

## Womack, Carla Mae (Shelton)

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Carla Mae Shelton Womack

Decatur – Carla Mae Shelton Womack went to be with her personal Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, in her home, surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021.

The family will greet friends and loved ones 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur. Funeral will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 1 on Farm Road 730 South, just outside Decatur.

The services will be conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Willard Kiper and Kerry Clower, a longtime friend and co-worker at the Wise County Heritage Museum and the Wise County Historical Commission.

Pallbearers will be relatives: Monte Smith, George Leija, Michael Musgrave, Layton Williams, Rylan Williams, Lastyn Williams, Jason Foreman and Skipper Church.

Honorary pallbearers will be Richard White, Jack Gainer, Jimmie Walker, Kenneth Walker and Roy Watkins.

Carla was born March 20, 1940, in Decatur to Carson Perry Shelton and wife, Martha Marion “Mae” Cearley. She lived in or near Decatur all of her life with the exception

of about 10 months when her husband was on active military duty.

She and Ronald W. Womack were united in marriage in the home of the Rev. Willard Bewley on Dec. 23, 1959.

Immediately following the marriage ceremony, they attended a Christmas program at New Salem Freewill Baptist Church of Decatur.

As a graduate of Decatur High School, she watched as her husband (married during his senior year of high school), three daughters and three granddaughters would follow in her footsteps in graduating from Decatur High. Two great-granddaughters are now students in the Decatur Independent School District. Her family, and the stability thereof, were important to her. She was very proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and therefore, accompanied them to many functions, sporting events, doctor’s visits, etc.

Carla was a devoted Christian who loved her God, church and family. She endeared herself to everyone and found many ways to be a blessing to others through her Christian spirit and love extended to individuals, especially in their times of grief and sorrow.

As a member of New Salem Freewill Baptist Church for more than 60 years, she served the Lord in various positions, some of which included song leader and Sunday school teacher. She also worked on the upkeep of the facilities by assisting in mowing, painting and janitorial work. At the end of her life’s journey, she was serving as the clerk-treasurer of the church.

Her love for people and the ability to help others did not end with her church activities. As a young lady, she served as the leader of Girl Scout Troop No. 24 in Decatur. Later in life, she volunteered at what was then Sunny Hills Nursing Home. She enjoyed helping the residents and bringing a smile to their faces. She left the volunteer job at the nursing home due to a major sickness within her family. As a result of her interest in genealogy and the history of her family, she joined the Wise County Historical Society, donating untold hours working with the historical items and helping in genealogy research for other people. It brought joy to her heart to find information on someone’s relatives that they had not previously known. As a volunteer, she worked diligently and was selected to serve a term as the president of the society. During her term of office, many major repairs to the building were started and completed. She was serving as Curator of the Wise County Heritage Museum until her final illness.

Perhaps the most challenging accomplishment was the collecting of information, writing and distributing monthly newsletters to society members, government officials, historical organizations and others.

After leaving the hospital on what she vowed would be her last visit, she and her husband renewed their wedding vows in their home on July 8, 2021. Her pastor and great-grandchildren conducted the service with other relatives and guests in attendance. This was a little more than 61-and-a-half years after the initial nuptials.

Carla was preceded in death by her parents; one unnamed brother as an infant; and three sisters, Mary Catherine Jobe, Minnie Violet Whitworth and Melba Joyce Lunsford. Three brothers-in-law and two nieces also preceded her in death, along with one great-grandson, Taylon James Williams.

Those left behind to cherish her memories are her husband of 61 years, Ronald Womack; three daughters, Charla Gay and husband, Monte Smith, of Valley View, Pamela Renee' and husband, George Leija, of Decatur and Angela Kay and husband, Michael Musgrave, of Decatur; one sister, Linda Marie Shelton and husband, Roy Watkins, of Decatur; granddaughters Heather Dawn Stephens Williams of Paradise, Amanda Nicole and husband, Jason Foreman, of Decatur, Ashley Marie and husband Skipper Church, of Weatherford, Briana Smith and husband, Chris Cuellar, of Celina, Melissa Musgrave of Denison and Monica Musgrave and husband, Alex Borders, of Frisco; five great-grandsons, Layton Kendall Williams, Rylan Kane Williams, Lastyn Kort Williams, Carson Daniel Church and Landon Austin Borders; 10 great-granddaughters, Reese Atley Foreman, Rylee Alyse Foreman and another baby Church on the way, Jada Nicole Hernandez, Jaelynn Nevaeh Cuellar, Jaelah Brynn Cuellar, Sydney Kate Smith, Alayna Kai Borders and Kinley Preston Borders; 10 nephews; nine nieces; and a multitude of other relatives and friends.

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all the medical personnel who were a part of her care during her illness.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Wise County Heritage Museum or other organizations of your choice.