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Carolyn Jane Creson Lane

June 3, 1948 - Nov. 8, 2026

Carolyn Jane Creson Lane, 78, of Morganton, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 8, 2026.

Born on June 3, 1948, in McDowell County, North Carolina, Carolyn was the daughter of the late Chester Creson and Rosie Mae Harris Creson. She attended Glenwood High School and spent her life devoted to her family, her work, and the people she loved.

Carolyn was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a woman whose strength, determination, and unconditional love touched the lives of everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Edward Lane, who passed away in 2023. Together, they built a life centered around family, hard work, and the values they passed down through generations.

Carolyn dedicated her working years to Dana Corporation and later to Broughton Hospital. She was known for her strong work ethic, independent spirit, and willingness to speak her mind. She was a woman who stood firm in her beliefs, protected those she loved, and never hesitated to tell you exactly what she thought. Those who knew Carolyn knew that beneath her strong personality was a heart filled

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Above all else, Carolyn treasured her family. She was a mother whose love was fierce and protective, a grandmother lovingly known as “Nanny,” and a woman whose presence left a lasting impression on generations of her family. She enjoyed the

simple blessings of life, especially the beauty of the land and the home where so many precious family memories were made.

That beloved family home and land is now part of The Blue Heron Habitat Foundation, a place dedicated to preserving wildlife, protecting nature, and carrying forward the family’s connection to the land. What was once simply home has become a living legacy, where the beauty of nature and the memories of generations will continue to flourish.

In the later years of her life, Carolyn found great joy in music and dancing. Music had a special way of bringing a smile to her face, lifting her spirits, and filling her days with happiness. Even as life presented its challenges, the joy of music remained a beautiful part of her spirit.

Carolyn was especially blessed to have a wonderful friend and devoted caregiver, Juleigh Ed Hodges, who became so much more than a caregiver. For the past three years, Juleigh was a constant presence in Carolyn’s life, offering love, companionship, kindness, and compassionate care. She became part of the family, sharing precious moments and helping ensure Carolyn was surrounded by comfort and love throughout her final years. Her devotion will never be forgotten.

Carolyn is survived by her three loving daughters, Angela Lane Hensley of the home, Kimberly Hodgson of Morganton, and Michelle Lane Greene of Hickory.

She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Devan Robert Lane (Krista Phillips), Dylyn Ray Griffin (Carrie Griffin), Justin Greene, Jessica Hodgson, Ashlynn Hensley Reeves (Jimmy Reeves), Emily Hensley Garrison (Bronson Garrison), Jonathan “Johnny” Hensley (Belle Seagle), and Katie Hensley, along with seven cherished great-grandchildren.

Carolyn is also survived by her sister, Joyce Lowman; her two close brothers-in-law,

Albert Leon Lane and Roger Lane, who held a special place in her life; and her beloved furry companion, Karma, of the home, who brought her companionship and unconditional love.

In addition to her beloved husband and parents, Carolyn was preceded in death by her siblings, Mabel Parker, Lucy Metcalf, Wayne Creson, and Jeanette Lowman; and her beloved niece, Claudia Lane, whom she loved and cherished as a daughter.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the wonderful nurses and staff of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills for their exceptional care, kindness, and compassion during Carolyn's final months. Their dedication brought peace and comfort not only to Carolyn but also to her family during one of life's most difficult journeys.

A celebration of Carolyn's life will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, November 21, 2026, at The Blue Heron Habitat Foundation, on the beloved family property that she called home.

Family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate Carolyn's life, share treasured memories, and honor the love, laughter, and legacy she leaves behind.

In lieu of traditional funeral flowers, the family welcomes donations of potted plants to be planted at The Blue Heron Habitat Foundation in loving memory of Carolyn Jane Creson Lane. Monetary donations may also be made to The Blue Heron Habitat Foundation to support the creation of a lasting memorial honoring Carolyn's life and legacy on the family land she loved so dearly. Any funds remaining after the completion of Carolyn's memorial will be donated to the Dementia Society of America in her honor, helping support individuals and families affected by dementia.

Although Carolyn's earthly journey has come to an end, the love she gave will continue to live through her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all those whose lives she touched.

Her family takes comfort in imagining a beautiful reunion in Heaven, where she is once again reunited with her beloved husband, Robert.

"Rest peacefully, Mama. Your work here is done. Your love will never be forgotten,

your strength will live on through us, and your memory will forever be a part of the land we call home. Until we meet again, we love you.”

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I am sorry I am not able to attend Carolyn's service due to illness. I loved Carolynn and Bob. I worked with Carolyn many years at Dana. Praying for family.

–Tony Nichols

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I went to school with Carolyn at Glenwood High School. She was always so kind and sweet to me. Family, sorry for your loss. Prayers for each of you.

–Nancy Bowen Parker

Carolyn was the sweetest person. She never met a stranger. I worked with her at Broughton and I loved every minute of it. She’ll be greatly missed and I send my deepest condolences to the family.

–Terry Minton



Oh this breaks my heart, hadn't seen Carolyn in years, but she was a wonderful friend back in her days at Glenwood High School. I can see her big smile and hear her laughter - sending lots of hugs and prayers to all of you, may the good Lord give each of you strength and grace during this difficult time in your life.

–Wanda Arrowood



To the family of Carolyn. You will be in my thoughts and prayers, so sorry for your loss. Carolyn will always be remembered from all the Dana employees, who were all like family, as we were blessed to know and have the privilege to be able to spend time as she kept us laughing while working with her. She was a very loving and exceptional lady and will be missed by many. God bless you.

–Kathy Frazier



–Pat Sumlin

I work with Carolyn for many years at Dana she was a lovely coworker and friend she will truly be missed

–Roger Bradshaw





—Cammie Anderson

Just wanted to send my love and condolences to the family. Nanny and Pawpaw touched many lives and helped many. I will never forget the love and help I received from them. Paisley and Teegan loved you both and so glad both you was able to make memories with my babies. I know heaven gained a beautiful angel and pawpaw has his special lady in his arms again. Till we meet on the other side. Love you Carolyn!

—Catherine Elizabeth Allman



My deepest sympathies, so sorry for your loss. May God bless you with peace and comfort your sorrows during this difficult time.

—Carolyn Cobb Stewart



We are shocked and saddened to hear of Carolyn's passing. She was truly an Angel on this earth. She was one of the nicest ladies we have ever known. Bob & Tammy Melton

—Bob Melton



I am so sad to hear of Carolyns passing. I am very greatful that I got to see her last month. She was a beautiful lady. My prayers go out to the family.

—Dawn Sisk Pearson