



Carolyn Kyker Helms

November 21, 1927 - December 10, 2020

Carolyn Kyker Helms, age 93, passed away on December 10, 2020. The daughter of Joseph S. Kyker and Walton Pennell Kyker, she was born on November 21, 1927 in Newport, TN. She graduated from Cocke County High School and attended Shorter College before marrying Charles Kickliter of Sarasota, Florida in 1948. The couple raised their three children - Judy, Phil and David – in Newport where Carolyn taught music lessons and was a member of the band boosters while her children were in marching band. She was involved with her community through her efforts with the Newport Garden Club and the Kiwanis Club of Newport. Carolyn worked as a social worker with the welfare department before returning to Carson Newman to earn her degree in music. Carolyn and her second husband, Creel Helms, lived in Marietta, GA where she was the director of social services for Kennestone Hospital for over 20 years. Together they adopted two children, Melissa and Chris. During her time in Marietta, Carolyn joined the First Baptist Church of Marietta and involved herself with the music department while serving as a faithful band booster and encouraging her children's involvement in all things musical. After her retirement, Carolyn came home to Newport to be closer to family. She returned to Newport First Baptist Church where she had been raised and began to volunteer with the Newport Theater Guild. Carolyn was selected as a member of the Knoxville Choral Society where she sang for several seasons, and she was a member of the DAR. As a returning active member of Kiwanis, she was instrumental in implementing the "Dial a Story"

program and the car seat program, and she played piano faithfully at each meeting. Carolyn also enjoyed spreading holiday cheer as Ms. Claus, a role she played for many years in the Newport Christmas Parade. Carolyn leaves behind her children: Judy (Kennie) Bowling, Phil (Becky) Kickliter, David (Libby) Kickliter, Melissa (Bryan) Berretta, and Chris (Kathi) Helms; grandchildren Justin (Kristin) Kickliter, Brett (Leigh Anne) Kickliter, Matthew (Casey) Kickliter, Bryn Berretta, and Cara Berretta; and thirteen great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the First Baptist Church of Newport Building Fund.

Graveside Service was held Sunday, December 13, 2020 in Union Cemetery and the burial followed. Family and friends may sign guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Kyker Helms*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Carolyn was a resident at my job i knew until she moved. We would sing and watch Christmas carols. Her daughter, Judy, gave me a set of flowers from her room when she moved and I still have them in my house and will never get rid of them. Rest in Peace beautiful woman. I will never forget the impact you made on my life.*

Skye - July 30, 2021 at 12:25 AM



“ *I did not know Grandmother for long, but my father shared fond memories with me! I miss you! Rip Grandmother with Grangran (Grandfather), RIP
Love, Reese*

Reesie - March 29, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *I did not know my grandmother for long, but my father tells me about his fond memories with this wonderful old woman. RIP Grandmother, RIP
Love, Reese*



Reesie - March 29, 2021 at 12:22 PM

SE

“ Carolyn was a beautiful lady inside and out. Prayers for the family and all that were blessed to know her..

Sheila Evans - December 19, 2020 at 07:13 PM

FJ

“ Mrs. Helms was truly a lovely lady. I think she always sat at the same table at Kiwanis as Paul and his friends. Then she played the piano while Paul led the group in singing. Praying for your family. Sorry about killing your pet crow. Freddy and Beth James

Freddy James - December 19, 2020 at 06:57 PM

BC

“ Our sincerest and deepest sympathy to all the family. Bettye & Carl J. Carver, Jr.

Bettye S Carver - December 17, 2020 at 04:09 PM

EM

“ Sorry for the family's loss I have a lot of fond memories of Carolyn growing up in First Baptist Church & in the band

Elizabeth McNabb - December 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM

DH

“ David and all the Kickliter family-sympathy and prayers for you all in the loss of this beautiful lady. May God grant you peace and strength during your time of bereavement.

Debbie Hommel - December 16, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ *She sure was an amazing lady! Plus raised excellent children. So sorry for your loss. 😊😊*



Sue Adams - December 16, 2020 at 01:42 PM

SU

“ *David and family,*

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for each of you.

Janice Bryant

Susan - December 16, 2020 at 10:24 AM

JF

“ *Judy, Phil and David,*

So sorry for the loss of your dear Mother. She raised some great children, so she had to be a great Mother. No matter their age, it is still hard to lose them.

Jill Gorrell Foster

Jill Foster - December 15, 2020 at 07:36 PM

LD

“ *What a beautiful lady! Sincere condolences to all her family and loved ones. Prayers for peace and comfort as you say goodbye to your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.*



Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Linda & Bud Dawson & Family*

Linda Dawson - December 15, 2020 at 12:21 PM

 Vicky
Turner

“ *So very sorry for your loss. What a sweet lady she was, and what an amazing Angel she will be. Prayers for the family for peace and comfort.*

Vicky Turner - December 15, 2020 at 12:17 PM

BE

“ *Sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*



Ben Hicks

Ben - December 15, 2020 at 10:20 AM

RH

“ *She was always so nice to me. Prayers for David and the rest of the family.*

Rick Hooper - December 15, 2020 at 10:03 AM

SU

“ *David and family,*

I was so saddened to hear of Carolyn's passing, she was such a wonderful person and loved by many. I always enjoyed our visits. I thank God for letting us have her for a little while. My prayers are with your family.



Susan and Riley Ball

Susan - December 15, 2020 at 09:48 AM

VB

“ *Our friendship extends many years with Carolyn-dating back to Larry sharing office space with her at the Department of Public Welfare. We love this family and send our deepest sympathy!*
Larry and Vickie

Vickie and Larry Butler - December 15, 2020 at 08:31 AM

EP

“ *Grace and Strength to ALL the Kickliter family. So sorry for your loss and you will be in my prayers*

Edith Parks - December 14, 2020 at 10:38 PM

KH

“ Carolyn was one of the sweetest people I have been blessed to know, and she was a dear friend. I loved her stories, her cheerful disposition, and how much she loved her family. I have thought of her often, and her little sayings. She was definitely proud of all her children and grandchildren. I loved Carolyn and I cherish the memories made with her during Kiwanis and at lunch at Tucker's Cafe. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this time.

Kathy Barnes Hemsworth - December 14, 2020 at 07:23 PM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a great lady.
LuAnn Carrell

LUANN CARRELL - December 14, 2020 at 06:18 PM

TF

“ Dear David, Judy, Phil and family,
We are deeply saddened in learning of your mother's passing. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.
The Allison family, Stanley, Violet, Sharon and Jerri Lynn

The Allison Family - December 14, 2020 at 06:03 PM

SO

“ David so sorry to hear the passing of your mother. You and your family are in our prayers. Terry and Sherry Ottinger .



Sherry Ottinger - December 14, 2020 at 03:56 PM

GK

“ *David and family, Dot and I were so very sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. Prayers for the family in this time of loss.*



Gary and Dorothy Kyker - December 14, 2020 at 03:18 PM

GF

“ *Thoughts,prayers & hugs to the Kickliter family.
Ginni Walker Foust*

ginni walker foust - December 14, 2020 at 01:33 PM