



Ms. Carolyn Elveter Epps

January 29, 1942 - September 2, 2025

Carolyn Epps, 83, of Fayetteville, NC fell asleep in death on September 2, 2025. She was affectionately known as “Weenie” to friends and family, and as “Mema” or “Mee Mee” to her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Carolyn was born on January 29, 1942 in Cheraw, South Carolina to the late Dennis and Theoma Nivens.

Carolyn migrated from Cheraw, SC to Bronx, NY at a very young age before finally settling down with her family in Fayetteville, NC in 1978. She worked in the nursing field for 50 years as a CNA before retiring in 2015. She was very fond of taking care of others and worked tirelessly to ensure that she made herself available to those in need. Carolyn was a vibrant, resilient, charming woman who brought great fun, joy and laughter to any room she entered. Even in her advanced age, she was truly aglow with energized youth and playfulness. Her witty banter, quick remarks, and wise advisement will be greatly missed.

She enjoyed vacationing at the beach, gardening, cooking, and shopping. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and being at home. Her home was her sanctuary, in which she found great comfort, solace, and peace. Carolyn’s home was her final resting place.

Carolyn was a loyal servant of Jehovah for many years. She was baptized in 1975 at the convention for Jehovah's Witnesses in Bronx, NY. Carolyn served as an active publisher in the Cross Creek congregation of Fayetteville, NC. She endured faithfully until the end, often praying, telling others about her wonderful God Jehovah and reading her favorite scriptures. We know that she is kept lovingly in His memory, and we hope to see her again when all is made new.

In addition to her parents, Carolyn is preceded in death by her son, Louis Cruz III (Takey), daughter, Theoma Sapp (Tweet); her sister, Isaacena Vincent (Bumpy), and her brother, Dennis Nivens II (Tump).

She is survived by her daughter, Mina (Tootsie) Gaddy (Jerome), son, Luis (Snookey)Cruz (Cassandra), and daughter, Ozelia Davis (Kevin); brother Pliney (Duke) Nivens (Carol); along with 17 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind a host of many nephews, nieces, and friends. Carolyn was especially fond of her granddaughter, Stephanie (Peppy) who was her loving caretaker and sincere friend.

Family will be receiving visitors every day from 3-6 PM at:
1204 Stansfield Dr.
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Zoom Information for Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 2 PM:
Meeting ID: 858 016 5891
Password: 193501

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
3265 Cumberland Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Carolyn Elveter Epps*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - September 11, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Carolyn Elveter Epps.*



September 12, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ *Ozelia Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Epps*



Ozelia Davis - September 10, 2025 at 09:35 PM

ND

“ *Your going to be missed Mema!!!*



Natasha Dingle - September 09, 2025 at 07:17 PM

BN

“ *To my family I give my sincere condolences*

Buree Nivens - September 08, 2025 at 09:49 PM

MS

“ *Please except my condolences on your lost, may our Heavenly Father give you the strength now and in the day's ahead to endure this lost.*

Mary Sweatt - September 08, 2025 at 05:55 PM

EB

“ *Erica Bullard-Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Carolyn Elveter Epps*



Erica Bullard-Walker - September 07, 2025 at 04:39 PM

LB

“ My condolences to Mrs. Gaddy and her family during their loss.



Latoya Bell-Parker - September 05, 2025 at 11:35 AM

CG

“ Carolyn Epps (Weanie) is my mother-in-law & I will miss her very much. She was genuine & always showed me love & made me feel special. Carolyn (Weanie) told the best, funniest stories. She loved her family & we loved her. Carolyn gave me her son Luis' papers (private joke) 35 years ago so I guess I'll keep him lol. I love you Weanie. Rest easy now.

Cassandra Gaddy-Cruz - September 04, 2025 at 10:36 PM

CG

“ Cassandra Gaddy-Cruz sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Carolyn Elveter Epps



Cassandra Gaddy-Cruz - September 04, 2025 at 09:52 PM

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“ Cassandra Gaddy-Cruz lit a candle in memory of Ms. Carolyn Elveter Epps



Cassandra Gaddy-Cruz - September 04, 2025 at 09:51 PM