



Mrs. Carolyn Lee Lail

September 7, 1940 - February 14, 2026

Carolyn Lee Lail, age 85, of Alpharetta, passed away Saturday, February 14. She was born on September 7, 1940, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Charles Clifford Lee and Helen Adams Lee. Growing up in Ben Hill, she graduated from Brown High School and maintained friendships with classmates throughout her life. During her college years at Georgia State, she met Charlie Lail on a blind date. He swept her off her feet with such antics as proposing to her while driving down the road. “He pulled the ring out of the glove compartment and tossed it to me asking, ‘What do you think of that?’” she later said. However things started, they lasted well for over 64 years of marital bliss. In 1961, Carol got married in February, graduated from college in May and gave birth to their first child in December. She then went to work to “put Charlie through school” before having two more sons later in the decade.

Charlie and Carol moved to Newnan, Georgia in 1971, and became active members of the community. Carol taught school, mentored high school youth at First United Methodist Church, and volunteered at the hospital. In 1975, the long-awaited daughter arrived and the family was complete. The years in Newnan were some of Carol’s favorites, and she rounded out the time there by earning a master’s degree at West Georgia. Seven years in Marietta followed, during which Carol taught kindergarten, worked at the Red Cross and managed her household well.

The family found its way to North Fulton in 1988, and Carol immersed herself in renovating their home and getting involved in the community, again by

substitute teaching and joining Alpharetta Methodist Church. Children got married and grandkids came, and in 1998 Charlie retired, leaving them time to travel extensively and continue involvement at church. Always up for a party, they entertained friends and family often at "Holly Road." She used that hosting and cooking experience to restart Wednesday night suppers at church, leading a ministry of "Sheep Feeders" in shopping, preparing and serving hundreds of people every week while generating a profit for the church.

Along with her parents, Carol is preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Joel Lail, Sr. and her son, Charlie Joel Lail, Jr. She is survived by sons Chris (Karla) Lail of Sharpsburg and Patrick (Charlotte) Lail of Atlanta, daughter Betsy (Dave) Fitzhenry of Rydal, daughter-in-law Nancy Lail of Buford, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

The funeral will take place at 2:00pm on Sunday, February 22, with a reception to follow at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity in memory of Carol.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall

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“ Chris and family,

I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. I have many great memories of your parents when we were kids and y'all lived in Newnan. In recent days I've thought a lot about those times and the first time I visited the house on Fontaine Drive. As a little kid I was amazed that your grandmother's house was "connected" to your house. I thought so much of both of your folks. I last saw them together at Carl Wicker's funeral about 12 years ago. A few years later I ran into Mr. Charlie one Sunday morning when my mom and I worshiped with my aunt at Alpharetta Methodist. Your family has been and continue to be in my prayers.

James Williams

James Williams - February 20 at 08:23 AM

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“ Jodi Flisher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Carolyn Lee Lail.

Jodi Flisher - February 17 at 09:35 PM

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“ Jodi Flisher purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Lee Lail.



Jodi Flisher - February 17 at 09:35 PM

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“ *Bill and Nancy Bodine purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Lee Lail.*



Bill and Nancy Bodine - February 17 at 08:03 PM