



Mrs. Carolyn Roberson Sterling

June 29, 1945 - December 27, 2018

Carolyn Roberson Sterling, 73, of Valrico, Florida, born on June 29, 1945 in St. Petersburg, entered into eternal rest on December 27, 2018. Carolyn was an accomplished seamstress and could make her own patterns. She clothed and did alterations for many people, including family, and was always busy making a new garment. She was a member of Bell Shoals Baptist Church and liked to sing in the choir. She also enjoyed decorating and visiting with family and friends sharing memories.. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, James Sterling; children, Jeri Sterling and Darrel Sterling; grandsons, David Sterling and Hunter Sterling. She was preceded in death by her parents, LeRoy and Odessa Roberson; and sister Libby Gill. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 2 at 11:00 AM at Bell Shoals Baptist Church Chapel, 2102 Bell Shoals Rd., Brandon, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Carolyn's memory to Bell Shoals Baptist Church Building Fund.

Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bell Shoals Church
2102 Bell Shoals Road
Brandon, FL

Celebration of Life

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Brandon, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Roberson Sterling



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 31, 2018 at 02:37 PM

MA

*Her life was a blessing to me and all who knew her...she will truly be missed until we meet again...
Thank you for shareing and I know she us watching over her family close.
I Love You Jeri!*

Marilynn - January 04, 2019 at 07:56 AM

MG

*Her life was a blessing to me and all who knew her...she will truly be missed until we meet again...
Thank you Jeri for shareing and I know she is watching over her family close.
I Love You Jeri!*

Marilynn Gray - January 04, 2019 at 07:57 AM

JW

*What a beautiful tribute to a lovely lady Carolyn this just so precious I don't think she ever met a stranger thank you so much for sharing this so now I am going to share it love you love you Jeri and your family...
BLESSING , Joanne*

Joanne Wilcox - January 05, 2019 at 02:26 AM

CP

Peace and loving memories to the family.

Charlene Powell - August 14, 2019 at 02:33 PM

 Shane Holder

“ *My Aunt Carolyn was the sweetest lady you will ever meet. She truly embodied what a Christian was. I cannot believe you are no longer with us on earth. I know it will be hard for us to not have you hear but the Lord needed you to be with all our family members who have gone before us. Say hello to them for me. I love you and miss you so much. I wish I got to spend more time with you.*

Shane Holder - January 01, 2019 at 03:20 AM

JO

“ *As a long time member of Bell Shoals, I have known Carolyn and James for quite awhile. Until a few months ago I did not know she was a master seamstress. She had done some sewing for me.*

I will not be able to make the service on Wednesday. I also, like her have cancer. I will be at the hospital getting a PET scan. I have not been able to be at church for several weeks and just heard of her passing.

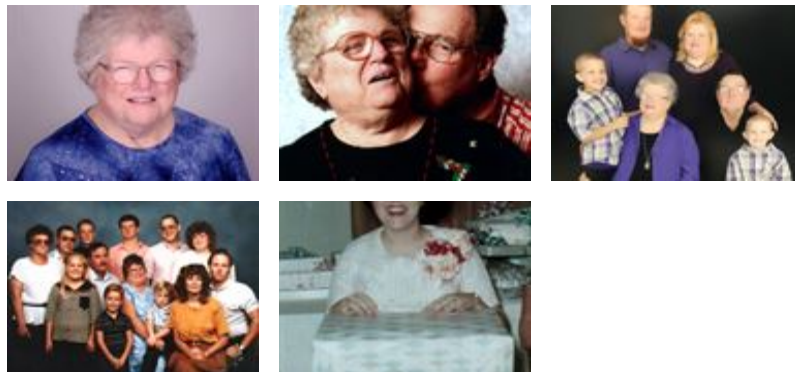
Carolyn was a great CHRISTIAN lady and will be missed by all at Bell Shoals as well as her family.

Joseph Oates

Joseph Oates - December 31, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*




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JC

“ *Carolyn as I always call her Mom she will smile and say I look like your Mom and I told her yes, she said that's ok you can call me Mom, she once told me when your heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help you find your smile! Thank you Mom for my beautiful dress you sew for my son Larry wedding, you will be forever be in my heart Love Jean and family! My condolence to the family of Carolyn Roberson Sterling!*

Jean Cruickshank - December 29, 2018 at 11:23 PM

 Gladys Hall

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Gladys Hall - December 29, 2018 at 05:43 PM

Gladys Hall

“ Gladys Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Roberson Sterling



Gladys Hall - December 29, 2018 at 05:24 PM

Gladys Hall

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Gladys Hall - December 29, 2018 at 05:42 PM

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Gladys Hall - December 29, 2018 at 05:15 PM

BG

“ Carolyn. We grew up together,I was a welcome child at your house and dinner table.I learned so much from her parents,like how to put up great field corn.Her mom taught me to sew though not as good as Carolyn who sewed for all my children somehow her's always fit .Through the years life took us in different paths,but when we did get together it was like we just talked .Such a GODLY woman and I feel so blessed and thank GO!D he allowed our lives to touch.RIP MY FRIEND. May GOD watch over her family she loved so much.

Barbara Green - December 29, 2018 at 02:15 PM

MB

“ I only knew Carolyn for a few short years but it didn't take long to become friends. She always had a ready smile and words of wisdom for any occasion. I admired her for her servant heart. What a role model she was. She has now joined the many others of my friends and family who have met Jesus in Heaven. So thankful that we will all meet again. You will be greatly missed my friend. My prayers are with the family. May God give you peace and strength to face the future.

