



Carolyn Lee Pines

November 21, 1947 - September 28, 2025

Carolyn Lee Pines, 77, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025, at her residence. She was born on November 21, 1947, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the late Leroy and Levester Pines. From an early age, Carolyn's caring nature, determination, and vibrant spirit were evident to everyone who knew her. She attended Howard High School, where she excelled both academically and athletically, proudly running track and forming friendships that would last a lifetime. After graduating, Carolyn went on to work for the Hamilton County Department of Education, where she dedicated many years of faithful service. She was known as dependable, hardworking, and kind-hearted, always willing to lend a helping hand or share a warm smile.

Carolyn's faith was the foundation of her life. As a devoted member of Silvercrest Missionary Baptist Church, she served faithfully on the Usher Board for many years. Greeting others with grace and compassion, Carolyn took pride in making everyone who entered the church feel welcome and loved. Her service to the Lord and to others was a true reflection of her heart. Outside of work and church, Carolyn enjoyed life's simple joys.

She loved traveling, gardening, cooking, and shopping especially when she could share those moments with her family. Her kitchen was a place of comfort and laughter, where she poured love into every meal she prepared. Her garden was her sanctuary, a space where she found peace and joy in

nurturing the beauty around her. Above all, Carolyn's greatest love was her family. She treasured every moment spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Family gatherings were filled with laughter, stories, and the warmth of her presence. Her legacy of love, patience, and strength continues to live on through each of them. Her life was a living example of love, faith, and strength.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Levester Pines; her brothers, Amos Pines and Larry Pines; her beloved son, Jeffery Pines; and granddaughter, Willacia Linder.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving daughters, Patricia Black, Kimberly Lollis, and Katrina Couch; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and two very special friends, Robbie Felton and Priscilla Thurman, who shared in many of life's special moments with her.

To know Carolyn was to love her. Her laughter, wisdom, and giving heart touched countless lives. Though she will be deeply missed, the love she shared will continue to blossom in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her. "Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord." – Matthew 25:23

Carolyn will lie-in-state on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, October 17, 2025, at 12 noon in the Chapel with Pastor Randy Petersen as the Eulogist. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT 16. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

OCT 17. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

OCT 17. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Tribute Wall

QH

“ *Queen Hayes lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines*



Queen Hayes - October 23, 2025 at 05:03 PM

AN

“ *Annie Pearl Nard sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines*



Annie Pearl Nard - October 22, 2025 at 10:09 AM

KG

“ *Katrina Gordon lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines*



Katrina Gordon - October 22, 2025 at 10:09 AM

YW

“ *Sending my Condolences and praying for the family From Mrs. Ann Wadley and family*



Yahunna Wadley - October 16, 2025 at 04:27 PM

SS

“ Mrs. Carolyn was my mother, Susie Smith-Robinson's friend we we lived in Poss Homes. As a child, I have so many memories of the two them sitting around talking, cutting up, and schooling me about life. One of my fondest memories was Mrs. Carolyn doing my very 1st Jerri Curl when I was in the 7th grade. You could not tell me nothing! It saddens me to find out she has passed. I send my condolences to Patricia, Kim, Trina, and the entire family.



My mother passed in 2018 and I'm sure they will have a reunite in Heaven.

Shanika Smith - October 16, 2025 at 04:05 PM

FT

“ Carolyn I am going to miss you so much I remember the time we use to have I will always love you and will remember you for the rest of my life what a wonderful and Blessed friend to have in my life love you girls God bless all 3of you

Fannie Tramble - October 14, 2025 at 02:11 PM

MP

“ *Sending Heartfelt Sympathy
To my extended family, The Pines Family—
Ms. Carolyn was like an aunt to me. I can still see her doing the Hustle dance in AP, full of joy and spirit.
She will be truly missed, but her warmth and energy will live on in our hearts.
Wishing you comfort and peace during this time.*

Marlinda Powell & Family

Marlinda Powell - October 13, 2025 at 04:45 PM

VB

“ *Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines*



Vincinetta Brown - October 13, 2025 at 05:06 AM



“ *My condolence to the family, love one's and friends.carolyn and I worked together for some time.* 🙏



Barbara Miller - October 09, 2025 at 12:04 PM

MD

“ *Mary Daniels lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines*



Mary Daniels - October 08, 2025 at 05:37 PM

WB

“ *Wanda Benton lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines*



Wanda Benton - October 07, 2025 at 07:31 PM

WW

“ Prayers to the Pines Family.



Willa Williams - October 07, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JF

“ Joyce Fears lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines



Joyce Fears - October 06, 2025 at 11:00 AM

CL

“ I'm sorry to hear Miss Carolyn's passing. She was a very sweet lady and I enjoyed being around her and her children. I know she will be missed greatly.



Cynthia Leak - October 05, 2025 at 04:30 PM

VF

Yes! She was the sweetest lady! Always kind and helpful! She will always be remembered and missed!

Vickie Fielder - October 06, 2025 at 02:01 PM

JS

“ *Jennifer Swoopes lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines*



Jennifer Swoopes - October 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM

NC

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Pines*



Natalie Carter - October 03, 2025 at 02:46 AM

VF

“ *Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Lee Pines*



Vickie Fielder - October 02, 2025 at 12:31 PM