



Ms. Thelma Carter Carlysle

June 20, 1927 - February 13, 2026

Ms. Thelma “Pat” Carter Carlysle, 98, of Palm Bay, FL, and formerly of Gainesville, Florida and Sumner, Georgia, died Friday, February 13, 2026 at Life Care Centers of America, Palm Bay, Florida.

The family will receive friends at Banks Funeral Home, 210 N. Main Street, Sylvester, Georgia, on Friday, February 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel. A brief graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery, 701 N. Isabella Street, Sylvester, Georgia, for anyone wishing to attend.

Ms. Carlysle was born on June 20, 1927, in Worth County to the late James Franklin and Lillie Moon Carter. She was an Associate Research Scientist and director of the Scanning Electron Microscopy Department with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Gainesville, Florida. Ms. Carlysle enjoyed a rich life through her passion for nature, gardening, and her abiding spirituality. Above all else, her family, to whom she was fiercely dedicated, was her greatest love. She spread her deep devotion to each-and-every one of them with wide-open arms and unconditional love.

Survivors include her children, Carol Lee Leppla (Norm) and James Thomas “Tom” Carlysle (Debbie), her sister Janice Carter Sinquefield and brother James “Jimmy” Wallace Carter, and many beloved nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Ms. Carlysle was preceded in death by her sister, Joyce Carter Smith, and brothers, William Homer Carter, Curtis Adam Carter, and Ernest Gordon Carter.

Her passing leaves a quiet ache, but also deep gratitude for the long, rich life she lived and the profound impact she had on all who love her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider planting a tree in Ms. Carlisle's name (<https://shop.arboday.org/trees-in-memory>) or making a charitable donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or St. Joseph's Indian School (www.stjo.org).

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

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
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210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
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<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

FEB **20** (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall



“ *Banks Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Thelma Carter Carlisle*



Banks Funeral Home - February 17 at 12:15 PM

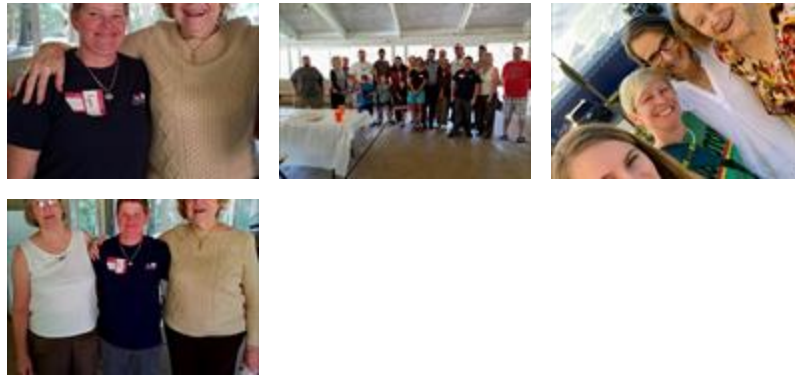
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Thanks for sharing the pics Jennifer!

Debbie - February 21 at 05:57 PM

JB

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Jennifer Bean - February 20 at 03:25 PM

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“ *Known her since 1960, always a pleasure to be around. One of the people you realize you were blessed to know.*



Larry Crowe - February 17 at 02:57 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album Mom*



Debbie - February 16 at 12:13 PM