



Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye

December 5, 1948 - January 19, 2026

Carolyn Maye went home to be with the Lord on January 19, 2026 at the age of 77. Born in Murfreesboro, NC, to Wiley McKinley Lassiter and Beatrice Vaughan Lassiter, she spent the majority of her life in Springfield, MA, before moving to Charlotte, NC, to be close to her family.

Carolyn was a woman of immense strength and kindness. From her early days working on the family farm to her career at Smith & Wesson and delivering hundreds of newspapers, she was always a diligent worker. Her greatest legacy, however, was her heart for children. In addition to her own children, Carolyn was a celebrated foster mother for three decades, caring for over 2,000 children and earning the title of Foster Parent of the Year. To the many children she raised and loved, she was affectionately known as "MeMa" and "Gram."

Carolyn was a God-fearing woman who loved the Lord. Her favorite song was "Jesus Loves Me," a message she shared with all the children in her care. She showed her love through her cooking, and her family will fondly remember her sweet potato pie and chicken pot pie. In her final years, she moved to Charlotte to live across the street from her family, allowing her to have access to her loved ones almost every day.

She is survived by her loving children: Edward (Gloria), Kim (Carl), Courtney,

Sheldon (Mai) and her bonus children Serena, Taye, and Kennisha. She leaves behind her sister and best friend, Patricia "Tish" (James), and her grandchildren: Trimaine, CJ, Micah, Athena, Noah, Alaya, Trinity, Anika, and a host of extended family and foster children.

She joins her parents and her brothers, Jerry, Paul, Leon, Bruce and Ecliffe, in eternal rest.

Cemetery Details

New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery

914 Benthall Bridge Raad
Murfreesboro, NC

Previous Events

Private Family Viewing

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Hertford County Undertakers
416 S Main St
Winton, NC 27986
(252) 358-3141

Public Viewing

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Haven Baptist Church
914 Benthall Bridge Road
Murfreesboro, NC

Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Haven Baptist Church
914 Benthall Bridge Rd
Murfreesboro, NC 27855

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.*



February 06 at 01:54 PM



“ *Richard H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.*

Richard H. - February 06 at 01:54 PM



“ *Jodi-Ann Lewis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.*



Jodi-Ann Lewis - January 30 at 11:47 AM



“ *Her neighbors- David & Teresa Crow purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.*



Her neighbors- David & Teresa Crow - January 27 at 06:50 PM

SK

“ Stephen Kuhn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.

Stephen Kuhn - January 26 at 02:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.



January 26 at 02:05 PM

AP

“ Aggie, Endri, Ifeanyi and Pauline purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.



Aggie, Endri, Ifeanyi and Pauline - January 26 at 09:48 AM

AD

“ *My Dear Aunt Carolyn she made my childhood have so many wonderful memories. Coming home, always with gifts and taking us out to eat, and taking us back to spend the summer with her and Uncle James. Words can't even express what I feel, She was there for us when Mom passed away. I will always be grateful for everything she done! RIP Auntie!*



April Davis - January 26 at 09:42 AM

TL

“ *Trinette Lassiter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.*

Trinette Lassiter - January 24 at 09:45 PM

TL

“ *Trinette Lassiter purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.*



Trinette Lassiter - January 24 at 09:45 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Blanding lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye*



Michelle Blanding - January 24 at 10:58 AM

MB

Your light will continue to shine in my heart. Forever remembered, Forever loved

Michelle Blanding - January 24 at 11:01 AM

TF

“ *The Graves Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.*

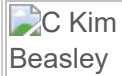
The Graves Family - January 22 at 10:35 PM

TF

“ *The Graves Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn Diane Lassiter Maye.*



The Graves Family - January 22 at 10:35 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



C Kim Beasley - January 22 at 09:42 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Sheldon Maye - January 22 at 07:41 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Hertford County Undertakers - January 22 at 02:18 PM