



Rev. Dr. Carolyn Jean McClendon

June 6, 1953 - July 1, 2022

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Jean McClendon, age 69, peacefully entered into the Presence of Her Savior, Friday July 1 at Transitions Life Care Center in Raleigh, North Carolina, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born June 6 to Denman and Pansy McClendon of Mt. Hermon, LA, Carolyn attended Mt. Hermon High, Southeastern La University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where she received her Doctorate in Education.

Carolyn leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Pansy Bateman McClendon of Mt. Hermon, La; her twin sister, Marilyn McClendon of Westbrook, ME and a host of extended family and friends across the nation.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her dad, Denman McClendon, and younger sister, Kathryn McClendon Smith, as well as grandparents, extended family and special friends.

Carolyn's early commitment to Christ was the heartbeat of her life. She not only spoke about Jesus but was passionate to "love as Jesus loved" with those she met /touched in those moments.

She was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 2005 by Millbrook Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC.

Some of the many opportunities where Carolyn's love for Jesus was lived out

included serving as a missionary at the Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans, LA, with the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board); Catholic Charities, Aids Alliance, Welcome House, Jobs for Life, fostering 40 infants, Millbrook Baptist Church, and so many other areas of “loving people” like Jesus, across denominational, demographics, cultural and life choices.

Carolyn set the example of what it was like to love people as they were, created by the Father, by “enlisting volunteers” to serve with her in various areas of need - from her church families and/or students from her classes while on the faculty of New Orleans Seminary, Southeastern Seminary and Campbell Divinity School. It was not uncommon for her to challenge those in the “comfort” of Jesus, with the question “what would Jesus do?” and then reply “you can’t do it all, so do what you can”.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday, July 10 at Millbrook Baptist Church at 2:00 pm. Family will receive guests from 12-1:30 pm followed by the 2 pm Celebration. Reception will follow.

Link for live stream service:

<https://youtu.be/ezGINU01vJw>

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to any of the following:

Transitions LifeCare, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607 or online at www.transitionslifecare.org/donate.

OR

Millbrook Baptist Church, 1519 E Millbrook Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609 - Labrynth /Memorial Gardens

OR

Baptist Churches of New England Foundation Collegiate Ministry

87 Lincoln Street

Northborough, MA 01532

<https://bit.ly/McClendonMemorial>

Family and friends may join a Celebration of Life service for Carolyn in Louisiana at the Crain Funeral Home, Inc., 1109 Bene St, Franklinton, LA 70438, Saturday, July 16 @ 2:00 pm. Family will receive friend's @ 12-1:30 pm.

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ So sorry to hear about Carolyn’s passing She was such a great girl Just found out about it today I’ve been away from Mt Hermon and La so long now Wish comfort for Pansy and Marilyn and all of Carolyn’s friends Your cousin Larry Morris

Larry Morris - September 10, 2022 at 10:08 AM

LB

“ Sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Ms Pansy, Marilyn and the rest of the family.

Lorraine Roberts Brazil-Hall - July 16, 2022 at 06:24 PM

CC

“ Carolyn came from New Orleans to The Washington Correctional Center each week to work with me, her cousin, Chaplain Gary E. Penton. She helped prisoners to read and taught selected prisoners to teach other prisoners to read. Some of her reading students finished their sentence and became key leaders in their home Churches in New Orleans.

Chaplain Gary E. Penton, Cousin - July 13, 2022 at 10:47 AM

MD

“ Ms. Pansy, Rick & I send our deepest sympathy. Marilyn & Carolyn both had a heart of service to others. I know you are so proud of the women they have become. Praying for all of you! ❤️🙏

Myra & Rick Diggs - July 12, 2022 at 09:41 PM

CS

“ Thoughts and prayers for Ms Pansy and Marilyn during your time of loss.

Calvin Simmons - July 07, 2022 at 11:15 AM

LS

“ Marilyn and Ms. Panzy. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Carolyn fondly from whe I was Mr. Denman's hospice nurse. You are all in my thoughts and prayers for your comfort and peace. I am sure the face of heaven shines brighter with her presence there. God bless you.

Linda Stringfield - July 06, 2022 at 12:07 PM

TM

“ We can only imagine the many lives that Carolyn touched in the many years of her service to God.
May God give His sweet comfort, peace, and strength to those who knew and loved her so much. Please hang on to the good memories.
We are sure Carolyn is enjoying time in heaven with those that went there before her.
Love in Christ,
Ronnie & Terry Moak
Mt. Hermon, La.

Terry & Ronnie Moak - July 05, 2022 at 06:28 PM

NR

“ Marilyn, Thinking and praying for you and your mother at this time.
Norma Jean Rogers

Norma Jean Rogers - July 05, 2022 at 04:19 PM