



## Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey

April 11, 1928 - June 6, 2025

Colvin Funeral Home & Crematory...announces this earthly transition of Rosa Lee Torrey, of Fayetteville NC, who departed this life on Friday, June 6, 2025, at the age of 97. We extend our deepest condolences to the family and all that is connected. Services are entrusted to Colvin Funeral Home & Crematory of Fayetteville. Please keep this family in your prayers during their time of bereavement.

In lieu of flowers - In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Cumberland Community Foundation for the Rosa L. and Curtis E. Torrey Scholarship Fund. PO Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302 or online [www.cumberlandcf.org](http://www.cumberlandcf.org)

or

First Baptist Church  
Curtis and Rosa Torrey Scholarship  
302 Moore Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Funeral

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
302 Moore Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Burial

JUN 14 (ET)

Rockfish Memorial Park  
4017 Gillespie Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28306

# Tribute Wall

VM

“ *Vera McKinnon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey*



vera McKinnon - June 24, 2025 at 07:55 AM

RM

“ *Rev. Karen McLean lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



Rev. Karen McLean - June 15, 2025 at 01:10 PM

TG

“ *Condolences to the family of Mrs Torrey. Such a beautiful lady*



Theresa Hales Grandy - June 14, 2025 at 08:24 PM

LH

“ *Lori Ann Harris lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



Lori Ann Harris - June 13, 2025 at 09:44 PM

YW

“ Mrs. Torrey was not only my teacher, but also a good friend. I was a student in her home economics class during my senior year at E.E. Smith Senior High School. She was an excellent teacher, always patient and always with a smile. I learned a lot from her, and I still have the recipe box that I made in her class so many, many decades ago. Mrs. Torrey was a faithful friend during my mother’s illness and passing. She was one of the people I could depend on when I needed assistance. I am so happy that I had a chance to visit with her a few months ago when I was in town. When I walked into her room, she knew me immediately. The visit was short, but it meant a lot to me. I offer my sincerest condolences to Mrs. Torrey’s family.

*Yolanda DeBerry Williams*

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**Yolanda Williams** - June 13, 2025 at 05:18 PM

MI

*They simply dont make them like Rosa Torrey anymore. I was one of her "extra kids" from FBC. Her and Yvonne Bethea were, are, and will always be my own personal DIAMONDS OF DISTINCTION. Rest in power Queen.*

*Michael Stancil*

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**mike** - June 14, 2025 at 04:07 PM

SS

*Blessings to the family of Rosa Torrey. She was a dear friend of our family for many years. May she rest peacefully in God's arms. The Stinson Siblings*

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**Sheila Swift** - July 23, 2025 at 11:47 AM

VR

“ *RIP my beloved soror of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc . A woman blessed with wisdom, compassion, and devotion to any task before her. She was always kind to me, and I will be forever grateful.*  
*Victoria Rush*



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**Victoria Rush** - June 13, 2025 at 04:59 PM

PG

“ *PAMELA GREEN lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



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**PAMELA GREEN** - June 13, 2025 at 02:41 PM

JR

“ *Mrs. Torrey will be truly missed by all of us that knew her. Mrs. Torrey has been half way around the world with me on tours, and I have always enjoyed her. Rest in peace Mrs. Torrey*

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**Julius Robinson** - June 13, 2025 at 09:51 AM

DE

“ With heartfelt sympathy, we extend my deepest condolences to Deaconess Rosa Torrey’s family. May God’s grace and comfort surround you in this time of sorrow. She was a remarkable woman, deeply respected within our church and community. Her life was a shining example one that many of us aspire to emulate. May her soul find eternal peace in God’s loving embrace.



Deacon and Deaconess Elliott - June 13, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey.



June 12, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey.

June 12, 2025 at 09:25 PM

GW

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. I'll remember the many early morning walks and chats we shared on the track and inside FSU's gym. She made sure we did not forget to walk the steps of those bleachers . . . Pleasant memories.

Genetta Williams - June 12, 2025 at 08:18 PM

GW

“ *Genetta Williams lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



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**Genetta Williams** - June 12, 2025 at 08:10 PM

LR

“ *My condolences to Torrey' s Family. Mrs. Rose Torrey, sweet voices person. She was one of my teachers at Anne Chesnutt .*



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**Lillie Dawson Ray** - June 12, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MF

“ *Praying for the Torrey family. She was such an inspiration in my life. As a student at Anne Chesnutt, we all looked up to her for knowing how to fix and do some of everthing.*



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**Mary Fennell-Williamson** - June 12, 2025 at 03:44 PM

RT

“ *Regards, Candice Thompson purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey.*



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**Regards, Candice Thompson** - June 12, 2025 at 03:10 PM

RT

“ Regards, Candice Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey.

