



Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier

October 24, 1940 - February 20, 2023

A gracious, loving, and caring woman in body and spirit heard God whisper to her ever so softly, "Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant" Monday, February 20, 2023.

Carrie Austin Collier was born in Jackson, Mississippi on October 24, 1940 to the late Steve Austin and the late Dora Williams Austin. She was a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for more than fifty years.

As a young child, Carrie accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and embraced Baptist faith in Jackson, Mississippi. She believed in God and lived life based on Christian principles. Carrie enjoyed reading her Bible and inspirational books. She was always ready to tell others about God's goodness and promises.

Carrie met, fell in love and was married to the love of her life Earsell Collier, Sr. Their marriage lasted sixty-three and a half years and was blessed by the birth of a daughter Winnell, a son, Earsell, Jr. and another daughter Angela. Their children were the recipients of strong loving parental support involvement. As parents, they always encouraged Winnell Earsell, Jr. and Angela to do their best, regardless of the task.

Carrie was consistent in thanking God for the blessings He bestowed, including skills and the ability to be an excellent worker. She was professional educator whose teaching career spanned throughout various counties in Mississippi. But, according to Carrie, her greatest legacy as an educator, was to create Faith and Hope Learning Center. She truly stepped out in Faith!

Yes, it took faith to leave a school district and embark on becoming self-employed. Carrie possessed a burning desire to provide preschoolers with a sound foundation in reading, math and writing. HOPE gave her the motivation to achieve a vast number of goals. She impacted the lives of many children and their parents. Most of the students taught at Faith and Hope Learning Center have careers and are residing in every corner of this beautiful world.

She felt so blessed to serve GREAT STUDENTS, parents, grand and great-grandparents and yes, dedicated employees. Carrie overwhelmingly gave ALL the praise, glory and honor to GOD!!

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day to day. - 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)

When the doctor's prognosis was bleak, she didn't become perturbed. She knew God was going to bless her with eternal life with Him in Heaven.

As Carrie's time on earth was drawing to a close, she found comfort in the lyrics of "My Soul is Anchored in the Lord." It is Well with My Soul" and "Take Me to the King." Her prayer was, "Dear Lord, I am in awe of the human spirit that grows stronger and more beautiful with life's challenges." ~Sabra Ciancanelli Walking in Grace - page 53

She found consolation in reading her favorite Bible verse. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that

where I am, there ye may be also. ~ John 14:3

Precious memories will be cherished forever by her loving and devoted husband Earsell Colliers, Sr, her loving and caring son Earsell Collier, Jr; her loving and caring daughters, Winnell (Earl) Lovette and Angela Collier; her grandchildren Mitchell Dawson, Carrie Dawson and Hassen Dorsey; her great-grandchildren Maliah Dawson, Macie Dawson and Carson Wilson; her stepsisters and step brothers; cousins, in-laws and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Family Hour

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - February 23, 2023 at 01:13 PM

TH

“ *May you find peace and comfort in knowing Mrs. Collier was an amazing women who touched so many lives. She will be missed by so many. Sending love and prayers your way now and always.*

Mrs Lela Fairley, Derrick Fairley, Tanya Hill and Family

Tanya Hill - February 26, 2023 at 07:00 PM

DM

“ *Condolences and Prayers for Family 🙏🙏
Don & Shinny Moore / Free Spirit RV Club(Jesse Austin)*

Don & Shinny Moore - February 26, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier.*



February 24, 2023 at 01:47 PM

TW

“ Terri Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Carrie Collier



Terri D Williams - February 24, 2023 at 01:13 PM

WJ

My wife Deborah and I first met Mrs. Collier through our Church, St. Mark UMC. We soon realized that we would practically become neighbors. Our Love and Respect for the Collier family ha lasted over 20 years. We were saddened to learn of Carrie’s passing. Our sincere condolences to the family. We pray that God’s Grace will continue to bless you and keep you strong.

Wilbur & Deborah Jordan - March 02, 2023 at 08:05 PM

TJ

“ *With my deepest sympathy to the Collier family. Mrs. Collier was a beautiful woman inside and out. I shall always treasure the wisdom and knowledge that she would bestow in or random talks. She was one of my favorite and most faithful clients. Long Live Mrs. C and Blessing and the joy of the Lord for your strength during this time. From; Gulfport, Ms
Tamika Smith James*

Tamika Smith James - February 24, 2023 at 09:41 AM

CF

“ *Carrie Whitfield and your Detroit Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier.*



Carrie Whitfield and your Detroit Family - February 23, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier.*



February 23, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *The Haskin/Pore family send our deepest condolences to each of you in loss of your mother Mrs Carrie Collier. We are praying for you all during this time. May God's love and peace be with you now and in the days ahead.*

*Love & Blessings,
Barbara Haskin-Pore & Family*

Barbara Haskin-Pore - February 22, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier.*



February 22, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier.*



February 22, 2023 at 12:38 PM

ET

“ Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier



Evelyn Tillis - February 22, 2023 at 12:14 PM

OC

“ Ocie Chatman lit a candle in memory of Carrie Collier



Ocie Chatman - February 21, 2023 at 07:28 PM