



Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders

September 23, 1941 - March 1, 2025

Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders, 83, of Sylvester, died on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at her residence.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 6 2025, at the Bryant Drive Baptist Church. A private family interment, for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will be held at the Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Tift County. The Rev. Brady Jordan, Rev. Ira Thomas and Dr. Hans Wunch will officiate.

Mrs. Saunders was born on September 23, 1941 in Worth County to the late Albert and Cynthia Pauline Willis Tillery. She had lived in Worth County most of her life and was an educator with the Worth County Board of Education for 27 years. Mrs. Saunders played the piano in church from the age of twelve and was a member of the Bryant Drive Baptist Church. She enjoyed watching baseball and college basketball, and was an avid Atlanta Braves fan. She also volunteered at the Alpha Pregnancy Center.

Survivors include her children, Cynthia Rowe (Rick) of Maryland, Cal Saunders of South Dakota, Melody Clements (Robert) and Melinda Rahm all of Sylvester; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; siblings, Romel Smith of Dudley, GA and Jed Tillery (Sue) of Bainbridge

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 10:00 AM until funeral hour at Bryant Drive Baptist Church.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryant Drive Baptist Church
206 Bryant Drive
Sylvester, GA 31791

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryant Drive Baptist Church
206 Bryant Drive
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Linda Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders*



Linda Allen - November 10, 2025 at 11:57 PM

SR

“ *Sharon Rhoads lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders*



Sharon Rhoads - March 10, 2025 at 10:58 AM

SR

Melody and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Ms. Carol passing. She was a special lady and will be missed by many.

Sharon Rhoads - March 10, 2025 at 10:59 AM

JM

“ *Julie Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders*



Julie Miller - March 06, 2025 at 02:13 PM

JM

Very sweet lady.

Julie Miller - March 06, 2025 at 02:14 PM

EA

I writes with Carol at the Worth County Board of Education and knew her as a joyful and very kind person, whom I admired. My sympathy is extended to her family as she will be truly missed.

Estelle J Allen - March 08, 2025 at 01:06 PM

JM

“ James & Julie Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders



James & Julie Miller - March 06, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JM

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James & Julie Miller - March 06, 2025 at 02:08 PM

EM

“ Mrs. Carol will truly be missed. I enjoyed hearing her play the piano at church and I'm truly going to miss seeing her come to my job. No matter where I saw her, she always had a smile on her face. I will be praying for the family.

Ebony Moore - March 04, 2025 at 12:11 PM

LC

“ My cousin Carol was a source of joy and inspiration for all her family...who she loved dearly...May her memory and spirit live in our hearts forever ..Anita and Larry Cleek

Larry G and Anita W Cleek - March 04, 2025 at 12:01 PM

YL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with cousin Carol's family. I have many good memories of her. She was always kind and pleasant to be around. She touched many lives and will be missed. May God bless with comfort and peace.

Yvonne (Tillery) Ledford

Yvonne Ledford - March 04, 2025 at 11:45 AM

LC

I remember Carol playing the piano at Bethel when I was a young girl. She was a very sweet person. Laura Gay Cravey.

Laura Gay Cravey - March 04, 2025 at 08:43 PM

GM

“ *A marvelous educator every day: teaching, exhibiting good character, modeling good citizenship. A career of excellence. You gave your best daily. Blessings G. Morey*

Grady Morey - March 04, 2025 at 11:11 AM

RL

“ *Rita Leggett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders*



Rita Leggett - March 03, 2025 at 08:46 PM

KM

“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family and friends. May God continue to bless you all during this time.*
Kivett Milton



Kivett Milton - March 03, 2025 at 07:32 PM

MJ

“ *MARJORIE JAMES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders*



MARJORIE JAMES - March 03, 2025 at 06:14 PM

AW

“ *Mrs Carol was an absolute treasure! She was loved by so many and was a blessing to all who knew her. She will be missed greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family now and always.*



Angel Webb - March 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM

GY

“ Glenda Yearty lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders



Glenda Yearty - March 03, 2025 at 02:50 PM

GY

Ms Carol was a wonderful example of a kind and loving person, That also shines through her children. Melody and Melinda were the two I knew. They were like my children to me and I love them very much. You girls remember God is with you and the rest of the family during this most difficult time. My prayers are with all of you.

Glenda Yearty - March 03, 2025 at 02:55 PM

CI

“ Thinking of Carol with memories from our childhood, I always loved visiting her family on the farm where she grew up. Love and Prayers to Family.

Connie Tillery Ingram - March 03, 2025 at 01:11 PM

MW

“ MaryAnn Welch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders



MaryAnn Welch - March 03, 2025 at 12:41 PM

FW

“ Farrah Willey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders



Farrah Willey - March 03, 2025 at 12:17 PM

EC

“ A cousin who will be missed so much. Prayers for the family. May God give you all comfort during this time.

Elaine Tillery Coleman - March 03, 2025 at 11:22 AM

DG

“ Cynthia, Cal, Melody & Melinda and families; my heart goes out to each of you at this time. I will never forget Aunt Carol's fear of driving over bridges nor the love she had had for each of you, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Love you guys so much and wrapping each of you in God's glorious arms!

Dawn (Simmons) Gaddis - March 03, 2025 at 11:09 AM

JY

“ Jo Ann Youngblood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders



Jo Ann Youngblood - March 02, 2025 at 11:10 PM

MH

“ I worked with Carol at Holley Elementary for many years. She was a good mentor and taught me so much. I have a lot of good memories of her. Prayers, love, and hugs to all the family.



Marilyn C Herring - March 02, 2025 at 10:47 PM

SB

“ Mrs.Carole will be missed .she was a sweet lady her children and grandchildren are the sweetest I will miss you rest in peace 🙏🙏

stacey blake - March 02, 2025 at 10:36 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - March 02, 2025 at 09:32 PM

JW

“ *Jean Wingate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders*



Jean Wingate - March 02, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JW

I worked with Carol for many years she was a very good friend and mentor. I loved her like a sister and best friend. She was a hard worker and took her job very seriously.

Jean Wingate - March 02, 2025 at 09:14 PM

KM

“ *Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Tillery Saunders*



Karen McDonald - March 02, 2025 at 05:27 PM