, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *THE MEMORIES THAT I HAVE IS OF HER AND UNCLE SLY SHOWING UP EVERY YEAR TO THE FAMILY REUNION IN A CADILLAC. BUT MY MOST CHERISHED MEMORY IS THAT EVERY YEAR SHE WOULD ROB ME FOR A PIECE OF MY JEWERLY LOL . AUNT CORA YOU ARE GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER YOUR NEICE HOPE*

Linda Currie-Infante - March 28, 2021 at 05:48 PM

GW

“ *I send my deepest condolences in the death of Sister Cora. She was a loving and godly woman. I know she will be gravely missed by her family, friends, and brothers/ sisters in Christ.*

She was as sweet as the candy shared with us at church 😇

I pray you will find peace and comfort in the Lord.

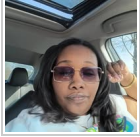
Georgia Winstead

Georgia Winstead - March 27, 2021 at 12:33 PM

AH

“ My fondest memory is how BEAUTIFUL this woman of God was. She was my brother-in-law Marcelle Grandmother but always opened her heart, family and home to me. She would always make sure that Marcelle invited our family to whatever their family was having especially if it was church related. This was DEFINITELY a woman of God. Oh she was what I call “CLASSIC DIVA”!! I would always love to see just what she would be wearing when she would pull up in that Cadillac. She always wore a smile and had encouraging words. Thank you Grandma Cora for all the fond memories.

Angela Hamm - March 27, 2021 at 06:26 AM



“ Grandma this is so hard for me to see this....I love you and miss you soooooo much....I dont understand how I'm going to make it without however in so many words you prepared me for this day. I use to not like my name because it was different but now I know its UNIQUE and most of all I'm named after you...you took pride in saying my name and pronounced it BOLDLY and say "CorALisa" lol I will forever love you for that. You took me in at the most critical time in my life and loved me as your daughter. You made sure I had a everything I needed and showed me things some people can only dream about. You may not have known how to raise a girl in this generation but you did the best you could. You always instilled in me about being a mother to my kids and act like a lady. Many times I disappointed you with my ways but you never gave up on me. To hear you say you was proud of me was the best thing I could ever hear. I love you so much grandma my heart is broken but God needed you with him and I'm ok with that. I miss you so much I miss the days when I could come and lay in your lap and you would rub my head and grease my scalp and we would talk. You were the best grandma I could ask for and I'm blessed and thankful that God gave you to me and now you had to be with him. Kiss my mama for me. I know she was glad to see you. Love you forever and always

Corlisa McAllister - March 26, 2021 at 11:41 PM



“ Grandma the love you had for your family was unmeasureable. You were always there when I needed you and I will always cherish every weekend and every summer I spent with you and Granny during my childhood. I know you're now resting in the arms of Jesus Christ and enjoying my daddy. I will forever love and miss you. ❤️ This is very hard for me but I know you're in a better place always know that I admired you as a woman of God and my Grandma.

Keshia Peaks - March 26, 2021 at 11:14 PM

VK

“ My greatest memory of you is being treated as your daughter instead of your 2nd cousin! Like my mom Vera, was more like a sister than your 1st cousin! I am going to truly miss you and not being able to call and talk and catch up on you and to ask how you cook certain things when I wanted to cook just like you. I definitely can't forget your baking, especially those coconut custard pies. Please give my mom a kiss from me when you get into those Heavenly Golden Gates. Love You Always “Bunny”

Verrita “Bunny” Banks Kelly - March 26, 2021 at 03:34 PM

CD

“ Charissa Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cora Currie Chavis



Charissa Dawson - March 26, 2021 at 02:22 PM

CC

It's hard to search for words to describe someone you love ❤️! I would get off “95” , stop by Lil Larry’s house , then rolled over Aunt Cora’s house! Jessie come to the door all loud U know how he is ! Cora look who here , I step in and there and she would be smiling like crazy !! She always would say Louis when you gone get married, Louis you and Gloria gone get married again (I almost cuss) !! Her and momma was so tight!! Momma loved herself some Cora !! Love ❤️ you gone miss you !! OMG !!

Clavon Cooper - March 27, 2021 at 06:06 AM

RH

RUTH HOOKER LIT A CANDLE IN MEMORY OF CORA CHAVIS.

rUTH hOOKER - March 28, 2021 at 01:15 PM

VE

We were sad to hear of Ms. Cora's passing . She was the epitome of style, charm and grace. We are also very grateful for the love and kindness Ms. Cora showed to our sister Linda when she became a member of the Holland and McAllister families. Linda and Ms. Cora were both kindred spirits. After Linda's untimely death Ms. Cora remained a part of our family and the many acts of kindness and compassion she extended to us over the years was very much appreciated and will never be forgotten. It is indeed a privilege and an honor to have known her.

Vanessa Dawson Evans - April 01, 2021 at 09:25 PM

SD

Ms. Cora,

No words could and ever will express how much you are loved and revered for being the extraordinary gift that God allowed us to be blessed with here on Earth. Your sincerity, unwavering support, consistent presence, and countless deeds for others will forever be remembered and appreciated. Thank you for being a person whose work has truly spoken for them.

Humbly Submitted,

Samala "Mel" Dawson-Robinson

Samala Dawson-Robinson - April 02, 2021 at 06:11 PM