



Mrs. Carol Locks

February 23, 1950 - October 20, 2023

Mrs. Carol Ann Freeman Locks was born on February 23, 1950, in Pontiac, Michigan to Mr. Fred and Mrs. Dorothy Maynard Freeman

She accepted Christ as her savior at St. John's United Methodist Church in 1955. There she grew to know the Lord and participated in youth choir, the Methodist youth fellowship, and a host of church sponsored activities. During her time in high school, she participated in multiple school and community activities that taught etiquette. She also spoke French fluently and was a phenomenal whiz in mathematics. She graduated from Pontiac Central High School in 1968.

After high school, she attended Eastern Michigan University for two years. She then transferred to Oakland Community College for one year. She would later complete her undergraduate degree in Math Education at Pembroke State University (now University of North Carolina at Pembroke) in 1984.

In 1971, while attending the graduation of a childhood friend at Wiley College (Now Wiley University), Mrs. Locks would reunite with the love of her life for good, in the person of Rev. Sidney A. Locks, Jr. On June 2, 1973, Rev. Sidney Locks would marry Ms. Carol Ann Freeman in a beautiful ceremony at St. John United Methodist Church, in Pontiac, Michigan.

In January 1975, Rev. Sidney and Mrs. Carol would move to Lumberton, North Carolina. Rev. Locks was installed as senior pastor of Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church. In their stint in Lumberton, Mrs. Carol used her administrative gifts to support Baptist and Methodist churches in the Robeson County area. She would also work as a teacher's assistant at South Lumberton Elementary School (now known as W.H. Knuckles Elementary School) and Rowland Middle School in Rowland, North Carolina. Upon receiving her degree from Pembroke State University, she became a full-time teacher at Lumberton Junior High School (LJHS). She would remain a full-time teacher for state of North Carolina for the next twenty-nine years. Also in Laurinburg, NC she would pledge and become a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC.

In December 1988, Mrs. Carol and family would move to Greenville, North Carolina. Rev. Sidney Locks would be ordained as the Pastor of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. As the First Lady of Cornerstone, Mrs. Carol served in many ministries to include: the Board of Deaconess; advisor for Teen Voices of Victory; advisor for the CMBC YOUTH STEP TEAM; advisor for the CMBC Black History quiz bowl team; she sung faithfully in the S.A. Locks Mass choir and The Voices of Cornerstone Choir. She pursued many philanthropic endeavors to provide community support to those in need. A member of the Greenville/ Pitt County Area section of the National Council of Negro Women, INC. She served as full time teacher at A.G Cox Middle School for over twenty years. On March 15, 1995, along with her beloved husband, opened a North Carolina License Plate Agency which has served the city of Greenville and surrounding areas for twenty-eight years. She and her son James have expanded to a second location offering continued excellence to Pitt County and surrounding areas. She has been affectionately labeled a "community mom" and "favorite teacher" by many due to the indelible impact she had on the young lives she touched.

There are few things we all should remember and cherish about Mrs. Carol:

1. She was the Life of the Party.
2. She loved a good line dance.
3. She was a movie aficionado.
4. She was an experienced “Card Shark.”
5. She was a friend to the friendless.
6. She was a genuine light in any room.
7. She loved her family fiercely.
8. She loved the LORD!

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mr. Fred and Mrs. Dorothy Mae Freeman and the love of her life for 50 years, Rev. Sidney A. Locks, Jr. Along with many cherished family members and friends experienced throughout a life well lived.

Mrs. Carol is survived by her one and only sister, Ms. Shelia Kay Freeman of Grand Rapids, MI; two sisters-in-love, Rev. Charlotte M. Locks and Mrs. Martha Levine of Opelousas, LA; her four children, Sidney “Eddie” A.E. (Tamisha), Frederick “FA-FA”, D.M. Odetta “ItaBeata” L. Brown (Steven), and James “Jamie Doobie” W.A; her six grandchildren, Cade Alexander, Sidney Gabriel, Sydney Joy; Sophya Julianna, Tyra Renee, and Aaron Jamal; three great-grands, Khelanh Devauntey, Kaliyah Marie, Ky-Lynn Unique; three nephews, Kamani Osei Freeman Jones (Samantha), Albert John Keith Baptiste (Karen), Enrick Levine, Jr (Ronderica).

