



Carolyn Cox

January 1, 1933 - January 13, 2014

Conway, SC...Carolyn Gleaton Cox, 81, found eternal peace on January 13 in Colfax, NC with her family and friends at her side.

She was a truly special friend to all who had the pleasure of making her acquaintance. Carolyn will be remembered for being full of life, humor, and music. Anyone who spent time with her certainly shared laughs and memorable stories that will perpetuate her spirit far beyond her time here on earth. She was known to many as a teacher, professor, friend, mother, or grandmother. Her one-of-a-kind nature has made the world a better place, and she will be dearly missed.

Carolyn was born in Bennettsville, SC January 1, 1933 to the late Reverend Wallace and Ellyn Allen Gleaton. She graduated from Columbia High School in 1951, Wesleyan College in 1955 and Converse College with a masters degree in music. After graduating from Converse College, she taught at Brevard College from 1970 to 1973 before moving to Conway, SC to start the music department at Coastal Carolina. She served as chair from 1973 to 1997. Carolyn was very active in the arts and The Theater of the Republic in Conway. She played many leading roles including Dolly in Hello Dolly, Mame in Mame, Anna in The King and I, Mother Abyss in The Sound of Music, just to name a few. Carolyn was married to the late Gilbert Henry Cox Jr. on June 28, 1958 in Summerton, SC.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Henry Cox and Rita Herrin, her daughter and son-in-law Macie and Tim Templeton and her three

grandchildren, Gil, Chase and Hannah Templeton.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Friday at First United Methodist Church, Conway, SC with Rev. Kyle Randle officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service in the church commons.

Memorials may be sent to the Carolyn Cox Music Scholarship, Coastal Educational Foundation, PO Box 261954, Conway, SC 29528-6054.

Sign a 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

Visitation

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Conway
1001 5th Avenue
Conway, SC 29526
<http://www.fumcconway.org/>

Service

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ I taught with Carolyn and had the privilege of working with her on several musicals at Coastal between 1983 and 1988. She was as talented as she was funny. We always had a great time and we are all going to miss her and the joy that she brought to everyone she touched. I know that she is leading a group of angels in warm-ups by doing the "Hokey Pokey."

David E. Majewski
Richard Bland College of William & Mary

David E. Majewski - February 04, 2014 at 04:34 PM

SS

“ Sweet, witty, fun-loving Carolyn! The world is now a less interesting place with her gone from it. She found something humorous about every situation. I think she just enjoyed life. I will miss her but will always remember her with the greatest fondness.

Sandi Shackelford

Sandi Shackelford - January 22, 2014 at 06:30 PM

MP

“ I had the privilege of performing in her concert choirs at Coastal Carolina as well as working with her in several theater performances. She had a wonderful sense of humor, outstanding faith, love for students, passion for music and true southern charm. It was such a blessing to know her.

Mark Porter - January 18, 2014 at 08:08 AM

CB

“ Carolyn was a true Southern lady. She knew how to make everyone around her feel special. I had the honor to team up with Caroline in my first appearance on the Theatre of the Republic stage. She calmed my fears that day and continued to be an encouragement to me through the years. Even after I moved away, when I would come to visit, she always remembered me. It was a blessing to know her. She will be missed!

Christine Beattie - January 18, 2014 at 12:29 AM

LD

“ Henry and Macie and all the family,

You have my deepest sympathy! Your mother was my first cousin, my mother was Carrie, Uncle Wallace's sister. Carolyn and my sister Carole were around the same age.

Your mother was a beautiful person inside and out! I always wanted to be tall and to be able to sing like her. I can barely remember the day she was getting married. I got to be in the dressing area with all of them. I can remember she was so pretty! I married and moved to Tennessee. I didn't see her too much after that.

I pray for the Lord to comfort you at this time and in the days to come. The Lord bless you all! With love, Lynn Grooms Daugtry, Gallatin, TN.

Lynn Daugtry - January 17, 2014 at 04:23 PM

BS

“ Henry ,Macie and family,
Carolyn was truly a vivacious, fun and talented lady who will always remain in our fondest memories, beginning at Coastal with our daughter Donna and singing in the Chancel choir with her at First Methodist. We are unable to attend her service, but please know our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

Donald and Bonita Smoak

Bonita Smoak - January 16, 2014 at 07:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Cox.*



January 16, 2014 at 04:41 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Cox.*



January 16, 2014 at 09:16 AM

BC

“ Carolyn Cox was a wonderful lady. I have so many fond memories of her at First Methodist and especially at Coastal. We always had so much fun and she was such a big part of that for us. She definitely had patience to put up with all of our youthful energy but she always acted as though she enjoyed every minute of it. She pushed us to do more than we could have ever imagined with music. This community has been blessed by her and her children as I enjoyed growing up with you Henry and Maci. Please know that I am thinking about you today and in the days ahead. God bless you all. She will be missed.

Beth Hyman Calhoun

Beth Calhoun - January 16, 2014 at 08:35 AM

LH

“ Carolyn and I have been friends and colleagues since we met in 1985 at Coastal Carolina. Long before Coastal had a theatre department, we directed musicals in Wheelwright Auditorium -- *Girl Crazy* was our favorite. From the 1980s until Carolyn left Conway, a small group of us at CCU (the "Seesters") regularly had dinners and lunches together. Even after she moved away, we visited her. Without a doubt, Carolyn is the kindest and most loyal "seester" one could have. Her hearty laugh, her big hugs, and gentle nature will be missed. Thank you, Carolyn, for being such a dear friend.

Linda Hollandsworth - January 16, 2014 at 08:13 AM

RF

“ Ms. Carolyn, what a lady~ I think I met Henry as a teenager before I came to know his Mom at Coastal Carolina. Henry, I was the cousin that stayed with Kim and Kaye Hardee for awhile when my dad was sick in Charleston. When I started my second year at Coastal, I thought I wanted to major in music. My greatest time there was singing with the Choir led by Ms. Carolyn. She was an excellent music director. I enjoyed many concerts and the road tour to New York and back. My dad passed during that year and the music and group is what kept me going. Ms. Carolyn was special to all of us and could always make us laugh. I know your family will always have many fond memories. May God bless you during this time.

Robert Ford - January 16, 2014 at 06:45 AM

AM

“ I will always remember Mrs Carolyn as one of the most kindest neighbors any little kid could as for. Mrs Carolyn always had a beautiful smile to brighten anyone's day!
Amy Booth Metts

Amy - January 15, 2014 at 07:42 PM

JP

I remember with love, Carolyn. I helped bring her to Coastal, and I appreciate all she did to bring music to the area. I was in Hello Dolly, directed her in Mame, sang in Carmen, and many other programs. The last performance I did with her was The Mikado. She always inspired us fellow professors to do our best. Her enthusiasm will be remembered and will keep us striving to do our best, whatever the challenge may be. Joyce B. Parker

Joyce B. Parker - January 16, 2014 at 08:12 AM