



Carleen C. Adkins

December 1, 1933 - August 28, 2025

Carleen Carthon Adkins, 91, of Richmond, Virginia, passed away on August 28, 2025. She was born December 1, 1933, in Tallahassee, Florida, the daughter of Charlie and Edna Carthon.

Carleen was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who dedicated her life to her family, faith, and community. She worked for many years for the Virginia Department of Youth and Family Services before retiring in 1995. Even after retirement, she remained active as a part-time cashier at Ukrop's Supermarket and as a member of American Family Fitness Center, where she exercised several times a week. She enjoyed arts and crafts, putting together 1000-piece puzzles, traveling, and trying new recipes. She had a love for fashion with an extensive wardrobe of suits, hats and shoes, and getting manicures every two weeks.

A woman of strong Christian faith, Carleen served faithfully in the choir and various ministries at St. James Baptist Church, Greater Nazarene Baptist Church, Friendship Memorial Baptist Church and Mount Olive Baptist Church. She also volunteered with Meals on Wheels, the Riverfront Association Clothes Closet, the Virginia Baptist Association and was an active member of the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. She was known for her kindness, her love of gospel music, and her unwavering support of her husband's pastoral ministries.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Frances Ross and Pansy Rutherford.

She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Rev. Rufus Adkins; daughters, Amelia McLendon and Kanisha Adkins; grandchildren, Marquia Gunn (Clifton) and Michael McLendon, Jr. (Shara); great-grandchildren, Makayla and Madden McLendon; and a host of extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
8775 Mt. Olive Ave.
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Celebration of Life

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ Sending prayers of strength and comfort this morning to Rev. Kanisha and Family. "Earth has no sorry that heaven can not heal."
Isaiah 35:10 Rev. Darrel and Rev. Linda Davis

Rev. Darrel and Rev. Linda Davis - September 08, 2025 at 07:32 AM

LF

Family,
My deepest condolences to you & your family.
Praying for comfort, strength and peace. 🙏

Linda Fleming - September 09, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Rev. Kanisha, my condolences to you and your family on the loss of your dear mother. May God continue to comfort you and give you peace, today and in the days to come.



Tracy LaNai - September 07, 2025 at 04:06 PM

EW

“ Eric W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carleen C. Adkins.

Eric W. - September 06, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carleen C. Adkins.*



September 06, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Carleen C. Adkins.*



September 05, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ *To Rev. Kanisha, I was sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. I pray that God will give you and your family the strength to endure at this difficult time. You have my condolences.*

Marjorie Haskell - September 05, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ *Marjorie Haskell lit a candle in memory of Carleen C. Adkins*



Marjorie Haskell - September 05, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carleen C. Adkins.*



September 05, 2025 at 06:34 AM



“ *Kyra Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carleen C. Adkins.*



Kyra Harris - September 04, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ *Kimberley Wilson & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carleen C. Adkins.*



Kimberley Wilson & family - September 04, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Malcolm King lit a candle in memory of Carleen C. Adkins*



Malcolm King - September 04, 2025 at 09:06 AM

DB

“ Deacon & Ms. Alton & Phyllis Baskerville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carleen C. Adkins.

Deacon & Ms. Alton & Phyllis Baskerville - September 03, 2025 at 07:15 PM

DB

“ Deacon & Ms. Alton & Phyllis Baskerville purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Carleen C. Adkins.



Deacon & Ms. Alton & Phyllis Baskerville - September 03, 2025 at 07:15 PM

RP

“ Regina Payne lit a candle in memory of Carleen C. Adkins



Regina Payne - September 03, 2025 at 06:17 PM

EB

“ Aunt Carleen was one of the sweetest women I've ever known—so soft-spoken, graceful, strong, and beautiful. Your niece, Lefonia, truly loved you. May you rest peacefully in Jesus, together with her.

Eulissa Boyd - September 03, 2025 at 04:57 PM

CF

“ Praying for the family. I remember Mrs. Adkins as being a beautiful quiet woman of God. When she spoke you would listen. I remember worshipping with her during the time her husband Rev. Adkins was pastor of the Greater Nazarene Baptist Church in Mechanicsville. She was loving and always had a smile when greeting everyone!

Carolyn Fowlkes - September 01, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carleen C. Adkins.



August 31, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 29, 2025 at 04:25 PM

SC

Sending up prayers that God will comfort you in your time of sorrow.

Shirley Cuesenberry - September 04, 2025 at 10:05 PM