



Carolyn Beemer

May 22, 1927 - October 31, 2014

Carolyn Foard Wentz Beemer went to be with her Lord on October 31, 2014. She was at home surrounded by her children.

Carolyn was born in Indian Trail, NC in 1927 – the youngest of 8 children. All her siblings have predeceased her. Her father, Daniel Webster Wentz, was a cotton sharecropper and her mother, Ola Lougene Foard Wentz was a faithful wife, mother and servant in her church. They were poor financially, but rich in faith. Carolyn's favorite foods always included sweet potatoes, cornbread and milk, collard greens...and peanut butter! A true farm girl from the era of the Great Depression, who was picking cotton at the age of six.

She married Harold Ambrose Beemer in 1947, after a very short courtship. They were both committed to preaching and sharing the Gospel and traveled far and wide holding old-timey revival meetings. Both were talented musicians and singers, so music was a big part of their ministry. Some of that same music will be a big part of the Celebration of her life on Monday, Nov. 3.

Visitation will begin at 1pm at Abundant Life Church, 630 Farris Bridge Rd., Greenville, SC. The Celebration Service will begin at 2:30pm.

Their "gypsy" days ended when their first child was born in 1951- a daughter, Jeanne Elizabeth. Rev. and Mrs. Beemer settled in the Great Smoky Mountains, and pastored a church in Johnson City, TN.

Later moves took them to Anniston, AL, where Richard Alan was born in 1954.

While pastoring a church in Hagerstown, MD, two more children were born –

Sandra Gale, in 1958 and Kenneth Dale in 1960.

Carolyn Joyce was born in 1963 after a move from Maryland to Wilmington, DE.

Kimberly Ann completed the family in 1966, born in Minneapolis, MN.

After a few years in Muncie, Indiana, the Beemers moved to Greenville, SC in 1971, where the family has resided for 43 years.

Carolyn's precious sweetheart and husband, Harold, passed away suddenly in 1989. They had been married 42 years. In her last days, she held a picture of the two of them on her bed where she could see it at all times.

Carolyn has no surviving siblings, but the nieces, nephews, and their families are almost too numerous to count.

Carolyn's Children:

Jeanne Elizabeth Kolenda, married to Leon and lives in Myrtle Beach, SC

Richard Alan Beemer, Sr., married to Caroline, and resides in North Carolina

Sandra Gale Haney, widow of Russell Haney, lives in Greenville, SC

Kenneth Dale Beemer, married to Missy, lives in Travelers Rest, SC

Carolyn Joyce Neal, married to Thomas (Cal) Neal, lives in Greenville, SC

Kimberly Ann Myers, lives in Greenville, SC

Carolyn's grandchildren number 14, and they're scattered from Hawaii to Texas to Michigan, but most are residents of South Carolina.

Carolyn has been a member of Abundant Life Church in Greenville for many years, and going to church to see her church family and her Pastor, Johnny Baker, was the highlight of her week!

Her favorite activity was praying for people. It wasn't an afterthought – it was her life!

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Abundant Life
630 Farris Bridge Rd.
Greenville, SC

Church Service

NOV 3. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Greenville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Well it's only been five days and I miss your sweet smile and tender voice. I've kept my devotional time regularly now that this family has lost its' greatest intercessor. I did a lot before but I know that we can't drop our guard. I've been so relieved for you that your suffering is over that I haven't really cried I've just been busy and tried to be strong for our family. I finally found the tears that I've held back for these last days. You'd be proud of the way that your family has pulled together Mother. I told you just before you left to go on and don't look back because we are all ok. I'll do my best to take care of the others Mother. We'll be together again and there will be no more goodbyes. Tell Dad I miss him. I know you can't read this, Mother, but I needed to write it. Kenny*

Kenny Beemer - November 05, 2014 at 07:48 AM

TN

“ *Travis & Karyn Cripps, Ben & Nicole Cripps, Ed & Jan Newman purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Carolyn Beemer.*



Travis & Karyn Cripps, Ben & Nicole Cripps, Ed & Jan Newman - November 03, 2014 at 09:36 AM

JK

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Jeanne Kolenda - November 02, 2014 at 11:38 PM

JF

“ Alan, Dan and I sent our deepest condolences and prayers for God's comfort for you and your family. Dan and Joan Faigle



J Faigle - November 02, 2014 at 03:05 PM



“ Kenny I am very sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. Just think how she praised God when she crossed over into Heaven. Makes you want to shout. Your family is in our prayers.

Rex & Geraldine Lance & Jayden Ellenburg - November 01, 2014 at 04:54 PM

CB

*Dear Beemer Family, I probably met each of you when I first married Charles but am not sure. I remember Harold and Carolyn though and your mother and I had the same initials of CWB (mine being for Webb). Carolyn was so welcoming and had such a beautiful smile. She has a large group awaiting her in Heaven. May God comfort you all with the knowledge that Carolyn is at rest with Jesus and her family.
Carol Beemer*

Carol Beemer - November 02, 2014 at 11:57 PM