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Memory

Carolyn Cecelia Cardwell

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JUNE 22, 2026

Faithful. Wise. Kind. Vivacious. Loved.

Honoring a Beautiful Life

Carolyn Cardwell passed away peacefully on June 22, 2026, in a manner that reflected the way she lived her life; on her own terms.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Instead, she hoped her life would be remembered not through a single gathering, but through the lives she touched and the values she cherished.

We honor Carolyn by embracing life's joys and challenges with grace, giving thanks to God, and remaining ever grateful for the gift of family, friendship, and each day we are given.

An educator by profession and by nature, Carolyn had a lifelong passion for sharing knowledge—not only in the classroom, but through the wisdom, encouragement, and life lessons she generously shared with others. Her faith in Christ was the foundation of her life, and she held a deep love for the church and its people.

Carolyn's greatest devotion was to those she loved. She treasured her parents, especially her beloved mother, late Reba Lee Cardwell, and shared a close bond with siblings: late Charles A. Cardwell, Jr (Joan) and late Donald Cardwell.

She was a proud and loving aunt to the late Charlita Cardwell, and Chareba Cardwell, and a devoted great-aunt to Brandon Buckhannon, Bailey Buckhannon, Channing Moore, and Sloane Moore. She also shared many happy years with her loving partner, late Gabriel Brown, and later with James Harris, both of whom brought companionship and joy to her life.

Those who knew Carolyn will remember her vivacious spirit, quiet strength, unwavering convictions, elegant style, sharp intellect, and adventurous, cosmopolitan nature. She had a remarkable ability to make an impression on others, and her kindness, confidence, and authenticity ensured that she left every place and every person better than she found them.

If you would like to honor Carolyn's memory, we invite you to do so in a way that reflects the life she lived and the causes she held dear:

- Volunteer your time at a local school or church.
- Make a donation to an organization supporting cancer research.
- Share your knowledge with someone who could benefit from your experience.
- Most of all, celebrate life with gratitude—offer a prayer, raise a toast, share a smile, and cherish the people you love.
- Use the good china. Burn the nice candles. Wear your fancy clothes, for every day is a special occasion. Don't wait for "someday" to celebrate the gift of today. Live fully, love generously, and embrace each day with the same joyful spirit Carolyn did.

Though Carolyn is no longer with us in body, her faith, wisdom, laughter, and love will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.