



## Carol Holmes

April 14, 1940 - March 3, 2014

Carol B. Holmes

The Rev. Carol B. Holmes, who served at Trinity Church in Myrtle Beach and The Church of the Resurrection in Surfside Beach, died of cancer March 3 at Agape Post Acute Care Center in Conway, following many years of serious medical conditions. She was 73.

Carol Bahlke Holmes was born April 14, 1940, the daughter of Elizabeth Virginia Staub and Charles Fiske Bahlke, both of Baltimore. She was raised in Ridgewood, NJ and graduated from Ridgewood High School in 1958 and Hood College in 1962.

While teaching for several years at Norfolk Academy in Norfolk, VA, she obtained a masters degree in education from Old Dominion University in 1981. Throughout her life, Rev. Holmes, an avid reader and trained reading specialist, devoted time to tutoring young people in reading.

In her forties, she attended Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating in 1987 and then being ordained an Episcopal priest. She served as chaplain at St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, Virginia. She spent much of her time participating in various Bible study groups.

In 2002, Rev. Holmes moved to Myrtle Beach where her sister regularly spent time.

She is survived by two sons, Todd Clayton Holmes of Holly Springs, NC and

Steven Marshall Holmes of Huntsville, NC.; an adopted daughter, Sarah "Crystal" Scott of Parksley, VA.; a sister, Susan B. Robertson of Oakton, VA.; three grandsons, Nicholas, Maverick, and Jonathan; three granddaughters, Heather, Lauren, and, Cassidy; and one great grandson, Bruce.

Her entire life was devoted to serving God and other people. She will be dearly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 PM Friday, March 7, 2014 at Trinity Church of Myrtle Beach with Reverend Iain Boyd officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Church 3000 N. Kings Hwy. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
3000 N Kings Hwy  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-3018

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ I feel blessed that Rev. Carrie Holmes was chaplain when I attended St. Margaret's School. She was always so kind and understanding. Later, while we both lived in Northern Virginia, we attended Truro Episcopal Church and would often sit together.

*Peace be with you.*

*-- Katherine Jenkins*

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**Katherine Jenkins** - March 13, 2014 at 09:47 AM

CP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. Rev. Holmes was the Chaplain when I attended St. Margaret's School. She was a very kind and caring woman. RIP Rev. Holmes.

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**CHERYL PENNINGS** - March 12, 2014 at 11:25 AM

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“ I was sorry to receive the news of Carol's death on March 3, through Virginia Seminary. Carol and I were both from the Diocese of Southern Virginia, and were classmates in Seminary. We were ordained to the diaconate along with the Rev. Billy Taylor at Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach, on June 6, 1987.

Carol was a true pioneer for women's ordained ministry in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, in an era where women were not looked upon very kindly for ordination. She was patient, courageous, and even endured some harassment along the way. I never saw Carol again after our ordination together. May she be received into the glorious company of the saints in light, and Christ's consoling grace be with her family.

--The Rev. John McDuffie  
Christ Church, Rockville, MD

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**The Rev. John McDuffie** - March 08, 2014 at 12:59 PM

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“ Marge Bayrer lit a candle in memory of Carol Holmes



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**Marge Bayrer** - March 07, 2014 at 06:42 PM

TB

“ Caroline was a special person, loving, gracious and generous to the very core of her being. She is missed greatly by me and many.  
Theresa M. Brion

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**Theresa Brion** - March 05, 2014 at 09:55 AM