



Carolyn Elaine Brown Hairston

January 15, 1947 - July 17, 2022

In Her Legacy

Deacon Carolyn Elaine Brown Hairston was born on January 15, 1947, in East Spencer, NC to Ulysses Sylvester Brown and Josie Evelyn Slade Brown. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is a graduate of Winston Salem State University. In August 1969, she moved to Richmond, VA where she joined the undergraduate chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She also attended Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia State University. She taught in the Richmond City Public Schools System from 1969 to 2006 where she was an elementary classroom teacher and later became a Title I Mathematics teacher.

Carolyn was a member of the following organizations: Second Baptist Church West End Diaconate Ministry, Georgia Ross Ushers Board, Jones-Parker Missionary Circle #4, the Women's Fellowship Bible Class of Richmond and Vicinity, the Deacons' Conference of Richmond and Vicinity, the Ushers' Union of Richmond and Vicinity, the Unique Sisters Club, the National Education Association (NEA), the Virginia Education Association (VEA), the Richmond Education Association (REA) Retired, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), the Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics (VCTM), the Greater Richmond Council of Teachers of Mathematics

(GRCTM), Women and Mathematics Education (WME), and the Benjamin Banneker Association, Inc. (BBA).

She had a love for math and teaching children. Her favorite things to do were going on trips, especially to mathematics conferences, making greeting cards, searching the internet, and taking care of her grandchildren.

On July 17, 2022, she was called home to the gates of heaven. Carolyn leaves to cherish her memory a loving husband, James F. Hairston; two loving daughters, Keshia H. Butler (Michael) and Jamesha N. Hairston, all of Richmond, VA; three grandchildren, Mia R. Butler, Michael A. Butler, Jr. and Miles J. Butler, all of Richmond, VA; siblings, Gregory S. Brown (Linda) of Greensboro, NC, Lillie B. Rainey of High Point, NC, and Marilyn Brown of Salisbury, NC; sisters-in-law, Virginia Hairston and Eloise Hairston, both of Lexington, NC, and Carol C. Hairston of Laurel, MD; brother-in-law, S. Darnell Hairston (Ernestine) of Lexington, NC; a devoted cousin, Rosalind Ramzan (Arnold) of Granite Quarry, NC; a devoted friend, Betsy Smith (Thomas) of Richmond, VA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and caring friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Mia R. Butler, Michael A. Butler, Jr., and Miles J. Butler College Funds.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Carolyn Elaine Brown Hairston, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - July 25, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *Carolyn Elaine Brown Hairston*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The memory of our many visits together is deeply imprinted on my heart. Alape' [Go in Peace],
K Heatwole*

Ken Heatwole - August 07, 2022 at 02:37 PM

PB

“ Carolyn and I are neighbors our children grew up together. Every summer when Jameshia and Rashida were in the Brownie troop Carolyn and I volunteered as chaperones to go to camp with the girls. Carolyn would always say to me you got me out here. We would be the only two Mother's that went with the troop. Carolyn and I would enjoy our one hour of rest at camp from the troop laid up in our tent in a mosquito net. It was fun. I've had the pleasure of attending many events with Carolyn over the years. From labor to reward rest on Carolyn.
Pastor Patricia Barbour

Patricia Easter Barbour - August 06, 2022 at 07:23 AM

EC

“ My sincere sympathy to the Hairston family I will miss sharing poetry and prayers with Carolyn. she was a dear friend and will be remembered for her dedicated service and love and concern for others. I feel that she is rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. My prayers are for peace and comfort for the family and all who loved and shares such beautiful memories.
Deacon Emily Corbin

Emily Corbin - August 03, 2022 at 09:04 PM

JM

“ As a former member of Second Baptist Church, I will always remember Carolyn's beautiful spirit and her welcoming smile, a smile that embraced you like a hug!! Jackie Moss



Jackie Moss - August 03, 2022 at 04:53 PM

CW

“ *Losing someone you love is like a part of yourself.
You miss them and you miss who you were with them.
Nothing will ever replace that
But hopefully every time
You share a memory, recall a moment of laughter or find yourself
doing something that
reminds you of the times
you spent together,
you'll feel that part of you again.*

In Deepest Sympathy,

*Classmate/Friend WSSU/1969
Carol Williams
Roanoke Rapids NC27870*

Carol L Williams - July 31, 2022 at 05:31 PM

LW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lynda H Webster - July 31, 2022 at 04:46 PM

LW

The members of the Richmond Metro Alumni Chapter of WSSU will truly miss Carolyn and the contributions that she and her husband, James made. R.I.P. James and the family will continue to be in our prayers as we morn your loss.

Richmond Metro Alumni- Winston-Salem State University

Lynda H Webster - July 31, 2022 at 04:51 PM

BG

*May God bless you and keep you during your time of sorrow.
Bonnie Gardner*

Bonnie Gardner - August 04, 2022 at 04:31 AM

FR

Mrs. Hairston was always a sweetheart wherever and whenever I saw her. My daughter and her granddaughter were classmates for years at Harvie Elementary. The Ray family sends our sincere prayers to the Hairston Family.

