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Dr. Ann E Carswell Clontz

May 13, 1937 - June 17, 2023

Dr. Ann E Carswell Clontz (86), of Morganton, passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at College Pines Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Dr. Clontz was born May 13, 1937 in Burke County to the late Elbert V. and Grace Allen Carswell.

Dr. Clontz attended Burke County Public Schools; she graduated from Appalachian State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she was awarded her doctorate in education. Her career and passion was education, having worked in Watauga and Burke County Public Schools, the North Carolina State Department of Education (Raleigh), and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After retirement she volunteered her services to various schools, hospitals, churches, and Habitat for Humanity.

She is survived by two sons, Gregory D. Clontz of Morganton and Jonathan L. Clontz and wife, Lisa, of Drexel; grandchildren, Michael G. Clontz, Kirsten C. Tripp and husband, Tyler, and Erica N. Clontz; brothers, Bobby R. Carswell and wife, Joyce, of Morganton and Jerry A. Carswell and wife, Gail, of Granite Falls; brother-in-law, Avery C. Ervin of Morganton; sisters, Peggy C. Lowman of Valdese and G. Elaine Carswell of Morganton; sister-in-law, Mary N. Carswell of Morganton; a host of nieces and

nephews who live throughout North Carolina, Florida, California, and Virginia; and close friend, David Andrews of Hickory.

In addition to her parents, Ann was preceded in death by two brothers, Elbert V. Carswell Jr. (Jim) and Joseph A. Carswell; two sisters, Laura J Carswell and Dorothy C. Ervin; and two brothers-in-law, Jerry D. Lowman and Mark H. Brown.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2023 at Crosslink Church (400 Malcolm Blvd., Connelly Springs, NC 28612) with Pastor Mark Smith officiating. The family will greet friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Carswell Memorial Baptist Church, 3386 Carswell Church Rd. Morganton, NC 28655 which was established by her great grandfather for his family, employees, and the community or to Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley, 102 3rd Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601.

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

Tribute Wall

Jonathan and Greg. Just found out you lost your mother. Peace and Blessings to you and your family.

—Bo Cash

SIMPLY, 'THE BEST.'

—David Andrews

Ann was a role model for so many In so many ways. Her influence was felt through her sincerity and honesty....Integrity and love Thanks for having Ann in our lives. We are so blessed.

—Carolyn Davis



Dearest Family My deepest condolences to you. I enjoyed working with Ann during my early years at Burke County Public Schools. She was a very special lady. Kathleen Curtis

—kathleen curtis



Ann will be missed. Thanks for all the fond memories. Especially, when you allowed me to drive your Datsun B210 the summer I stayed with the grandparents. Even though I was 16 years old (inexperienced driver), I didn't wreck your



car and the passengers (mostly Jonathan and Wendy) were transported safely. Remembering always.

–David P Lowman



We are so sorry for your loss. Ann was a good friend of ours and she will be greatly missed.

–Roger and Sharon Jackson

It was an honor to know Ann professionally and personally. When I was a young school administrator, Dr. Clontz taught me to write grants, helped me grow via the Principal's Executive Program, and mentored me as a principal and central office staff member. Most of all, I am thankful for Ann's friendship and the model of excellence in education for all children she consistently employed. I am grateful her legacy will live on through her children and grandchildren.

–Susan Crump Pollpeter



I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I pray God's comfort for you all.

–Stephanie M Kelly

Sorry to hear about your mom’s passing! Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time!

–Robbie and Gaye Williams

I am so sorry for your loss, Greg, Jonathan, Bobby, Peggy, Elaine, Jerry and other members of the Clontz and Carswell family. Ann was an exceptional precious lady. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Prayers Sharon Carswell Curtis

—Sharon Carswell Curtis

Ann, was a kind friend and my late husband and I enjoyed hearing about her experiences with David and teaching. She will be remembered.

—Shirley Gachet

When I think of my fondest childhood memories, it includes my Aunt Ann. She was known to me as the strict one (as far as aunts go) and the one who was serious in all matters. As a little snotty nosed kid, who was a bit of a clown, she was the perfect person to annoy, just to see if she would laugh. Her son Jonathan and I are close to the same age, so we spent lots of time together. We were double trouble for Aunt Ann, and yet she would still pick me up so Jonathan and I could play. Sometimes we were on our worst behavior which drove Aunt Ann bonkers. We laughed a lot at her reactions to our shenanigans and occasionally she would laugh too. As I grew up, I realized she gave good advise on many topics of life, especially educational opportunities at different colleges/ universities across NC. I admired her grit, perseverance and resiliency in this world, which wasn't always easy. Aunt Ann was one-of-a-kind. Thank you Jonathan and Greg for sharing your Mom with me. Sending much love to all of your family. Love always, Beckey Carswell

—Rebecca Carswell

I have known Ann for many years. Our paths crossed in many ways over the years. She always had a smile and we both enjoyed catching up on children and grandchildren! Ann was truly a sweet lady and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for the family

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—Laura McCoy

Dearest Aunt Peggy and Lowman cousins. Sending each you much love and hugs on the loss of your sister and aunt Ann. Sending prayers and condolences to the

Clontz family and the Carswell family. May peace be with you

—Saundra Adams