Regards, Candice Thompson - June 12, 2025 at 03:10 PM

JL

“ My condolences to Soror Torrey's family, the Fayetteville Community, and all whose life this beautiful person touched. I am forever blessed that I had an opportunity to visit Soror Torrey and listen to her share about her beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. And the times she lived and taught in Conway, SC. May she rest in sweet peace, and her family be comforted.



Janet Lawrence-Patten - June 12, 2025 at 02:45 PM

EW

A gracious soul- -loving, kind, helpful, giving and personal with a beautiful smile. Never met a stranger 😊.

Eva Williams - June 13, 2025 at 12:40 AM

EM

Will always remember and be grateful for the love, encouragement and dedication Mrs. Torrey willingly gave to all of the students she taught. She taught me the value of believing in yourself regardless of current circumstances and situations as you move forward in life. I am very grateful to have known her, benefited from her wisdom and fortitude. Proud and blessed to eventually join her in the ranks of our beloved Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and to share hugs and big smiles whenever we saw each other. Rest in Power Soror Torrey! No doubt the work you have done to uplift others speaks volumes to a life well lived!



Ella McNair - June 13, 2025 at 12:04 PM

BR

*Mrs. Torrey was one most classy, compassionate, loving friend & neighbor to the Richardson family well over 50 years. She will be missed but fondly remembered for her many kindnesses. Soar with the Angels, Mrs. Torrey. ☐*

**Brenda R Richardson** - June 13, 2025 at 03:30 PM

EM

“ *So sorry for the loss of such a wonderful and great teacher. Will not be forgotten.* ”



**Evelyn Johnson Moody** - June 12, 2025 at 01:49 PM

WF

“ *Wanda Foxworth Fike lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey* ”



**Wanda Foxworth Fike** - June 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM

EB

“ *We are sorry to learn of the passing last Friday of Rosa Lee Torrey. As the sister of the late Harvey F. Rainey and sister-in-law of his wife, the late Mignonette Bishop Rainey, Rosa Lee was a great friend to the Rainey family of Washington, D.C. Her steadfast support of the Rainey family and its members is especially remembered. Our condolences to her survivors.* ”

*Elbert R. Bishop*

**Elbert R Bishop** - June 11, 2025 at 08:39 PM

WW

“ *Kind, beautiful and charming to infinity and beyond!*



Wanda Wesley - June 11, 2025 at 07:57 PM

SS

“ *Sandra A. Smith lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



Sandra A. Smith - June 11, 2025 at 04:36 PM

PM

“ *Pamela McDonald lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



Pamela McDonald - June 11, 2025 at 03:37 PM

CB

“ *To the beautiful woman that I called grandma. Take your rest. We'll see you in the morning*



CharLearion Blount - June 11, 2025 at 02:05 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Autman-Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



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**Wanda Autman-Vaughn** - June 11, 2025 at 08:55 AM

VT

“ *My sincere condolences to the Torrey Family. I have such a wonderful memories of Mrs Torrey during my school years. She was always a wonderful, kind, very elegant woman. I would always love when I would see her around town after I became an adult, she would always put such a big smile on my face.*

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**Veronica Peaker Taylor** - June 11, 2025 at 07:50 AM

HH

“ *RIP Mrs Torrey. You taught me the essence of class,dignity and setting the example.*

*Horace Hudson*

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**Horace Hudson** - June 11, 2025 at 12:01 AM

HH

“ *RIP MRS Torrey. My, what a lady she was; her presence shall remain with us forever.*

*Dr Vanilla Wilson*

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**Horace Hudson** - June 10, 2025 at 11:46 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Williams Pollard lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



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**Barbara Williams Pollard** - June 10, 2025 at 04:59 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Walker-Smith lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



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**Patricia Walker-Smith** - June 10, 2025 at 12:16 PM

RJ

“ *My deepest Condolences to the family of Mrs. Rosa Torrey. A phenomenal home economics teacher and a sweet soul. My Mother, Mrs. Torrey and Mrs. Lofton taught me how to dress, sew, the setting up of Table and so much more. They were all go getters . Small in stature, But large in character, strength and Courage. They will Never be forgotten!!! By Me. With Love ❤️ and Prayers from the Farmer and Williams Families. Heaven has gained another Angel.*



