



Deborah Young Carter

March 26, 1951 - December 5, 2022

Deborah Young Carter, 71, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, December 5, 2022 at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Debbie was born March 26, 1951 in Rowan County, NC to the late Dr. David Clyde Young Jr. and Lois Rogerson Young. She was a graduate of Boyden High School Class of 1969, St. Mary's College Class of 1971 and Appalachian State University Class of 1973. Debbie worked as an Administrative Assistant at the family business of Summersett Funeral Home and served on the Board of Directors. She was also a homemaker who loved participating in her children and grandchildren's lives in any way needed whether through being PTA President, running concession stands, or being a chauffeur to many sporting events and activities; she was always their number one supporter in all they did.

Debbie was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church where she served on various committees throughout the years such as Worship Committee, Altar Guild, the Funeral Committee and as a Wedding Director. She volunteered with the Rowan Regional Medical Center Auxiliary for many years, serving as Vice-President in 2006 and President in 2007 and as a committee member of the Rowan Regional Medical Center Foundation and the Patrons Ball which she Co-Chaired in 2006, she was also a board member of the Salisbury/Rowan Heart Fund Ball. Debbie was Co-founder of the Celebration of Life Breast Cancer Support group which she began after

her first breast cancer diagnosis in 1997. She was active with Rowan County Relay for Life and had served as the county coordinator for the American Cancer Society Reach to Recovery Program. Debbie loved helping others and was active in so many projects in the Salisbury Community and loved helping others, she was a former board member for the Community Care Clinic. She enjoyed being a member of the Tea and Topics Book Club and the Brown Bag Readers.

Debbie loved traveling with her family and friends and was always ready for a trip to Blowing Rock or a summer vacation with her family at Isle of Palms. She and Summie always had a trip planned and loved seeing the world with their special friends - especially the "athletes" in the group that would venture on tours and excursions above and beyond comfort levels sometimes. Mimi and Pop, as Corbin and Evan lovingly named Debbie and Summie, took the grandchildren to Disney and on two Disney cruises through the years and enjoyed every minute of seeing the world through their eyes. She loved any and all sports – especially cheering for the Carolina Panthers and was thrilled to have followed them to a Super Bowl (as prescribed by Dr. Brinkley after beating breast cancer for the second time in 2016). Even as she fought cancer this final time Debbie did not miss a dance recital and rarely missed her grandchildren's basketball, softball or track events.

Debbie's family was her pride and joy. Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 49 years, William "Summie" Summersett Carter; daughter, Kristen Carter Barber and husband Dennis and their children Corbin Paige Barber and Evan Scott Barber; son, Staton Summersett Carter and wife Carrie; sister, Cam Young Choiniere (Laurent); brother, David Michael Young (Ellen); brother and sister in law, Donald and Cathy Carter; nieces and nephews, Mary Beth Walker (Matt) and their children, Jackson, Eva, Paige and Sophie; James Carli (Meredith), Gina Zicchino (Anthony) and Ian Choiniere.

Preceding her in death were her parents and nephew, David Scott Carter.

The family would like to sincerely thank all of our extended family and friends for the love, prayers, support, meals, cards, visits and flowers during Debbie's

illness. We also wish to say thank you to Dr. Brinkley and the staff of the Novant Cancer Institute for their care and compassion, her visits to their office were always uplifting, Dr. Demming Ward for his care and friendship, and to the wonderful staff at the Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House. A Celebration of Life service will be held at First United Methodist Church on Thursday (Dec 8) at 3 PM, conducted by Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti. The family will receive friends after the service in the church Fellowship Hall. The service will be live streamed and available to view later on the First United Methodist Church's youtube channel.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church St., Salisbury, NC 28144 and Community Care Clinic of Rowan, 315 Mocksville Ave., Suite G, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
217 S. Church St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deborah Young Carter*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - December 08, 2022 at 09:24 AM

BB

*Debbie was such a wonderful person and will be deeply missed by many. Prayers for the family.
Beth and Vince Benedetto*

Beth Benedetto - December 08, 2022 at 08:17 PM

MH

Sorry to learn of Debbie's passing. She was a wonderful person, loved by many.

Mark E Hayden - December 21, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Deborah Young Carter*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - December 07, 2022 at 10:10 AM

LH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Debbie’s passing. I have recipes she gave me from when we lived on Nunamaker Drive that I still use today. I’m so grateful that she taught me how to cross stitch, an art that I so enjoy. She was so talented and one of the sweetest people I’ve known. I’m so sorry that we were not able to get together in person now that Steve and I are in Charlotte. Prayers for you all.
Loretta Hedge

Loretta Hedge - December 21, 2022 at 08:15 AM

JH

“ Your mom was always so sweet and kind to me. She was always so complimentary after each dance recital with her kind words. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of your family.

Jackie Hurlbut - December 18, 2022 at 10:40 AM

DM

“ Your family has assisted so many on the journey of grief and that includes me on many occasions. May you feel that same love and support from us at this time of loss. May you hear the heartbeat of God as He holds you close. Love and Prayers to your family. Diana and Erin Myers

Diana Myers - December 13, 2022 at 03:26 PM

KJ

“ Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with the Carter Family!

Kris and Kelly Jimenez



Kristofer Jimenez - December 12, 2022 at 07:17 AM

“ I think back to going around and visiting different family's houses on holidays like Thanksgiving and Easter. Whenever we would get to Debbie's house as kids it was like we could relax and run around and be ourselves and play. I remember running through all the rooms, playing on the stairs, just being happy, supported, and loved.



