

## Memories



## Pallbearers

Family and Friends

## Floral Bearers

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## We Shall Meet Again

On Thursday when God called my name, I knew I had to go. I wanted to call each of you to say that I loved you so. I had no time to think or to make a plan. My room lit up colorfully and then my flight began.

My Angel called me without a word, sound or a sign. I understood clearly the call was heavenly Divine. I lived my best life, as I was taught to live. I poured my heart out to you until there was nothing else to give.

My Son, I love you, stay strong and carry on. Embrace the family I left for you and you'll never be alone. I had to go; my name was called. Please be ready when He calls you one and All!

We Shall meet Again!

By: Laverne Dowdy

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Deborah Carlson Boone, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. A special thank you to our neighbors, the Palmers and the Rice Family.

## Repast

The Jewish Community Center  
306 Flora Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina

# A Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mrs. Deborah Carlson Boone



Thursday, February 20, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. William Allen Hill  
-Officiating-

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Obituary  
of  
Mrs. Deborah Carlson Boone

Mrs. Deborah Carlson Boone was born on May 27, 1957, to the late Walter F. and Bessie Johnson Carlson. She departed this life and took her earthly rest on Thursday, February 13, 2025. She was preceded in death, her husband, David E. Boone; and two brothers, Walter F. Carlson III, and Allan B. Carlson.

Deborah attended Guilford County Public Schools and graduated from James B. Dudley High School in 1975. In 1979, she graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where she received her bachelor’s degree in psychology. She was initiated into the Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in Spring 1977. She later received her master’s degree from North Carolina A&T in Agency Counseling.

During her time at North Carolina A&T, she met her husband David Boone, and they were married on January 28, 1984. From this union, one son was born, David Eugene Boone, Jr.

Deborah was a committed advocate of underserved populations and served as the Coordinator of the McKinney Vento Program, which ensures that students who are homeless are receiving educational and support services. It was in this position that Deborah discovered her true passion. In her 25 plus years in the position and because of expertise with the homeless population Deborah featured in national publications, testified on capitol hill and served in various capacities including as a board member of the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children. As a board member Deborah’s contributions impacted how homeless students were served across the country. In addition to her accomplishments at the national level, Deborah was known in the Midlands for her work on behalf of the homeless, partnering with a variety of public and private agencies from the United Way of the Midlands to

Faith Based Organizations. Her most recent accomplishment involved a collaboration with the NAACP to create Housing

Clinics to assist families in having a place to call home. Under Deborah’s leadership thousands of students and families were served and lives made better. Deborah loved her work and was known across Richland One for teaming with departments to secure resources for her beloved population of students.

Deborah loved God and would freely let those experiencing hardships know that she was praying for them. In her time away from work, Deborah was an excellent host who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Like most members of her family, she had a deep love of music and if you stopped by her house she would often be found listening to her favorite artists and having a cup of “coffee.” Deborah was an excellent cook with “secret recipes” to share with only a special few. She had a lively “spirit” ready to tackle whatever the day would bring from a day of shopping with the girls, a night out with friends or just being home. She appreciated the gift of life and the people in her life.

Deborah leaves many friends and family to cherish her memory. She is survived by her son, David, Jr., Charlotte, NC; sister, Pamela Carlson, Greensboro, NC; sisters-in-law, Barbara Alston, Queens, NY, Kathy Hill, Salisbury, NC, Teresa Holt, Pollocksville, NC, and Ronda White (David), New Orleans, LA.; nephews, Allan Bailey (Brenda), East Meadow, NY, Xavier Carlson, Greensboro, NC, Kahil Carlson (Jodie), Tampa, FL, Courtney Ingram, Charlotte, NC, Saleem Carlson, Mebane, NC, William Allen Hill, Tallahassee, FL, Frankie Jones, Raleigh, NC, Corey Kinsey, Pollocksville, NC, and Jermaine Boone, Pollocksville, NC; nieces, Danita Carlson, Greensboro, NC, Joy Hill Malone, Durham, NC, Sandra Alston, Jamaica, NY, Deloris Davis, Concord, NC, Renee Taylor, New Bern, NC, Ericka Boone, Durham, NC, Raynetta Holt, Pollocksville, NC, Jasmine Williams, Newnan, GA, and Portia Boone, Charlotte, NC; special friends, LaDonna Solomon, Quinne Poole Neal, Jennifer Shaw, Vera Burnett, Toni Campbell, and Carmen Thomas.

A Service of Remembrance

Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”
Old Testament.....	Chaplain Judy Sharpe
New Testament.....	Minister Anita McMillan
Prayer of Comfort .....	Mrs. LaVern Dowdy
Musical Selection.....	“Take Me To The King” Recording by: Tamela Mann
Remarks.....	A Family Member A Friend A Co-Worker
Musical Selection.....	“Goodness of God” Recording by: CeCe Winans
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Dr. William Allen Hill
Recessional.....	“He’ll Welcome Me” Recording by: John P. Kee
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

12:00 Noon  
Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina