

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 ESV

In Loving Memory...



Carmen Ruth Johnson Creech

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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" II Timothy 4:7

Carmen Ruth Johnson Creech, 75, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and faithful woman of God took the Lord's hand and stepped into Heaven on Monday, March 28, 2022. Carmen was born on March 30, 1946 in Johnston County to the late James Garland and Thelma Parrish Johnson. She was the youngest in her family and had two brothers and one sister. In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her brother, Wayne Corbett Johnson. She was married to the love of her life, Charles W. Creech, on June 29, 1969 and they raised one son together. Carmen was a faithful woman of God and trusted in Jesus as her Savior. She accepted Christ at Coats Baptist Church in Coats, North Carolina and after their marriage, joined her husband as a member of Watkins Chapel Baptist Church and served wherever the Lord called her. She was a Sunday School teacher for several years. She and her husband worked with the Mission Friends and Royal Ambassadors programs at both the church and Johnston Baptist Association levels. During that time the Royal Ambassadors program at Watkins Chapel was recognized as "Chapter of the Year" by the North Carolina Baptist Brotherhood. Later in life, she and Charles revived the Royal Ambassadors program at their church. Carmen was also actively involved with the Senior Adult Ministry at Watkins Chapel. Carmen graduated from Coats High School in 1965 and attended Hardbargers Business College. She began her career working at the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility in Raleigh. After adopting their son, Carmen left employment to be a stay-at-home mother for a year. She then joined the North Carolina

Department of Community Colleges Media Processing Department. There she instilled her love of books to all the book processing and cataloging she did there. A few years later she again left her job to be a stay-at-home mother when their son, Terry was born. She also worked part-time as a secretary at Wendell United Methodist Church and later as a teaching assistant and after school program teacher at Corinth-Holders Elementary School. When their son was a teenager, Carmen returned to full-time work in Raleigh as a Tape Librarian for the Department of Information Technology Services. In 2003, she retired after 20 years of service with the State of North Carolina and was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" by Governor Mike Easley. After her retirement, the minister at Watkins Chapel Church asked her to serve as Library Director for the church library. She served for many years as Library Director with her husband creating a fully functioning, computerized, actively circulating collection of 3000 books and other media. For a period of years, Carmen and Charles also served as Library Directors for the Johnston Baptist Association. She served for several years on the Board of Directors for the Johnston County 4-H Alumni Association. She also served for some time on the Johnston Community College Performing Arts Board.

Carmen is survived by her husband of 52 years, Charles; their son, Terry (Shannon) of Charlotte; special son, Tobias Abrahamson (Marina) of Sweden; a very special grandson, Kristoffer Abrahamson; brother, Larry (Arvilla) Johnson of Campo, California and sister, Rebecca (Harlan) Miller of Danville, California. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.