



## Carol Bechtel

February 24, 1959 - October 25, 2023

Carol Bechtel, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away at her home on October 25, 2023 at the age of 64 in Sumrall, MS after a courageous battle with cancer for 2 years.

Carol was born on February 24, 1959 to Lawrence and Ida Mae Strite in Pennsylvania. She was a kind and caring person, always putting others before herself. Carol had a passion for serving her family and church family, and she enjoyed having company and making everyone feel welcome. She will be remembered for her selflessness and generosity.

Carol's greatest joys in life was serving her Savior and her family. She married the love of her life, Merlin, on August 17, 1985 and together they raised 4 children: Lyndon (Melissa) Bechtel, Luanna (John Dale) Point, Carlin (Marilyn) Bechtel, and Kevin (Julia) Bechtel. She was also a proud grandmother to 7 grandchildren: Tyler; Robin and Lacey Point; Ayden Bechtel; Marielle; Declan and Mabel Jane Bechtel. She was preceded in death by both parents and one sister. Carol's love for her family was evident in everything she did, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Carol's life on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Salem Baptist Church, Collins, MS. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to her husband. She will be greatly

missed by her family and friends, but her legacy of love and compassion will continue to inspire others.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM.

Salem Baptist Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Drs. Shawn & Tonya Peterson lit a candle in memory of Carol Bechtel*



**Drs. Shawn & Tonya Peterson** - October 31, 2023 at 12:57 AM

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**Drs. Shawn-Tonya Peterson** - October 31, 2023 at 12:56 AM

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“ *Our dear Carol--an angel on Earth, now shining in Heaven. Carol was a dedicated and gifted colleague of mine on the faculty at CARE International and also as a Senior Researcher of NOTE Research Group. We continue to pray for her loved ones and students near and far who feel this great loss we share. She has left both a great positive impact and a lasting legacy, which will carry her wonderful, caring spirit forward in those she touched so meaningfully through her dedicated service to others.*



**Dr. Tonya Peterson** - October 31, 2023 at 12:45 AM



*Thanks...much..she will be missed by many..*

**Merlin Bechtel** - November 17, 2023 at 07:06 PM

MB

“ I'll miss u..my sweet wife



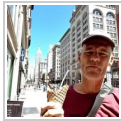
Merlin Bechtel - October 28, 2023 at 05:40 AM

SP

“ Merlin and Family, I am sorry of the passing of Carol. May your fond memories serve you'll well now and the time ahead. May God Bless and Comfort All of the Merlin Bechtel Family.

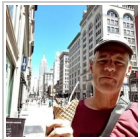


Scott Parks - October 27, 2023 at 03:25 PM



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Merlin Bechtel - November 17, 2023 at 07:04 PM



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Merlin Bechtel - October 27, 2023 at 03:03 PM