Marlene Bergendale - December 29, 2018 at 01:12 PM

YB

“ Will miss you dearly. You were so accomodating in doing my alterations and just being a good Christian. I will miss seeing you at your table in the dining room. I know you are rejoicing with the Lord. No more pain.

Yvonne Bowen - December 29, 2018 at 11:46 AM

CR

“ Thank you Carolyn. I will miss seeing you in "your spot" at the end of the Alto row. And yes, I will miss your gift of being a great seamstress. ❤️



Carlissa Rohan - December 29, 2018 at 10:59 AM

AD

Carolyn was always willing to help and she was always there if we needed her. She provided so many ideas and decorations for our sewing guild. She always did it with a smile on her face and a cheerful heart. She was loved by many and will be missed. If angels need wings, Carolyn would be the one to design and make them! She had so much talent. God bless her family and give them peace knowing she's in the arms of Jesus and her body is whole again. 💕

Anna Davis - December 29, 2018 at 01:29 PM

EM

“ Carolyn, she loved sharing Jesus through her service to others. I have seen SO many of those gifts of service. She had a terrific gift of decor in simple ways that made a great contribution: Wednesday night supper she supplied seasonal center pieces on each table. Special events for the Senior adults - decor usually supplied by Carolyn & Jeri from their vast warehouse supply. Carolyn loved her church AND America!! She was instrumental in decor for the Election Forum every 2 years. She also donated decor & costumes for Liberty School the last 10 years. (I will treasure my Pilgrim Costume stitched by your loving hands) loved our talks about your growing up years!! We will miss you!!
Emma Jane & Dennis Miller

Emma Jane Miller - December 29, 2018 at 09:56 AM

GH

Carolyn, a woman of great faith will truly be missed by many. Her faith and beautiful spirit knitted us together for 13 years. She was a true friend, a spiritual confidant and a wonderful blessing in my life. She was someone I could talk to, who most of the time out talked me 🙏 Her skills as a seamstress was truly a gift from God, simply because she could make the impossible possible when sewing for you. A true soldier for the Lord Jesus Christ! Missed and always will be in my heart forever.....Gladys Hall

Gladys Hall - December 29, 2018 at 11:43 AM

EM

“ What a joy to be around Carolyn. We've known her for 20 years and she was always positive, loved her family fiercely, and absolutely had a heart to serve God and others! Her selflessness in serving is such an inspiration and we are thankful that we will meet again in heaven. In the meantime we are praying God's presence strengthens the family and that sweet memories of Carolyn bring comfort when needed.
~Elizabeth & Fred Mahusay

Elizabeth B Mahusay - December 29, 2018 at 01:28 AM



Catherine
Norris

“ We had known Carolyn for over 44 yrs. She was wise in her "counsel" and was always a good listener. The many visits will be missed. She is at peace and not in any pain any longer. She will definitely be missed. Till we meet again, dear friend.....
Perry & Catherine Norris

Catherine Norris - December 28, 2018 at 11:50 PM

DC

“ Debra and I were privileged to count Carolyn as a dear friend. She was a precious Christian woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with James and the entire family. -Doug & Debra Crawley

Doug & Debra Crawley - December 28, 2018 at 11:37 PM



Annette
Boyadjian-
morris

“ D and family Haze called and let us knew what happened.our deepest condolences and our prayers will be with your family at this time
The Przeslak and Boyadjian family

Annette Boyadjian-morris - December 28, 2018 at 10:35 PM

RB

“ It wasn't long ago that Carolyn told me how much she missed her mom and would love to see and talk to her. Now she's with her mom and catching up on all the years that was missed. She will be missed by all.

Rayma Bowling - December 28, 2018 at 09:37 PM

DW

“ I loved being around Carolyn in Choir and in private time. She helped me learn my sewing machine. We had some long conversations at times. I will truly miss her. And she loved everyone around her, especially her grand kids.

Desiree Watson - December 28, 2018 at 08:40 PM

RM

“ Our sincere condolences to the Sterling Family. We had the pleasure of becoming friends through my husband's mother Janice Mello. She and Carolyn and the whole family were great friends. Carolyn made many dresses and outfits for Janice, which she loved. They attended church together, made fruitcakes and attended lots of activities together. Janice had a great fondness for Carolyn children Jeri and Daryl. I'm sure Janice will welcome Carolyn to heaven.

Wayne and Rose Mello
Alamogordo, NM

Rose Mello - December 28, 2018 at 07:14 PM

SR

“ Carolyn,
what can i say. You were my roll model and my hero. You were the most Godly person that I knew. I loved our talks and you had the best advice. I could count on you to be there when ever I needed you. You were my right hand and my special angel for all of our special events for our Senior Adults Ministry at Bell Shoals. I love, love loved you so much and I will miss you soooooo much. The world has lost the brightest light for Christ but heaven gained the most special lady that I have ever known. I could go on and on with all of the special times and memories that I have of you. May you rest in the arms of our Lord and savior. I know that heavens choir is a little brighter with you there.

I love you Jeri, James and the rest of the family. May you rest in knowing that Carolyn is in peace and with the most important person in here life, Jesus Christ.

Sandy Rude

Sandy Rude - December 28, 2018 at 06:42 PM

RW

Carolyn was one of the most honest persons I've ever met. She said what she meant and meant what she said. I will miss her words of wisdom.

*Till we meet again.
Roberta White*

Roberta White - December 28, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Roberson Sterling.*



December 28, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ *Her infectious smile always reminded me of her Mother. Her willingness to always be a helper and doer was like her Father. I know she will be missed by her family and friends but no one was ever more prepared to meet with her Lord and Savior than Carolyn. May God Bless her family.*

Shelby Bender - December 28, 2018 at 05:51 PM