Mrs. Carol, who was loved by so many and loyal beyond the call of duty was a special friend and confidant to childhood and college friends. Mrs. Carol leaves to treasure her memory, several special nieces and nephews, Deana Lacy Mcquitty (Carl), Cleopatrice Lacy Robinson (Deon), Patrice Lacy Smith

(Jeremy), Patrick Benjamin Willis Lacy (Jamondi); several great nephews, Darius Robinson, Derron Mcquitty, Jackson Smith; and a special great niece, Camille Mcquitty.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
1095 Allen Road
Greenville, NC

Celebration of Life Service

OCT 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - October 28, 2023 at 05:35 PM

EB

“ *May the wonderful memories of your loved one sustain you in the days ahead.*



E. Ramona Brown - November 01, 2023 at 08:30 PM

LD

“ *Lois Dupree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks*



Lois Dupree - October 31, 2023 at 06:11 PM

RJ

“ *Rhonda Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks*



Rhonda Jordan - October 30, 2023 at 08:41 PM

BT

“ *Byron Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks*



Byron Tyson - October 28, 2023 at 11:13 AM

HR

“ *Helen Randolph lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks*



Helen Randolph - October 28, 2023 at 09:50 AM

AS

“ *Mrs. Locks had a light that would always shine, a quiet spirit with a humble heart which made a difference. She was always the same and a sweetheart. My fondest memories was her singing in the S.A. Locks Mass Choir, she always rocked the house when she lead “An On Time God”!*



Alisha Savage - October 27, 2023 at 07:29 PM

LE

I really admired sister Carol for her simplicity, smile, and caring. I loved to hear her sing “He is an on time God.” She was a devoted wife and mother. Rest in peace in the arms of a loving God and Saviour.

LES - October 27, 2023 at 08:42 PM

JJ

“ *Joyce Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks*



joyce jones - October 27, 2023 at 07:28 PM

PB

“ *Pastor Dr. Michael & Lady Wendy Bridgers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks*



Pastor Dr. Michael & Lady Wendy Bridgers - October 27, 2023 at 07:27 PM

WB

“ *WALTER BOLDEN lit a candle in memory of Carol Locks*



WALTER BOLDEN - October 27, 2023 at 12:50 PM

LA

“ *Shurman and Lorraine Anderson*



Lorraine Anderson - October 27, 2023 at 11:48 AM

DW

“ Dianne Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Dianne Wilson - October 27, 2023 at 11:02 AM

EM

“ Elizabeth Moye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Elizabeth Moye - October 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM

VG

To the family of Carol Locks, I extend my heartfelt and deepest condolences to our former First Lady of CMBC and helpmate to our beloved Pastor S.A. Locks. Jr. Carol loved her family, math and seeding into young people. She was very private but had great discernment and style that was uniquely Carol. She seeded her faith in GOD into so many young people at CMBC through the Teen Voices choir and as a math teacher for PCS. Her voice and swag was all Carol and no one could sing like, He's an on time God" like her. Now her time has come to join her savior and truly get her heavenly and eternal rest ☠️! Compassionately, Sister in Christ & Soror Virginia C. Gaynor

Virginia C. Gaynor - October 28, 2023 at 08:41 AM

SP

“ *Sandra M Parks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks*



Sandra M Parks - October 26, 2023 at 09:07 PM

RM

“ *To the Locke's family. Ruffin and I extend our deepest condolences to you during this time. We have known your parents since their arrival to North Carolina. We loved them dearly. We love you family and pray for comfort during this time.*

Ruffin McNeill - October 26, 2023 at 08:52 PM

DC

“ *Our Dear 1st Lady Locks, You were indeed a great wife, helpmate, Mother, ,Friend and Soror. Your quiet demeanor, but ever present smile and gentle kindness will be forever in our hearts. Prayers to all whose lives you have touched. We will love and cherish your warm and tender soul always.*



Dede Carney - October 26, 2023 at 11:48 AM

FP

“ *Frankie E. Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks*



Frankie E. Powell - October 25, 2023 at 09:00 PM

LF

“ Prayers of comfort and strength are extended to the family and those who knew and loved her. ❤️



LaVette Ford - October 25, 2023 at 08:59 PM

PF

“ Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family - October 25, 2023 at 08:26 PM

LP

“ Laverna Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Laverna Parker - October 25, 2023 at 05:47 PM

