



Carolyn Frances Emerson

August 15, 1936 - March 26, 2026

Carolyn Frances Emerson, 89, of Winston Salem, NC passed away Thursday, March 26, 2026 at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice House.

Carolyn was born August 15, 1936 to Frances Willard Emerson and Esther Lee Barker. She was a graduate of Boyden High School and Catawba College. Later she also attended Livingstone College. She worked as a social worker in Winston Salem and was such a compassionate person who later in life sat with elders as a caregiver. Carolyn loved being with her family, especially her kids and grandchildren. She loved traveling to Alabama to visit her family. She grew up around music and loved to dance, passing that love of dance and music on to her daughter and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Dr. James Willard Emerson.

Carolyn is survived by her sons, Jimmy Gray Ring and Jon Emerson Ring; daughter, Leigh Caroline Huffman; grandchildren: Hailey Elizabeth Huffman and husband Al Roth, Mark Thomas Huffman, Jr. and wife Christina and Heather Caroline Huffman; great-grandchildren: Chloe Jade Angell, Caroline Grace Angell and Silas Foster Huffman; sister-in-law, Bonnie Ruffy Emerson; nephew Dr. Ike Emerson and best friend of over 50 years, Nancy Bowlin..

A graveside service will be held at 1 PM Thursday, April 2, 2026 at City Memorial Park.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Emerson family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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