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**Rosa Jones** - June 10, 2025 at 11:38 AM

CN

“ So many precious memories of Mrs. Torry as a teacher at Anne Chestnut. Her beautiful smile and curls will forever linger in my mind.  
Catherine White Newkirk



Catherine White Newkirk - June 10, 2025 at 11:01 AM

BH

“ Barbra R Hayes lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey



Barbra R Hayes - June 10, 2025 at 09:51 AM

BM

“ Rest in peace Ms Torrey.. the kindest generous kind hearted teacher and let's not forget fun teacher that cared about her students, neighbors and church members.. ❤️

Brenda Monroe - June 09, 2025 at 10:34 PM

RE

“ Regina Earle lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey



Regina Earle - June 09, 2025 at 09:11 PM

LJ

“ To the family meet I had the wonderful pleasure of meeting this awesome little fireball, a couple of years ago when I worked for the Council On Older Adults. She was a board member and she came for the meetings. Always dress to the 9, with a big pretty bow on the side of her head. She inspired me because she was in her late late 80's, I think early 90s I do know 80s. Sharp, well spoken and so nice and engaging. May the God of Our Salvation continue to shower you with Love, Grace. Unity, Comfort and the Peace That Surpasses All Understanding. Ms. LaVonna Armstrong Johnson.

LaVonna Armstrong Johnson - June 09, 2025 at 08:49 PM

LJ

“ LaVonna Armstrong Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Torrey



LaVonna Armstrong Johnson - June 09, 2025 at 08:42 PM

LS

“ Levetta Gainey Smith lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey



Levetta Gainey Smith - June 09, 2025 at 07:36 PM

CW

“ She was the epitome of excellence in all her endeavors and was a genuine “lady” who was well respected and admired by all. She left an indelible impression on the lives of so many who desired to emulate her. Rest in peace dear Mrs. Torrey.



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**Cynthia D Williams** - June 09, 2025 at 07:35 PM

VW

“ Soror Torrie was a sweet lady. She was always so encouraging to me with her wisdom and warm smile ❤️🙏



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**Virginia Ware** - June 09, 2025 at 06:43 PM

BY

“ Beverly Young lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey



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**Beverly Young** - June 09, 2025 at 04:24 PM

CA

“ To The Family and Friends of our Beloved Teacher, Mentor, and Mother Figure to many Ms. Rosa Torrey, The E.E. Smith Queens of 1983 offer our sincere heartfelt condolences. Your classroom instruction, nurturing to the many students you taught and for the love you freely gave will always be remembered and cherished. We all have such fond memories of the knowledge, joy, and life lessons we learned in your classroom. Rest easy Ms. Torrey I know our Father is well pleased.

Candis Alston - June 09, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ Vickey Torrey lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey



Vickey Torrey - June 09, 2025 at 03:23 PM

PS

“ Angels come, now an angel has gone, but never will this angel leave our spirit! Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Ms. Rosa Torrey! May the sweet voices of heaven be hers to hear!



Patrick Smith - June 09, 2025 at 09:18 AM

GD

“ Mrs. Torrey was such a joy to be around. I'll always remember seeing her go up and down the stadium Steps. She was always an inspiration to me.

Gwendolyn Davis - June 08, 2025 at 10:55 PM

DT

“ Mrs. Rosa Torrey directed my wedding. Dr. Thurman and Richard Thurman She knew my family. We continued to come to Fayetteville and visit her. My husband and I called her Ma Torrey. May God continue to be with the Lee Torrey Family at this difficult time.  
RIP Ma Torrey



Dr. Thurman and Richard Thurman  
Loganville, GA

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**Dr. Sandra Burton Thurman** - June 08, 2025 at 10:42 PM

EM

She was one of my teachers at Anne Chestnut

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**Edna Cameron Mc Millian** - June 09, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DG

“ To the Torry family you have my deepest sympathy. She was an compassionate educator and an inspiration to many young girls at Anne Chesnutt High School. It was always a joy to be in her company the years that followed.