DF

“ David & Alpharadia Foreman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



David & Alpharadia Foreman - October 25, 2023 at 01:44 PM

CH

“ Clarence Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Clarence Hunter - October 24, 2023 at 09:55 PM

MD

“ My sincere heartfelt condolences to Eddie. Freddie ,Odette, James, and famlies. I've always known Sister Carol to have a sweet, sweet quiet spirit,....until she's handed the mike on the S.A.Lockes Mass Choir, as she soulfully rocks the church with " HE's an On Time GOD,... Yes HE is". Every one would be up on their feet bouncing and singing along. Sing on Sister Locks in that heavenly chior above. 🕊️ Mary Doiley



Mary Doiley - October 24, 2023 at 08:42 PM

MS

“ Michael Purvis Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Michael Purvis Sr. - October 24, 2023 at 10:14 AM

DC

“ Our condolences are with the Lock's family during this time of transition. Rest in Heaven, Mrs. Carol Locks 🙏

Derrell & Edwina Coston - October 24, 2023 at 10:10 AM

RK

“ To: Eddie, Freddie, Odetta, James, and Family: It is with heart felt sympathy I express my condolences for the passing of your mom, Carol. I met Carol when I joined Cornerstone M.B. Church in 1997. Carol was a quiet, humble person who despite being the Pastor's wife, never sought the spotlight. I admired her for that. When the occasions came, she was right by her husband's side supporting him in whatever he did. She had a shy smile and a fantastic singing voice which she loved doing in the Voices and SA Locks Mass Choirs. Children, sister, sisters-inlaws, grandkids, License Plate Agency, we will all miss Carol. Trust in Jesus he will give you grace, strength, and love during this most difficult time. You are in my prayers.

Rev. Joyce King - October 24, 2023 at 08:34 AM

BW

“ Ben Wooten- lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Ben Wooten- - October 24, 2023 at 04:39 AM

DP

“ May God bless comfort and keep the family during this difficult. Rest easy in Paradise Ms. Locks.



Donna Pierce - October 24, 2023 at 12:01 AM

GC

“ To the Locks Family and Loved ones... I extend my most heartfelt and most sincere condolences to you. I was so sorry to learn that 1st Lady Carol Locks had passed away. Your family is in my heart, thoughts and prayers. May God provide comfort, strength, peace, and loving memories to each of you. God bless you all. Gertha Crumpler

Gertha Crumpler - October 23, 2023 at 10:35 PM

GH

“ Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Gayle Hardy - October 23, 2023 at 09:16 PM

C-

“ Cleveland And Denise Rountree -Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Cleveland and Denise Rountree -Moore - October 23, 2023 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ To Odetta Locks-Brown, JW, Freddie and Sidney Locks, my mother and I are truly sorry to hear about the passing of First Lady Carol Locks. You are in our prayers. Sincere condolences and again, we are so, so sorry to hear about her passing. She will truly be missed.



Lillie and Jacquelyn McClaud

Jacquelyn McClaud - October 23, 2023 at 11:49 AM

JM

“ Jacquelyn McClaud lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



Jacquelyn McClaud - October 23, 2023 at 11:46 AM

CB

“ COURTNEY BENJAMIN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Locks



COURTNEY BENJAMIN - October 23, 2023 at 09:42 AM

CB

“ I am praying for the family at this difficult time. That God would give them a peace that surpasses all understanding. That he would provide you with supernatural strength for the journey ahead. If there is anything I can do just let me know. I am definitely here. Mrs. Locks was a beautiful person inside and out. And always made me laugh. I will cherish the sweet memories I have of her always. Peace and Blessings.

Minister Courtney Benjamin

COURTNEY BENJAMIN - October 23, 2023 at 09:42 AM

EH

“ My Condolences Are With The Family



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - October 22, 2023 at 05:06 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - October 21, 2023 at 09:53 AM

RT

Rev James Nelson and Sister Doris Tyson offer our sincere condolences to Locks family and we thank you for sharing your love down through the years.

Rev JN Tyson - October 22, 2023 at 01:03 AM

DT

Our sincere condolences and prayers are with the Locks family and May God give each of you the strength needed and know that Mrs. Locks is resting peacefully and joined together with Rev Locks. We are here for you James.

Doug and Dee Tyson

Dee and Doug Tyson - October 25, 2023 at 06:21 PM