



Charlene Bevis Reese

November 15, 1939 - March 1, 2025

Charlene Bevis Reese died peacefully and entered heaven on Saturday, March 1, 2025. She lived a very full and beautiful life as a mother, an educator, and a lifelong volunteer. She loved to read, travel, spend time with her family and friends, theatre, music, nature and the beach.

She was born in Palmetto, Florida, and moved to Tallahassee as a teenager, graduating from Leon High School in 1957. Charlene earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida, a Master of Education, Educational Leadership/Administration and Supervision, as well as a Master of Vocational Education. She additionally earned her Specialist in Education from Florida State University. Charlene was Garnet Key with Florida State, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Delta Kappa.

Charlene's commitment to education and creating opportunities for others to better themselves was reflected in every aspect of her life. She began her career in education in Escambia County and ultimately retired in Leon County having served as an administrator at all levels and in vocational education. In her retirement, she continued to offer compassion to others through her part time employment with Bevis Funeral Home.

Charlene was a faithful member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Tallahassee and enjoyed fellowship with her Sunday School Class there. Prior to that she

was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, and an Associate Member of Metcalf United Methodist Church in Metcalf, Georgia.

In addition to her passion for education, she was an avid volunteer and lifelong learner. Charlene served as a leader in many organizations throughout her life including

Leadership Pensacola; Leadership Tallahassee

Tallahassee Junior Woman's Club

Pensacola Junior Woman's Club

Woman's Club of Pensacola

90 & 9 Boys' Ranch Board of Directors

President, Escambia Vocational Association

Ronald McDonald House Board of Directors, Tallahassee

GFWC Woman's Club of Tallahassee

GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs

Leon High School Alumni Association

FSU Alumni Emeritus & Lifetime Member of the FSU Alumni Association

FSU President's House Docent

Florida Committee of Nation Museum of Women in the Arts

Florida Museum of Women Artists Deland, Florida

Garden Club of Tallahassee, Hibiscus Circle

Charlene's extensive travel took her all over the world in addition to many adventures throughout the United States.

Charlene is preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband of 28 years, Charles Reese, her parents, Charlie and Jo Bevis, her sister, Clairia Fulton, and brother, Bo Bevis.

She is survived by her four children Mindy Moody Butzirus (Greg), LeeAnne

Moody, Jo McArthur, and Gerald McArthur, Jr., her grandchildren Sara Yarling and Ben Yarling (Kara), Alexa Hansard and Sage Hansard, Mac Dills (Ashley) and Lucy Bethune (Sam), her one great-granddaughter, Mary Dellon Bethune, and two brothers, Bert Bevis and Larry Bevis (Donna).

The family will receive friends from 5:00PM until 7:00PM on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road. The funeral service will be at 11:00AM on Friday, March 7, 2025, at Bevis Funeral Home with interment following at Roselawn Cemetery.

Donations may be made in her honor to Immanuel Baptist Church, Emerald Coast Hospice, or Escambia County Public Schools Foundation.

Rocky Bevis and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) are assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Your ECPS Foundation Board purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Charlene Bevis Reese.



Your ECPS Foundation Board - March 06, 2025 at 09:24 AM

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“ Your ECPS Foundation Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlene Bevis Reese.

Your ECPS Foundation Board - March 06, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charlene Bevis Reese.



March 05, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charlene Bevis Reese.

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“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Charlene Bevis Reese.*



March 04, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charlene Bevis Reese.*



March 04, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charlene Bevis Reese.*

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“ *Donna and Kevin Ward purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Charlene Bevis Reese.*



Donna and Kevin Ward - March 04, 2025 at 09:48 AM

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“ Donna and Kevin Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlene Bevis Reese.

Donna and Kevin Ward - March 04, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlene Bevis Reese.



March 03, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charlene Bevis Reese.

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