



## Ruth Caroline Banister Coker

July 25, 1942 - May 5, 2013

Ruth Caroline Carlson Banister Coker, 70, of Woodstock, GA passed into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, May 5, 2013 surrounded by family and friends.

Born July 25, 1942 in Baltimore, MD to John Harold and Ruth Nyquist Carlson, Caroline was a first-generation Swede and proud to be a first-generation American. She enjoyed displaying the Swedish flag and anything with the Swedish blue and yellow colors. She retired in 2007 from Fulton County Department of Transportation after 25 years of driving a school bus for special needs children who loved her dearly. All who knew Caroline thought of her as "Sweet Caroline." She blessed so many with a listening ear and words of encouragement. She loved to travel, loved beach-trips with her family, and she loved her fabulous friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, John Carlson, and also her husband of 33 years, Clarence Banister, and son, Scott Banister.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 5 wonderful years, H. Edwin Coker. They shared much love and joy together. And she loved his family like her own. She is also survived by two daughters, Dana B. (husband, Rev. Bruce) Coleman and Stacey B. (husband, Doug) Fuller; daughter-in-law, Marcia Banister.

Caroline, lovingly known as "Mormor" will be greatly missed by her 8 grandchildren who were her pride and joy, Timothy Bruce Coleman, Hannah

Michelle Coleman, Tyler William Coleman, Madison Elizabeth Fuller, Logan Caroline Fuller, Courtland Allen Bradley Fuller, Mitchell Henry Banister and Brooke Helena Banister. Caroline was grateful for her special bond with her first cousins and their families, Torsten and Peggy Ellison of Norwalk, CT, and Carolann and Warren Grafton of Shreveport, LA. Caroline loved life, and she loved God. She was truly a woman of kindness and grace.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 9, 11:00 AM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors. Rev. Bruce Coleman officiating. Interment will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, 5-8 PM at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Caroline Banister Coker*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Truly sorry for your loss. I remember as child spending many nights at the Bannister house with my sister Pam. My thoughts ans prayers are with the family at this time.##imported-begin##Kelly (Martin) Davis##imported-end##*

May 21, 2013 at 10:03 AM



“ *CAROLINE AND I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER. ALWAYS ENJOYED OUR CONVERSATIONS AND TIME TOGETHER. SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU. SINCERELY, ROSE MARIE##imported-begin##ROSE MARIE [LONG] SHINN##imported-end##*

May 19, 2013 at 10:25 AM



“ *Caroline was one of our very favorite persons. So sorry to hear of her passing. Joyce and David##imported-begin##Joyce and David Sullivan##imported-end##*

May 10, 2013 at 10:31 AM



“ I first met Caroline when we were in grade school. I can remember her pleasant smile and sweet personalty. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family  
2cb8. Good by and GOD BLESS you sweet Caroline.##imported-begin##STEVE IVENZ##imported-end##

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May 09, 2013 at 05:08 AM



“ So So sorry to hear about your loss. Caroline was very special!! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you...  
Much love,  
Michael and Judy##imported-begin##Michael and Judy  
Graham##imported-end##

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May 07, 2013 at 04:18 PM



“ Dana and family,  
  
Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers!  
  
Wish Charlie & I could be there to give ya'll a big hug!  
  
Love,  
  
Elaine Pritchard##imported-begin##Elaine Pritchard##imported-end##

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May 07, 2013 at 12:44 PM



“ Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes for Sweet Caroline's family. In 1960 the Welcome Wagon lady of Santa Maria, CA introduced me to Caroline since we were both recent high-school graduates, uprooted from our homes and transplanted in Santa Maria, CA. We became the best of friends and I so admired her spunky, sunny and friendly disposition. She truly was a special person, a treasured friend of 53 years whom I'll sorely miss. I can picture a beautiful reunion in heaven with Caroline and the loved ones there waiting for her homecoming. We will all be together with God one fine day. May He bless you all and keep you in His care. Midge & Chuck Buchert###imported-begin##Midge and Chuck Buchert###imported-end##

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May 07, 2013 at 11:57 AM



“ I will miss Mormor. Although I didn't know her well, she always took time out to say hello to me across the driveways whenever she came to visit Doug, Stacy and family. She was a beautiful person!###imported-begin##Bobby Shackleford###imported-end##

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May 07, 2013 at 09:44 AM



“ Edwin & Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Caroline was a very sweet lady and we will all miss her and her beautiful smile. God will be with you during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Harry & Mardell Clanton###imported-end##

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May 07, 2013 at 09:19 AM



“ I will miss Caroline very much. When I think of her, I'll always remember her sweet sunshine smile and warm hug. Love to you all, Tammy.##imported-begin##Tammy Shackelford##imported-end##

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May 07, 2013 at 07:13 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. We will miss Sweet Cousin Caroline. So glad Edwin and Caroline were able to make it to Block Island for Kirsten's wedding. A memory that will last forever.##imported-begin##Jen, Graham Katelyn and Connor Ellison##imported-end##

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May 06, 2013 at 07:41 PM



“ Caroline and I met when she was 13 and I was 15. Over most of the years we had kept in touch. She has always been a very dear friend to me and more like the sister I never had. We enjoyed long talks whether on the phone or with visits. Always talking about our children and grandchildren. She gave me a lot of memories that I will always cherish. I am very saddened to hear of her passing, but know she is pain free now and we will meet again. May God give her family peace and comfort at this sad time.##imported-begin##Louise Canup Buchanan##imported-end##

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May 06, 2013 at 04:42 PM



“ EDWIN AND CHILDREN, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. CAROLINE WAS A SWEET LADY.SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED,.##imported-begin##MARTHA PRIEST COVINGTON##imported-end##

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May 06, 2013 at 10:02 AM



“ WE WERE SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT CAROLINE'S PASSING, WE WENT TO SCHOOL WITH HER, WE HAD ALOT OF GOOD TIMES AT OUR LAST CLASS REUNION, OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH HER FAMILY AT THIS TIME OF NEED. BUZZ KERSEY & DORETTA OLSON###imported-begin##Buzz Kersey###imported-end##

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May 06, 2013 at 08:10 AM



“ Just a few lines to say how very sorry I am. Caroline was a very special person to have crossed paths with me when we were teenagers. Lost touch and later reconnected. She was a joy to be around. She had a grace about her early on. She was a lovely person, loved by so many. Just know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers...###imported-begin##Paula Hall###imported-end##

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May 05, 2013 at 07:44 PM