



Denise R. Applewhite

January 25, 1954 - December 3, 2021

Conway..... Denise R. Applewhite, age 67, wife of the late Carlton M. Applewhite passed away Friday, December 3, 2021.

Mrs. Applewhite was born in Conway, the daughter of the late Robert Scarborough and Lillie Mae Johnson Rabon. She was a member of North Conway Baptist Church. Prior to retirement, she had been employed by the Horry County School District and Georgetown County School District. She was an avid traveler, loved the theatre and traveled frequently to New York to Attend. Mrs. Applewhite devoted time to numerous endeavors to give educational opportunities to at risk students and she worked closely with special needs children during her career.

Surviving are: a brother, Robert W. "Bobby" Rabon (Demaris) of Conway; and nieces, Deborah R. Johnson and Diane R. Bagnal; grand nieces, Cameron and Katherine; and grand nephew, Dylan; and numerous cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM Friday, December 10, 2021 at Hillcrest Cemetery with Rev. Isaac Dusenbury officiating.

Memorials may be sent to Fostering Hope, 308 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526 or to the Horry County Animal Care Center, 1923 Industrial Park Road, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 10:30 AM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dear Cousin,
It's been a little over a year. My sisters and I have missed you so very much. You were always so positive, had great stories to tell, and listened with great empathy. You definitely are not forgotten. I miss you so much. Just the other day sister - Myra and I were talking about how much we loved you and miss you. I'm sure you are having a great time in Heaven. It won't be to long until we claim God's promise of seeing you again. Love,
Darnelle Lee Maher

Darnelle Lee Maher - January 20, 2023 at 12:12 PM

CL

“ I was quite surprised and sadden to learn that my dear friend passed away in December. Now I know why my phone calls were not answered. Denise you were truly a one in million type of friend. Always willing to help anyone in need. Always speaking your mind with your witty sense of humor. So sorry we never got to do that lunch date. Rest in peace my friend.

Charlene Lennon - April 25, 2022 at 08:30 PM

MB

“ Just tonight I have spoken with my college roommate who discovered that Denise died in December. I am just stunned. She was such a great friend both when we were in college together and then later as adults. When I retired in 2017, she drove all the way from Conway to Greensboro, NC, to surprise me at my retirement reception. She returned when I had a booklet published to cheer me on in that endeavor as well. We had talked of being able to go to New York together to take in some Broadway shows. I will miss our long telephone conversations which were far-ranging and always interesting and entertaining. Denise could weave a wonderful story like the best of Southerners. My only consolation in all of this is that she has been reunited with her lovely husband Carl - both gone too soon. Love you, Denise. Your college suitemate, M. Gertrude Beal

M. Gertrude Beal - January 31, 2022 at 10:17 PM

RC

“ I only learned of Ms. Applewhite's passing today. She was an absolute force of nature and I was lucky to have been a student under her charge. My heart goes out to her family and to every person that she touched and each life that she changed.

Rebecca Poston Creel - January 28, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JV

“ Forever in my heart!!!



Johanna Verner - January 28, 2022 at 08:42 AM

JV

“ My heart hurts so bad to learn of my friend's passing. She was a mentor and friend ALL of my 25 years in education. I WOULD NOT be the educator or woman I am had she not imparted such wisdom in my life. I will be forever grateful for her. I am truly sorry for such a great loss of this amazing woman. She loved so deeply, but yet firmly! My family & I will truly miss this amazing woman. May you rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus.

Johanna Verner - January 28, 2022 at 08:36 AM

KH

“ Denise was such a wonderful person. She was a kind, cultured lady with a big heart. I was blessed to know her.

kay hensley - December 25, 2021 at 09:31 PM

RB

“ Denise and I were in home room together several years. She was such a kind person. RIP sweet friend. 🙏

Rhonda Sanders Butler - December 15, 2021 at 02:07 PM

PA

“ Denise was my first cousin, but I loved her like a sister. She was a sweet, soft spoken, intelligent person who loved the theater. I have many fond memories of Denise. I will miss her. She and my sisters were planning to go New York City, and due to COVID we were not able to go. We were all looking forward to it. Each time I talked with Denise, she would always say, " We are going to go to NY, and I would agree." Well, my friend and cousin, we will not be able to go on the trip to NY, but I will see you again. Love you!



Priscilla Adams - December 14, 2021 at 09:01 AM

DG

“ Denise was President of our NuChapter for two years. She always worked to make our organization better. She was a NuChapter sister and friend to me. She will be dearly missed.

Deronda H. Graham - December 10, 2021 at 06:40 PM

MB

“ The Faculty, Staff, and Students of the former Pleasant Hill Middle School, Hemingway, SC, send our condolences to Mrs. Applewhite's family. She was a strong principal and educational leader during her years with us. Some of us remained in touch with her and saw her recently when she attended a funeral in Hemingway for one of our faculty members. Rest in Peace, DRA.
From Malene Baxley, Guidance Counselor

Malene Baxley - December 10, 2021 at 12:16 PM

JV

When I moved from NJ, she loved on me because I didn't like SC as a kid and shielded me when I was picked on. It was a connection from day 1!! She has treated me like her own all these years. I will truly miss her. ❤️😭

Johanna Verner - January 28, 2022 at 08:39 AM

VC

Found out a few hours ago about Mrs. Applewhite's passing. She accomplished a lot of good during her time. She will be missed.

Virginia Cantey - January 28, 2022 at 07:46 PM

EW

“Denise was such a wonderful person, friend and cousin. She appaled me at the knowledge her brain held. One of the smartest and interesting persons I know. You will be sorely missed at our future Graham reunions but you will definitely not be forgotten. You played a vital role in keeping our reunions alive. We love you Denise.

Elaine Williams - December 09, 2021 at 02:55 PM

VA

“V. Myra L. Allen lit a candle in memory of Denise R. Applewhite



V. Myra L. Allen - December 08, 2021 at 05:58 PM

DM

“What a dear cousin Denise was. My sisters and I always had a good time with Denise. Some years ago, I was returning home and stopped at a small casino miles away from Las Vegas. I heard someone calling my name. When I turned around it was Cousin Denise and Carl. They graciously accepted our invitation to spend the night at my home in Dana Point on their way to San Francisco. To this day, my children who are now grown fondly recall how much enjoyment they had listening to Denise and Carl. She was a wonderful, entertaining person, and we will surely miss her, but will always fondly remember our dear cousin. I am so happy to know that Denise knew and loved the Lord, and today she is free of all earthly problems and is in her heavenly home.

Darnelle Lee Maher - December 07, 2021 at 10:37 PM

MK

“ So sorry to learn of Denise’s passing. I have known her since we were small children going to North Baptist Church, where I still attend. I thought a lot of Denise! I kept seeing Herat Nye’s, she always got a triple vanilla cone and she enjoyed it SO MUCH! My deepest sympathy to her family.

Mona King - December 07, 2021 at 07:36 PM

BJ

“ Betty F Jordan lit a candle in memory of Denise R. Applewhite



Betty F Jordan - December 07, 2021 at 12:06 PM

CB

“ She was one of the BEST educators I have ever seen. RIP Mrs. Applewhite.

Chris Britton - December 07, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JR

She was a sweet lady and showed respect to her elderly aunt who has past on also!! Her heart went out to animals that didn't have a home!! I remember her telling about rescuing a boxer that she adored.

j Rabon - December 08, 2021 at 05:15 PM

JR

RIP dear friend! Going to miss you!

j Rabon - December 08, 2021 at 05:17 PM