



Carolyn Wood Thrash

September 22, 1934 - March 17, 2022

Carolyn Wood Thrash passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on March 17, 2022 at the age of 87. Carolyn was born September 22, 1934 in Texarkana, AR to parents Millard T. Wood and Elizabeth Louise “Rags” Wood. She was a lifelong resident of Ashdown, AR and was a long-time member of The First Baptist Church of Ashdown.

She graduated high school at Ashdown and continued her education by enrolling at Henderson University. After receiving her degree at Henderson University, she then got her master’s degree at East Texas at Commerce which is now named Texas A&M at Commerce. During her education she developed a deep friendship with her coach, Helen Parker. Carolyn’s first job was as a coach at Foreman. Next, she worked at Texas High School where she established the Texas High Steppers. Then she crossed the state line and worked at Arkansas High. Her last educational endeavor was at Ashdown High School where she served as a counselor. She retired after 44 years in Education where she touched the lives of many students. She helped many students secure scholarships and allowed them to further their careers.

Carolyn married her high school sweetheart, Rodney Thrash, in June of 1954. Together they built a beautiful life full of love and family. She always had a smile on her face and she also had a great sense of humor. She loved joking with her grandchildren. You never knew what was next because she was

constantly lining them out. The long friendship she had with Helen Parker was put to the test a few times when their teams had to play each other.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Millard and “Rags” Wood and one son, Rodney Wood Thrash, “lit’l Rod”. Survivors include her husband Rodney A. Thrash, one daughter and son-in-law, Tammi Thrash (Donald) Smith; one granddaughter, Audrey Thrash (Phillip) Seib; Two grandsons Cody (Samantha) Thrash and Austin (Tracee) Thrash; along with seven great-grandchildren; Carter Thrash, Heidi Thrash, Ruby Seib, Walker Thrash, Eliza Seib, JP Thrash and Millie Seib. Other survivors include brother-in-law Jimmy (Pat) Thrash, two nephews, Brent (Kathy) Thrash and Layne (Heather) Thrash as well as her life-long friend, Helen Parker. Mrs. Thrash is also survived by her cousins and many other friends.

Pallbearers are Carter Thrash, Cody Thrash, Austin Thrash, Phillip Seib, Donald Smith and Brent Thrash. Honorary Pallbearers are Layne Thrash, Johnny Finley and Johnny Smith.

Visitation will be Tuesday night, March 22, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown. Funeral Services are Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Ashdown with John Ford, presiding. Interment will follow at Ashdown Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point, Tampa, FL 33607-1460 or to your favorite charity. Online condolences can be made at Maddenfuneralservice@sbcglobal.net.

Cemetery Details

Ashdown Cemetery

Peyton Avenue
Ashdown, AR 71822

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown
371 N 3rd Street
PO Box 428
Ashdown, AR 71822
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Ashdown
70 N. Park Ave
Ashdown, AR 71822

Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Wood Thrash*



Madden Funeral Home - March 22, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Carolyn Wood Thrash*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *It has been forty years since I worked in Mrs. Thrash's office but I still remember her laugh and the common sense, tell it like it is advice she was known for. She cared for the students of AHS. She was a lady on a mission! The pictures of her on the phone, and with her hand on her hip are classic Mrs. Thrash. One very special person. She will be missed and very fondly remembered.*

Dana Nations Cash - March 29, 2022 at 08:36 AM

JH

“ *Condolences to this loving family! I will always cherish the funny stories that she and Daddy shared with us over the years. When those two would get together always spelled "Trouble". Their "cousin love" for one another was so heartwarming!*

Rest in peace sweet lady and say "Hello to Daddy and Mom" for us!

With love always,

Jeanne and Bill Howard

Jeanne Howard - March 23, 2022 at 11:02 AM

DB

“ *We have such sweet memories of Carolyn/Mrs. Thrash. Our condolences to the family of such a wonderful lady. Pat Richardson & Debbie (Richardson) Byrd*

Debbie Byrd - March 22, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ *84 files added to the album Memories Album*



Madden Funeral Home - March 22, 2022 at 01:16 PM

MM

“ Carolyn was one of my favorites of the 4 "cousins". On a visit to Ashdown over 6 decades ago she let me, a once removed first cousin, a 15 year old kid, take her convertible and several other second cousins for a ride. My first and only chance to drive a convertible! In one of the photos Carolyn, Rodney and Tammy came down for Mom's 90th birthday. We all had a great visit. The other photo is the last photo of the 4 cousins that I have of them all together. This was way back in 1984. They remained great friends throughout the years!