Felicia Ray - August 06, 2022 at 08:20 PM

GT

“ *Gwendolyn Tunstall lit a candle in memory of
Carolyn Elaine Brown Hairston*



Gwendolyn Tunstall - July 29, 2022 at 11:49 AM

CW

The Best of Times

Carol L Williams - July 31, 2022 at 05:33 PM

AC

“ Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr Hairston, Keisha and Jamesha. Carolyn was a dedicated member of the Georgia Ross Ladies Ushers Ministry at Second Baptist Church (west end). We will remember her for serving in many capacities, but most notably as one of our star models at our annual Hat show. She was proud to be a cowboy fan. But most important, she was a child of God and whenever we called her, she would end the call with a prayer for you. She will be truly missed and forever in our hearts. Much love to the family.

Georgia Ross Usher Members
Aleatha Conway, President



aleatha conway - July 28, 2022 at 07:18 PM

VH

“ Velvet Hairston lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Elaine Brown Hairston



Velvet Hairston - July 28, 2022 at 06:07 PM

VH

Aunt Carolyn will truly be missed. She was and is truly a very special Angel to our family. Your Love & precious memories will always remain in our hearts. ❤️🥹

Velvet Hairston - July 28, 2022 at 06:10 PM

LT

“ James "Pig", please accept my deepest condolences as you grieve the lost of Carolyn. I also speak for the class of 68, WSSU and we all send our prayers and sympathy thoughts to you and your family. You will stay in our prayers.

Lewis Turner - July 25, 2022 at 09:07 PM

MM

“ Jamesha, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Lean on God during this difficult journey through your grief. I will be praying for you. Sincerely, Michele Martin, RN at LMES

Michele Martin - July 25, 2022 at 10:57 AM

JC

“ Our deepest and sincere condolences to Deacon Hairston's family. Deacon Hairston was a true prayer warrior, we looked forward to hearing from her every Saturday morning during prayer meeting. She touched so many lives in positive ways, and guided us not only with encouraging words, but with the examples of the life she lived. We will miss Deacon Hairston greatly. May she rest in peace! We know that she has already received her long white robe and crown of righteousness. To God be the glory for the marvelous things that he enabled her to accomplish while here on earth for 75 years.

*Jones-Parker Missionary Circle
Second Baptist Church (West End)*

Jones-Parker Missionary Circle - July 23, 2022 at 09:47 PM

BS

“ A good friend like Carolyn can never truly be lost. Carolyn’s energy goes on in the hearts and minds of all those who have loved her. Carolyn, my beloved friend of over 30 years, I am humbled and touched by your time here with us. I will miss you, deeply. Your friendship was a blessing. Betsy Smith

Betsy Smith - July 23, 2022 at 12:56 PM

JA

“ Love this lady since elementary school. She has always been another mom to me and she will be truly missed. I loved always looking at her house as I passed by to see if she was home so I could surprise her. Although she is not physically here anymore, I know her spirit will live on through the family. My heart goes out to her family that will miss her here on earth.

Jamise - July 21, 2022 at 09:06 PM

SC

I’m so sorry to hear of the passing of dear, sweet Mrs. Hairston. I will always cherish the moments we spent together teaching at AV Norrell. Mrs. Hairston was my NC connection/ January 15th birthday buddy! I will never forget how welcome she made me feel as a new teacher at Norrell. She had a true passion for teaching & loved helping the teachers & students with her hands on, extraordinary Math lessons. Sending prayers of love, comfort, peace & understanding to the family today & the days ahead. GOD bless you all.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Stacey Holloway-Cash

Stacey Cash - August 05, 2022 at 12:27 AM

RG

“ *My heart felt prayers to James and daughters. I will always remember Carolyn beautiful smile she was very sweet and a caring person and we shared over 25 years helping college kids with books and helping those in need. Carolyn will truly be missed. Gods love peace and blessings. Unique Sister/Ruth Cokes Giles.*



Ruth Cokes Giles - July 21, 2022 at 06:51 PM

JH

“ *In honoring my Mom’s wishes, please do not send flowers or plants. In lieu of flowers or plants please contribute to her grandchildren’s college funds (made to Keshia Butler). At this time the family would like you to honor my Mother’s wishes is the spirit of a true educator and support her grandchildren’s future education. Please ignore the third party links to send flowers or plants. Thank you for your prayers and support during our family’s remembrance and celebration of my Mom.*



Jamesha Hairston - July 21, 2022 at 12:10 PM

JL

*Thank you Jamesha. Your Mom was an angel on earth to all she met. I will miss her so .
Jean Lawson*

Jean Wright Lawson - July 21, 2022 at 07:23 PM

PD

“ Carolyn it was a honor and privilege to be a friend of yours. I know that God brings people into your life for reasons, season or life time. I'm happy to say, you was a life time friend. I'm going to truly miss talking with you and going to look at new model homes on Sunday after church. In 2 Timothy 4-7 I have fought a good fight, and I have finished the race. My friend rest in peace. 🕊️🕊️

Peggy Daniels - July 21, 2022 at 10:56 AM

MJ

“ Very sad to hear about the death of my beloved cousin, Carolyn. I did not get a chance to say "goodbye".

She was a very kind and compassionate cousin as a child and adult. I have good memories of our childhood as we socialized with our peers in public--she helped me to get over my childhood shyness. Also, as adults, we visited Jamaica and the Grand Cayman Islands, along with other family. She attended every family reunion in the south until she became ill.

REST ON IN HEAVEN, CAROLYN! SEE YOU LATER.

Cousin Margaret C. Ingram Jones

Margaret C. Ingram Jones - July 20, 2022 at 10:59 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 - July 20, 2022 at 05:27 PM