



Carolyn D. Skinner

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Carolyn Dailey Skinner was born December 10, 1941 in Chase City, VA to the late Charlie and Nannie Redd Dailey. She attended West End High School and, upon graduation, attended Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she would go on to earn a degree in Education.

Carolyn began her professional teaching journey in the Chase City area. She was one of the blessed souls who found her passion in life, pursued it, and was exceptional at it. She soon moved to Brooklyn, New York to pursue that passion for educating young people and helping them connect with their own potential and possibilities.

While pursuing a career in education in New York, Carolyn met Joe W. Skinner of Hertford, NC. They were declared husband and wife on June 7, 1968 and welcomed their first-born child into the world later that year. Eleven years of residence in Brooklyn included the birth of two more children.

In 1976, the family moved to Richmond, Virginia, where Carolyn would go on to receive a Masters Degree in Special Education, with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education, from Virginia Commonwealth University. She served Richmond Public Schools for 30 years, from 1978 until 2008, when she retired, having spent more than four decades as a fierce advocate for educating children, in general, and children with special needs, in particular. Carolyn was regarded by colleagues, parents, and students alike as an exceptionally supportive, professional, humble, and passionate educator; and an expert in her field.

Carolyn departed this life May 02, 2022. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Joe W. Skinner.

Her memory will be cherished by her children, Yachanan Sean P. Skinner (Cecilia), Shannon S. Paul (Stacy), and Joseph S. Skinner; six beloved grandchildren, Shiloh and Selah Paul, and Shayla, Shauna, Savanna, and Saraya Skinner; her siblings Shirley D. Hardy (Curtis), and Josephine D. Reid; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to her career achievements, Carolyn will be fondly remembered for bringing her hilariously quick wit, stylish sophistication, and ready smile to any situation.