Marty Morelock - March 21, 2022 at 11:06 PM

BR

“ Wonderful person, always interested in giving the absolute best advice to help the students who sought her out for help. Life long family friend. She will be missed and remembered by all who knew her.

Beverly Tabler Robinson - March 20, 2022 at 10:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Wood Thrash.



March 20, 2022 at 09:52 PM

DW

“ Donna Walden Williams lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Wood Thrash



Donna Walden Williams - March 20, 2022 at 08:06 PM

FA

“ Fayrene Priest Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Wood Thrash



Fayrene Priest Armstrong - March 20, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Carolyn Wood Thrash.



March 20, 2022 at 02:19 PM

DH

“ David Honnell lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Wood Thrash



David Honnell - March 20, 2022 at 11:26 AM

PB

“ Penny Mullins Boyd lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Wood Thrash



Penny Mullins Boyd - March 20, 2022 at 02:36 AM

PB

“ RIP sweet lady! You inspired many young minds and will be missed! Prayers for your family!



Penny Mullins Boyd - March 20, 2022 at 02:35 AM

FA

Carolyn was my favorite coach playing basketball at Foreman High. Prayers for family. She will always be in my good memories. So sorry for our loss.

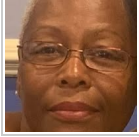
Fayrene Priest Armstrong - March 20, 2022 at 02:04 PM

KC

“ Kaye Meeks Cannon lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Wood Thrash



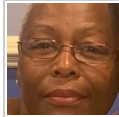
Kaye Meeks Cannon - March 19, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Deborah Garrett lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Wood Thrash*



Deborah Garrett - March 19, 2022 at 04:23 PM



Mrs. Thrash was and is a wonderful soul. Rest in the bosom of Our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus! 🙏

Deborah Garrett - March 19, 2022 at 04:24 PM

AM

“ *Mrs. Thrash was so sweet and a kind lady. She will be missed dearly. May she Rest In Peace. So so sorry for your lost. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless each of you.*



Annette Tremblay McCandless - March 19, 2022 at 02:07 PM

JC

Mrs Thrash was my guidance counselor when I was in high school 🏫 She was a wonderful counselor and always had time for all of us . You could go to her with anything and she always had time for you. She will be missed. The family is in my prayers and thoughts. May God give you peace.

Judy Clark - March 19, 2022 at 03:43 PM

KL

“ Carolyn was a very SPECIAL Loving and always Smiling LADY !!!
Mike and I are sending condolences to Rodney and ALL of the
family !!! Carolyn was a Great role model for many , many, people !!!
She will be missed !!! Hugs and Love !!!

Kay Lincoln - March 19, 2022 at 12:47 PM

TH

“ Tammie Hood lit a candle in memory of
Carolyn Wood Thrash



Tammie Hood - March 19, 2022 at 12:10 PM

LB

Such a wonderful lady. She will be missed. Prayers for Family.

Linda Brown - March 19, 2022 at 04:00 PM

JH

“ Jimmie Hays lit a candle in memory of
Carolyn Wood Thrash



jimmie hays - March 19, 2022 at 11:28 AM

JH

Carolyn was a beautiful soul, always had a smile for you and never
seemed to meet a stranger. She was indeed a great role model - I
never recall seeing her without that big smile and wonderful attitude. A
shining star for Ashdown for sure and she will be greatly missed, Rest
in peace Carolyn

jimmie hays - March 19, 2022 at 11:31 AM

FH

“ Mrs. Thrash was always kind and loving. She was always willing to help you any way she could. My condolences to her family. May God give you peace, strength and comfort during this time and in the days ahead. God bless...

Frances Kelley Hamburg - March 19, 2022 at 10:23 AM

LH

“ To the family of Carolyn; " Sorry for your loss " Leon Hood

Leon Hood - March 19, 2022 at 09:05 AM

AC

“ RIL Such a beautiful soul, she was my high school counselor, Praying for the family, Ashdown High school and all the lives that she touched.

Annette Robinson Chavers - March 18, 2022 at 06:55 PM