

Carolee
BIVINS FORD

Sunrise NOVEMBER 2, 1956 - *Sunset* NOVEMBER 26, 2024



Life Celebration Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

11:00 A.M.

WHEELER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
3826 Wheeler Avenue | Houston, Texas 77004

DR. MARCUS D. COSBY
Senior Pastor

REV. DR. ALEXANDER E.M. JOHNSON
Executive Pastor





Your life...

...was a blessing, your memory a treasure.

You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

THIS IS MY STORY...

Carolee Bivins Ford

CAROLEE BIVINS was born in Galveston, Texas on November 2, 1956, the fourth of six children to Harlee and Mildred Limbrick. Carolee attended school in Galveston before her family relocated to Houston, Texas. She continued her education in the Houston Independent School District, attending Carnegie Elementary School, Woodson Junior High, and graduating from Evan E. Worthing Senior High School in 1975. She attended Prairie View A&M University from 1975–1977, majoring in Education.

Carolee's Christian journey began at an early age, when she accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of her life at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and served as a junior usher. She would later become a member of Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. J. J. Robertson.

Carolee married her high school sweetheart, Brent Raynor, and they were blessed with two sons, Brian and Brenton Raynor. While her marriage to Brent would end, they maintained a good relationship, and she loved her sons deeply and unconditionally. Carolee began her career as a start-up technician for a chemical plant. Four years later, this working mother joined another new chemical refinery company, where she found professional success as a quality control laboratory analyst for 19 years.

At God's direction and a series of life events, a mutual friend reconnected Carolee to a man she had met 10 years earlier, Collice Ford, and they would marry on October 14, 2004. Carolee and Collice relocated to Dallas, Texas and lived there for four years. While in Dallas, Carolee had the opportunity to attend Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), and this experience brought depth and meaning to her understanding of God's Word. It also taught Carolee an awareness of self-

control to maintain balanced emotions. Her studies served as a reminder of scripture that calls one to be slow to anger and to love as Christ loves His people.

Carolee and Collice relocated back to Houston, where she was employed by another chemical corporation for 10 years. They joined Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in September 2012, under the leadership of Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, where she was an active member of the Courtesy Corps, Faith & Works Sunday School class, and faithfully supported the First Touch Ministry. Carolee made a point of inviting friends and family to join her at worship and Bible study.

After retirement, Carolee was a collaborating author of a book entitled, "Overcomers: Next Level Living," and in September 2024, she was inducted into the Women's International Association of Juliana King University. She also previously served as a member of the Worthing High School Class of 1975 reunion committee. Carolee had a great sense of humor, and she enjoyed water aerobics and fun social events. She loved her family, especially her sons, granddaughters and siblings—wanting to see them all thrive. The theme of Carolee's life was love!

Carolee is preceded in death by her parents, Harlee and Mildred Limbrick, and her sister, Denise Carmen. She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her husband of 20 years, Collice Ford; her two sons, Brian (Autumn) Raynor and Brenton Raynor; her beloved grandchildren, Laila and Mia Raynor; her siblings, William Carmen, She'ah Savage, Lionel Ray Carmen, and Maudestine Limbrick; her bonus children, Trennis (Katrina) Ford, Whitney Ford, and Yuseth Wicker Ford; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, colleagues, and brothers- and sisters-in-Christ.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Carolee Bivins Ford

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, *Officiating*

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN OF PRAISE.....Wheeler Avenue Music Ministry

READING OF THE HOLY WORD

Old Testament.....Rev. George London

New Testament.....Dr. Randy Holmes

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION.....Dr. Elliot W. Ford
St. Matthew Baptist Church, West Lake, LA

MUSIC OF CONSOLATION.....Minister Trennis Ford, *pianist*
Diamond Ugkebu, *soloist*

RESOLUTIONS.....Rev. Janelle Y. Pyles

SPECIAL GREETINGS.....Dr. Jackie T. Lewis
The Sanctuary of Grace, Cedar Hill, TX

REFLECTIONS *(please limit to three minutes)*

BRENTON RAYNOR | Son

GWEN MCGOWAN | Classmate

DR. JACQUELINE HORTON-COBBIN | VP, Juliana King University

COLLICE FORD | Husband

MUSIC OF COMFORT.....Wheeler Avenue Music Ministry

MESSAGE OF COMFORT.....Dr. Marcus D. Cosby

RECESSIONAL

Her children arise and call her blessed;...

her husband also, and he praises her... Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:28, 30

Loving Memories



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ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Paul Bettis Eric Martin
Chancellor Dickson Deacon Erwin McGowan
Nathan Gregory Lorenzo Williams
William Kempt Bryan Wilson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Brian Raynor Brenton Raynor
Lionel Carman Reggie Van Lee
Evan E. Worthing High School - Class 1975
Women's Int'l Assoc. of Juliana King University
WABC First Touch Ministry

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

The family wishes to acknowledge with sincere gratitude and deep appreciation the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended during these hours of bereavement. The cards of condolences, visits, calls, cards, food, and flowers will long be remembered. God bless each of you!

The Family of **CAROLEE BIVINS FORD**

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WHEELER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Christian Life Center | Fellowship Hall

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