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**Dr. Earlyn Gilmore-Jordon** - June 08, 2025 at 10:07 PM

TM

“ Tonya Minter lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey



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**Tonya Minter** - June 08, 2025 at 07:09 PM

IK

“ *iva Kelly lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



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**iva Kelly** - June 08, 2025 at 06:10 PM

DD

“ *Dr. Victor Davis lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



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**Dr. Victor Davis** - June 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM

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“ *Rest in power Mrs Torrey*

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**Dr. Victor Davis** - June 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM

PS

“ *Paula Smith Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



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**Paula Smith Sawyer** - June 08, 2025 at 04:31 PM

RB

“ *Ronald and Audrey Bates lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey*



Ronald and Audrey Bates - June 08, 2025 at 01:54 PM

RW

“ *I have fond memories of Mrs. Torrey assisting me as a teen with getting admitted to the Girls State program and with the Jabberwock Pageant. She was always willing to assist young girls. My deepest condolences to her loved ones. She was a gem in our community.*

Rikesia Williams - June 07, 2025 at 11:24 PM

SW

*My condolences*

Sylvia Williams - June 10, 2025 at 12:50 AM

TW

*My belated sympathies to her family as you TRULY lost a jewel. Not only was she one of my most favorite teachers but also an incredible god - mom to me AND great god-mom to my girls after they were born! I am so sorry that I missed her funeral and my chance to say goodbye officially, but I will visit her and my god-father, Curtis Torrey, whenever I visit my own parents and my friend, Sandee's parents. I miss my god-mom! And to her own family whom I never really got to meet, our prayers are forever with you 💖 🌹*

Terri Wood-Cummings - September 24, 2025 at 07:06 PM

DT

“ Mrs. Rosa Torrey was know to me and my family as Ma Torrey.. She will be truly missed. She directed my Wedding. My husband (Richard) and I will never forget Ma Torrey. She will always be in our hearts. We would come to visit her every year !!. May God be with the Lee-Torrey family at this difficult time. RIP Ma Torrey.

*Dr. Sandra Burton Thurman & Richard Thurman  
Loganville, GA 30052*

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**Dr. Sandra Burton Thurman** - June 07, 2025 at 11:15 PM

MM

“ Marny M. Marsh lit a candle in memory of Rosa Torrey



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**Marny M. Marsh** - June 07, 2025 at 10:52 PM

SA

“ A one in a million Teacher❤️😊❤️



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**Sandra** - June 07, 2025 at 08:00 PM

TF

“ *The McAlister Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey.*



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**The McAlister Family** - June 07, 2025 at 04:23 PM

DH

“ *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the passing of His faithful servants - Mrs. Torrey your legacy is an amazing testament- rest well thy good and faithful servant*

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**Deacon Mellotta Hill** - June 07, 2025 at 03:30 PM

JO

“ *Mrs. Torrey, an inspiration and shining light to me. Her words of encouragement, pearls of wisdom and hugs of luv throughout my life, will NEVER be forgotten. Luv U Mrs. Torrey!*



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**JoanMilligan** - June 07, 2025 at 03:00 PM

RS

“ *Fond memories and loving history of Clinton College and Chester County,. You have been a wonderful example of resilience, strength, truth, and Christian values, and sisterhood.  
Rev and Mrs. Robert (Anita) Sanders*

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**Rev and Mrs. Robert (Anita) Sanders** - June 07, 2025 at 01:57 PM

OF

“ Otis Fenn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey



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**Otis Fenn** - June 07, 2025 at 11:23 AM

FH

“ Mrs. Torrey was always a go to teacher for helping young girls growth in all aspects of life. I could always call on her help she knew what was needed. She will never be forgotten. A great coworker.



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**Frances Huggins** - June 07, 2025 at 09:27 AM

SW

“ Sylvia S. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey



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**Sylvia S. Williams** - June 07, 2025 at 09:18 AM

DH

“ I always enjoyed my conversations with Mrs. Torrey when I stopped by her home or saw her at some events. I have a couple of photos with her. I'll miss her! Dr. DJ Haire, City Council, District 4.

*Keep Looking Up, Family!*

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**DJ Haire** - June 07, 2025 at 08:09 AM

MH

“ To the family of Mrs.Rosa Lee Torrey, you have my deepest  
Sympathy,from Mrs Dorothy Hughes

Mrs. Dorothy Hughea - June 07, 2025 at 07:35 AM

RJ

“ Ruby Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Rosa Lee Torrey



Ruby Jones - June 06, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ Kataya Baldwin Randall lit a candle in  
memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey



Kataya Baldwin Randall - June 06, 2025 at 08:33 PM