My last memory of Debbie is sitting upstairs at my grandmother's house as an adult with my grandmother and Debbie, the three of us chatting. It was some amount of time after Debbie had beat another cancer and she was healthy and very well, glowing really, smiling and laughing. I don't remember exactly what we chatted about, but I see the scene perfectly in my mind of the three of us up there in my grandmother's cozy library, probably drinking tea or something, maybe talking about dance or one of my creative endeavors, reliving memories of childhood, Debbie catching us up on the lives of her grandchildren. More so than those details though, when I think back on this memory I feel the warmth and peace and contentment that being in Debbie's presence always brought. With Debbie you could always be yourself. She was authentic, an amazing listener, brilliant, creative. I will always come to the words kindness and love, always, when I think of my Aunt. As much as I deeply wish I'd spent more time with my Aunt, I am forever grateful for that memory, which even right now in this moment feels like a great big warm hug. ❤️

A few days before Debbie passed I was sipping my morning coffee and reading, as I do most mornings, and the following quote, by a yoga guru called Sri Ramana Maharshi, lept off the page and is what caused me to sit down and write all of these words about my Aunt. It said:

"The material body dies, but the spirit transcending it cannot be touched by death."

Debbie was an angel on earth in every way. Whatever you believe religiously, spiritually, we can all agree that Debbie is now in Heaven and living the rest of her days in eternal bliss, never to experience suffering again, every ounce of which she more than deserves. She absolutely blessed and made better the lives of every single person who had the honor to meet her in their lifetime. Debbie is love, she still is love, and her love is always all around us. So to my Aunt Debbie I just want to say, Thank You. Thank you for showing us what an angel walking on this earth looks like. I will try to live with as much kindness and giving as you did. She gave to others without expecting anything in return, of her time, material, food, care, love, the ripples of which, I'm certain, extend further than we even know. To me, my Aunt Debbie is an example of someone who was so strong, as she battled breast cancer, and won, multiple times. This proves she had a higher purpose on this earth. She was here for a reason, and now she can rest.

Aunt Debbie, I love you, I learned from you, and I will do my best to be love, as you did every day. Thank you. ❤️

Gina Zicchino - December 10, 2022 at 09:38 AM

PS

“ Prayers for Summie, Kristen, Staton and the Entire Family. John 14:1-3

Pastor Joey Spry - December 10, 2022 at 01:02 AM

SH

“ Summie and Family, I am heartbroken to hear of Debbie’s struggles and death. We grew up at First Methodist together and she was unchanged through the years. I am so glad I could see her service on line as I am sick and unable to attend. It was so beautiful and we share favorite music. Thank you for the video of her through the years. She will be greatly missed.

Love to you all,
Sarah McCanless Haarlow

Sarah McCanless Haarlow - December 08, 2022 at 11:20 PM

GD

“ God has definitely gained another angel. Debbie was so kind and friendly and always had time to stop and speak. Precious lady! Summie, you and your family have our deepest condolence. She will be greatly missed. Gladys and Richard Dillon

Gladys Dillon - December 08, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Young Carter.



December 08, 2022 at 10:34 AM

CC

“ cindy compton lit a candle in memory of Deborah Carter



cindy compton - December 07, 2022 at 03:28 PM

CC

“ *Summie and family,
Your wife was so awesome. She was kind
every time I wanted on her and always had a
smile. May the Lord wrap you in his arms at
this difficult time.
God Bless you,
Cindy Compton*



cindy compton - December 07, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Deborah Young Carter.*



December 06, 2022 at 10:07 PM



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the family of Deborah Young Carter.*



December 06, 2022 at 05:21 PM

FM

“ *Frank & Judy Miller purchased the Beautiful in Bl
ue for the family of Deborah Young Carter.*



Frank & Judy Miller - December 06, 2022 at 04:04 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Debbie’s passing. I baby sat for Debbie, Cam and Mike when I was at Boyden. Clyde and Lois were good friends of my Mom and Dad and Clyde was my dentist and he was a golf buddy of my Dad. Condolences to the entire family. Healing prayers.....

Jane Grogan Smith-Steinberg - December 06, 2022 at 03:34 PM

JB

“ Summie, I am so sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.

John R Brincefield - December 06, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Young Carter.



December 06, 2022 at 09:12 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Condolences to the Carter Family.
-Janna Griggs
Saving Grace Farm

Janna Griggs - December 06, 2022 at 08:43 AM

MH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Debbie was wonderful lady! May God give you all His comfort and peace.

Max E. Hayes - December 06, 2022 at 07:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Young Carter.*



December 05, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ *I met this precious lady at Hurley Elementary when I taught her daughter, Kristen. She was always kind and supportive. I always enjoyed seeing pictures of the many events she took part in with her grandchildren. My prayer is that God will grant the family comfort and peace.*

Johnnie Harris - December 05, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *Greatest Of All Time: greatest wife, sister, mother, grandmother, cancer survivor, friend, compassionate human. GOAT*

Michael Young - December 05, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *Debbie was such a sweet and caring lady. I am honored to have known her. Our community is short an angel.*

MIKE CLINE - December 05, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Young Carter.*



December 05, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Young Carter.*



December 05, 2022 at 04:00 PM