



## Carolyn Merrill McKinney Bowers

October 11, 1946 - March 7, 2022

Carolyn Merrill McKinney Bowers, 75, devoted wife to Paul Mahon Bowers, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, March 7, 2022, at her home while surrounded by her loving family.

Carolyn was the beloved only child of the late Palmer Alton and Margaret Merrill McKinney. After graduating from North Greenville University and Furman University, she taught for 30 years in elementary education, with her longest tenure at Ebenezer Elementary School.

Carolyn's love for children was the basis for her teaching career as well as her community involvement, which included fundraising for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and serving on various Parent Teacher Association boards. She was also a Cub Scout Leader and "Den Mother".

Carolyn, or Nana, as her grandchildren lovingly called her, delighted in spending time with her family. From backyard picnics to lake trips, she treasured family moments and always found ways to make them special. She attended each grandchild's activity with much joy and pride.

Her memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of her husband of 54 years, Paul Bowers; her son and daughter-in-law, Matthew Mahon and Leslie Hook Bowers; grandson, Chase Mahon Bowers and his fiancé Jordan Hamon; and two granddaughters, Delaney Rae Bowers and Addyson Merrill Bowers, all of Travelers Rest.

A graveside service to celebrate Carolyn's life will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Locust Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 510 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Locust Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

5534 Locust Hill Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ She was a wonderful teacher she changed so many children's life including my life it make a different to know a teacher cleared ebbernzerelem was the best teacher ther

Teresastewart - March 10, 2022 at 11:15 AM

JP

“ Carolyn & I graduated from Travelers Rest High in 1965. She was such a sweet girl. Did not see her again until about 20 years ago. She had not changed at all. From her obituary sounds like she had a life well lived.  
My Prayers & Condolences to her family.  
Janice Clark Powel

janice c powell - March 09, 2022 at 03:19 PM

JT

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Carolyn. She was a classmate in the TR class of 1965. She was a sweet teenager, very intelligent, and I cannot remember her ever being mad or upset with anyone. Prayers to the family and my sincere condolences.

Jerry R. Timmons - March 08, 2022 at 04:03 PM

CL

“ Don and I are so sorry to learn of the passing of Carolyn. She was such a sweet person and always very pleasant. We will be remembering you, Paul, and Matt and the family.



Carolyn and Don Lancaster - March 08, 2022 at 10:37 AM

GB

“ *Gaynell And Nathan Bayne lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Merrill McKinney Bowers*



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**Gaynell and Nathan Bayne** - March 08, 2022 at 09:57 AM

WF

“ *with love the Biehl family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carolyn Merrill McKinney Bowers.*



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**with love the Biehl family** - March 08, 2022 at 08:53 AM

JF

“ *Paul, Matt and family,  
I am sad to hear of Carolyn's passing. I have pleasant memories of our high school days and North Greenville, too. You are in my prayers.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Joyce Spencer Fisher  
Lyman, SC*

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**Joyce Fisher** - March 08, 2022 at 08:04 AM

SM

“ *So sorry to hear about Carolyn. She was a dear friend.*

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**Susan Mitchell** - March 07, 2022 at 11:47 PM

TM

“ Dear Paul, Matthew, Grandchildren and all Family and Friends, we are praying for you all. Carolyn touched so many lives. She was my cousin as well as my 1st Grade School Teacher at Ebenezer Elementary School where my mother taught 4th grade. I was very sick with earaches and sore throats. Carolyn emphathized with me. There are not enough words to express how much She is loved.

*She is no longer suffering but is with Jesus, walking on Streets of Gold, and in a New, Perfect body and perfect mind. Carolyn always had such a warm smile and loved everyone. She was always concerned with other people. She was an exemplary wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, niece, cousin, friend, and a wonderful Christian Lady.*

*There are not enough words to convey how much I loved Carolyn. She always had a positive outlook on life. She enjoyed going to church, to family events, and other aspects of fellowship in her life.*

*Carolyn was a very giving and living individual. I am so thankful to have had her in my life. May God provide your each and every need including grace, peace, comfort, love and discernment.*

*I cherish all if the memories and times spent with her. I met Carolyn in fall of 1973 as my 1st grade Teacher. We quickly became friends. She enjoyed teaching and made School something children wanted to attend. She cared.*

*Carolyn was a delight to spend time with just talking and sharing. She was such a gracious Southern Christian Lady.*

*If there is someone, either a Friend or Family Member, who is not saved, may this be the time that someone will repent of their sins and accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Remember the special times shared with Carolyn. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Tonya Sabrina Mitchell and Brian Lee Pace  
(Daughter of the Late Rev. George J. Mitchell and Ruth Ellen Bates Mitchell)*

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**Tonya Mitchell** - March 07, 2022 at 08:12 PM

BN

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. I know she loved her family dearly; may the love you shared live on forever in your hearts. I hope that fond memories of your many happy times together will bring you comfort in the days ahead.*  
*In sympathy,*  
*Bev Garrett Nivens*

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**Bev Nivens** - March 07, 2022 at 07:50 PM

JJ

“ *Please just know that you all have my sincere sympathy at this time and in the days that lie ahead. Carolyn loved her family and will be missed by them, but what a meeting in Heaven as she is reunited with loved one's and healed of the terrible disease of cancer....*  
*Philippians 1:21 (will be unable to attend grave side funeral)*

*Joann Spencer Jones*

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**Joann Jones** - March 07, 2022 at 04:18 PM