



Carolyn Childress Dickerson

October 11, 1934 - August 15, 2020

Carolyn Elizabeth Childress Dickerson was born “on the kitchen table” in Dyersburg, Tn, to Fred and Maurine Childress on October 11, 1934. She went home to be with the Lord on August 15, 2020. Carolyn spent her years, as she liked to say, “twirling like a top”. Her ‘twirling’ was a life

lived in serving others as a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. In addition, she served as a Girl Scout leader and homeroom mother. Over the years she was actively involved in Georgian Hills United Methodist Church, Raleigh Assembly and First Assembly Memphis. In church, she served in many roles which included women’s ministry president, Sunday School teacher, phone captain for Alpha Omega, and as a part of the church hospital ministry. At Lutheran Village, where she lived, she was an active part of the sunshine committee and food committee and was a mainstay working on the front desk and greeted everyone with a smile. She also enjoyed taking her award winning homemade rolls to people who needed comforting or just to bless them. And if you ever got a batch of them, you were truly blessed. She is now enjoying a joyous celebration in heaven with her husband, Carl Dickerson, her baby sister Laura Dill; her parents, Fred and Maureen Childress; and her in-laws A.L. and Grace Dickerson. Her reunion in heaven also includes grandparents, aunts, and brothers and sisters in-law whom she always missed. Her example and legacy lives

on in the lives she touched and those who are now serving the Lord because of her influence. She lived out her faith in practical ways that made everyone she came in contact with feel loved and important.

Carolyn always wanted to know “what’s the game plan?”. The game plan for her remaining family members and friends is to take on her example of unconditional love and service in a way that honors and builds upon her legacy. Carolyn leaves behind three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; Carl Dickerson, Jr, of Orange Beach, Ala., Vivian Dickerson, and their children Stephen Dickerson and Michele Chasteen, and Kristen. Becky and Ed Neeley (her favorite son-inlaw) of Memphis, Tn, and their children Alex and Grace. Doug and Alicia Dickerson of Goose Creek, South Carolina, along with their children Katelyn and Tyler

Smidt and their children, Tyson, Gideon, and Annalise. Kara and Caleb Rogers and their

daughter Rani, and a sister, Colleen Newcomb, of Houston, Texas; precious friends Kim and Karley Knoth and her ever-devoted and faithful friend, Jim Tomlinson. Her love touched many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends. Hers was a life well lived. Her family wants to thank her caregivers Taiwana, Aundrea, Josephine, Shirley, and Billie for their tender loving care for her. The family will be forever grateful for everything you did to make her last days comfortable.

No family visit with her was ever complete without her sending everyone off with a prayer. In it she always prayed, "Lord, may they always remember how much I love them and how much you love them." Her family will always remember. The family will hold a celebration of life on her birthday weekend in October.

In lieu of flowers we have created the Carolyn Dickerson Memorial Literacy Project benefiting Memphis Children and Youth. Carolyn instilled a love of reading in her children and grandchildren. To honor her memory, books will be presented to children and youth to encourage a love of reading.

Checks can be made payable to:

Dickerson Literacy Initiatives

26439 Caribe Drive

Orange Beach Alabama 36561

Online contributions can be made at:

[PayPal.Me/Dickerson Literacy](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.paypal.com%2Fme%2FDickerson%20Literacy)

"A Fitting Farewell for Everyone"

Cemetery

Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Avenue

Memphis, TN, 38119

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“ Shirley Stinson purchased the Condolence Snacks for the family of Carolyn Dickerson.



Shirley Stinson - August 18, 2020 at 10:36 AM