



Reba "Carolyn" Chandler Lewter

September 26, 1932 - August 20, 2020

Reba Carolyn Chandler Lewter died Thursday, August 20, 2020 in Fairview, Alabama, her home for the past 37 years. A beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and teacher at the former Baileyton Jr. High School, Reba lost her battle with dementia and cancer. She was surrounded by family when she died at her home.

Carolyn, as she was called by her friends, born September 26, 1932, was the daughter of Albert W. and Mattie B. Chandler of Ardmore, Alabama. She graduated from Ardmore High School in 1950, and on December 8, 1951, married Ernest H. Lewter Jr. from Ardmore, Tennessee.

The couple moved around a lot early on in their marriage. Less than a year after they married, they moved to Indianapolis, where daughter Desta LeGatha Lewter was born. They moved to Wheelerton, Tennessee, a year later, and their son Ernest Eugene "Pete" Lewter was born. They then moved to Nashville, and then settled in Guntersville, Alabama, where Reda Collette Lewter joined the family in 1960. Mr. Lewter died suddenly in 1975, and Carolyn decided to go back to school. She graduated in 1978 from Southern Benedictine College (now St. Bernard) in Cullman, Alabama. She worked for Holly Pond Elementary School for a year, then transferred to Baileyton Jr. High School, where she was a girls' basketball coach. In 1983, she and her youngest daughter and son-in-law moved to Fairview, where she lived until

her death.

Carolyn retired from teaching in 1998. She loved Alabama football, spending time with her family, and teaching. She desired every student to succeed, and she loved watching students grow and learn.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Dalton Chandler, Marie Chandler Looney, Billy Ray Chandler and a very special grandson, Jared Chase Garrett.

She is survived by her sister Margaret Chandler Dake, her children, Desta Lewter Burns (Keith), Ernest "Pete" Lewter (Brenda), and Reda Collette Lewter Garrett (Dwight), grandchildren Tara Meharg, Micah Lewter, Kristen Mullins, Misti Oliver, and Sommer Calderone, and six great grandchildren Madisyn, Kylie, Grayson, Ripkin, Sawyer and Slayton, plus numerous former students.

A public visitation will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2020 from noon to 2 p.m. at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. There will be a private family funeral service with Owen Lewter officiating. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, Alabama.

Pallbearers will be Justin Oliver, Grahem Meharg, John Mullins, Sam Calderone, Bill Chandler, and Darrel Looney. Honorary pallbearers are Chase Garrett (deceased) and Micah Lewter (out of country).

Due to Covid-19 and The Statewide Mandate Mask Will Be Required and Must be worn at all times when entering the building and while in our facility. Also, Must practice 6ft. social distancing and washing hands.

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“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Nancy Calderone - August 26, 2020 at 09:12 AM

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“ Such a precious, kind soul. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Prayers for the family.

Karen Moon - August 22, 2020 at 09:12 PM