

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Officiating Minister.....Rev. Nathaniel Craig

Receiving of Friends.....2:30 p. m. – 3:00 p.m.

SelectionWalls Memorial BC Choir

Scripture Reading

 Old Testament.....Rev. Strickland Maddox

 New Testament.....Rev. Willie Wray

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Willie Wray

SelectionWalls Memorial BC Choir

 ‘I Sought the Lord’

Remarks (2 Minutes).....Mrs. Shevonda Wimbush

 Mr. Wayne Wray, Jr.

 Ms. Princess Hoey

 Mr. Jimmy Hall

 Mr. Bengie Camp

Acknowledgements

Reading of Poem.....Mr. Jimmy Hall

SelectionWalls Memorial BC Choir

 ‘I Shall Wear A Crown’

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Nathaniel Craig

Recessional SelectionWalls Memorial BC Choir

 ‘I Am Free’

Interment

Walls Memorial Baptist Church Cemetery
Shelby, North Carolina

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Pall Bearers

Nephews

A Poem for Mrs. Merlean Carson

All over the world, we know that God controls everything,
Especially when a loved one leaves us and gains their heavenly wings.
We’re all going to be upset, disappointed, and shed many tears,
But we certainly should be thankful to God, for all her wonderful years.
That He allowed her to be here, and show love to everyone,
Through her wonderful meals or having so much fun.
With a pretty smile, that she expressed every day,
To each and everybody, that she passed along the way.
Whether it was at Ingles, or somewhere in the neighborhood,
By helping everybody, by doing what she could.
Not only to them, but to her family just as well,
Whom she loved very much, through her actions you could tell.
Now she has left us, but her memories will always last,
Deep within our hearts, we all will remember her past.
So take your rest now Mrs. Jack, cause you’ve gained your Heavenly
wings, Now you can remain in Heaven, with Jesus Christ, the King.

Written by Mr. Jimmy Hall – DJ Dr. Jim



Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Merlean Wray Carson wishes to express
our deepest gratitude for every act of kindness shown during
our time of bereavement.

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CELEBRATION OF *Life* SERVICE
FOR
Merlean Wray Carson
“Ms. Jack”

JUNE 14, 1944 - JUNE 20, 2026



Saturday,
JUNE 27, 2026
— 3:00 PM —

WALLS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
2223 Elizabeth Avenue
Shelby, North Carolina

Reverend Nathaniel Craig, Pastor



Mrs. Merlean Wray, 'Ms. Jack', Carson, departed her earthly life on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Atrium Health Cleveland, Shelby, NC. She was born on June 14, 1944 in Cleveland County, NC, to the late Cofford and Ida Wilson Wray.



Merlean attended Camp High School. She worked many years for the Harris family doing domestic services. She worked in the Housekeeping department at Days Inn for several years. She cooked at Fasco for many years and then at Ingles Deli for twenty-two years until her retirement. She really enjoyed cooking and didn't want anyone in her way in the kitchen. She played softball in their younger days and loved playing cards. She was a serious woman and didn't play around at all. She said what she meant and meant what she said.

Merlean met the love of her life, Jimmy, as a young woman. They were married on August 21, 1988. She loved herself some Jimmy and Jimmy loved and took excellent care of her through all her sickness. They meant their vows, loving each other 'til death do them part.

Merlean was a former member of Eskridge Grove Baptist Church. After attending many years at Walls Memorial, she joined and was a faithful member even through her sickness. She went to church no matter how she felt. During her sickness, she rededicated her life to Christ and accepted him as her personal Saviour.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughters, Tammy Wray Downs and Barbara Wray Cunningham; mother in law Jimmie C. Bruno; step-daughter Trina Alexander Akins; four brothers, Willie Wray, John Wray, Randolph Wray, and Robert Wray; five sisters, Beulah Cannon, Mae Charles Ross, Vinnie Johnson, Betty Jo Wray, and Dorothy Lee Hall.

Left to cherish fond memories of her are her husband of 37 years, Jimmy Carson; son, Wayne Wray; daughters, Kim Hamilton (Larry) and Trudy Camp (Bengie); step daughter, Kisha Rivera (Jesus) of Humble, TX; sister Helen Banner; brother Sherwood Wray; brother in law James Bruno of Anderson, SC; sister in law Betty Taylor (Freddie) of Decatur, GA; twelve grandchildren, Nakisha Wray, Shevonda Wimbush, Reggie Wray, Princess Hoey, Darryl Montgomery Jr. , Quinton Wray, Wayne Wray, Jr, Kellie Camp, Davonte Nance, Preston Hoey, Prentice Hoey, and Bengie Camp; 28 great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

