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Ms. Carolyn Delores “Dee” Matthews (Freeman) Wallace, 60, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on Thursday, June 25, 2020 in Leesville, Louisiana.

Dee was a driven professional with an unmatched work ethic and an avid servant in helping others in her free time. She also loved her family and dog (Fiona) with all of her heart. When diagnosed with cancer in 2019, Dee remained dedicated and optimistic to beat this cancer. She remained brave and true to her faith in God throughout her final weeks of life.

Carolyn was born on October 17, 1959 in Augsburg, Germany to Alice (Matthews) King and Earl Matthews. She graduated from Leesville High School in 1978. Dee has worked for the military for over 40 years in various positions. Prior to her passing, her last job was working as a Lead Recreation Assistant at Cantrell Fitness Center for the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation at Fort Polk Military Installation. She naturally displayed a wonderful knack for solving problems, where she also excelled as a government union representative.

Dee will be remembered for her many accomplishments and service to the community. She served as a caterer, wedding planner, event planner, fitness trainer, and VFW volunteer. She was a generous individual who loved helping her family, friends, and others. She was always passionate about bringing people together. Dee was a big-hearted giver who would give you the shirt off her back. She was a faithful member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church for over 50 years where she served on the Usher Board Ministry and later in the choir. She was also a charter member of Heroine Chapter 71 of the Order of the Eastern Stars. She often volunteered at church, the American Legion, and Jubilee Park committee.

Those left to cherish her memories include her siblings: Luella Gordon of Leesville, LA; Earl (Linda) L. Matthews of South Holland, IL; Bernice L. Shannon of Virginia Beach, VA; Bernard (Michelle) L. Matthews of San Antonio, TX. Numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and



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friends. Preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Earline Chung, and her brother, Joseph L. Matthews. All of whom she loved and deeply touched.

A celebration of life will be Monday, July 6, 2020. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Labby Memorial Funeral Homes, Leesville, LA. Private service for the family will be from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. with Rev. Joseph Garner as the officiate of the ceremony. All family and friends are welcome to the burial site at Leesville Memorial Cemetery, Sawyer Road (Pine Road), Leesville, LA. A repass will follow the burial at Dee's home (108 Carver Drive). Condolences may be sent to the family at <https://www.labbymemorial.com/obituary/carolyn-wallace>. The family would like to express our thanks to the wonderful help and care given by Hospice of Leesville.



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CS

Cynthia Sandifer posted:

So sorry for your loss. Ms Dee was my supervisor at the gym while I was at Ft Polk. It was a pleasure knowing her. MY FRIEND you will be sadly missed.

September 14 at 7:00 PM

CG

Cindy Garrick posted:

Dee is at peace, she isn't hurting anymore. God was waiting for her at the entrance of heaven. To the family y'all have my deepest sympathy and when you need to talk to Dee just look up in the sky and u will see her with that big smile she always had on her face.

July 5 at 7:00 PM

DF

Deyka Farrar posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Dee was very special to me! She touched so many of us here at Fort Polk!

July 5 at 7:00 PM

TB

Teresa Bailey posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. Enjoyed assisting Dee with her banking needs. Was always pleasant and smiling. Will be missed by many.

July 4 at 7:00 PM



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CM

Carolyn Macon posted:

Dee is going to be deeply missed by the National Association of Independent Labor Local 10 Union at Ft. Polk. After becoming President of the Union Dee invited me to go to a meeting with her. I recall going for the first time with Dee and the meeting was with Ms. Loretta Nale. Dee did not like the direction the meeting was going and went off trying to convince Ms. Nale to relook at the evidence. I'm tapping her foot trying to get her to calm down to no avail. The whole time I'm thinking that this isn't going to be good. Ms. Nale quietly agrees to take another look at the evidence that Dee had pointed out. We leave the meeting and on the way out they are chatting as if the outburst never occurred. I realized that they had a deep respect for one another to the point that it's business and not personal. I left in total Shock! Dee really cared about the employees that she represented and the Soldiers and employees who worked with her at the gym. She cooked for them like she was cooking for her family. Dee was always helping everyone to include the American Legion, VA Place, and Eastern Stars to name a few. Though Dee had no kids she treated those young Soldiers that were detailed to Cantrell Fitness Center like her kids and Family. Dee was well respected by many and will be truly missed. My deepest condolences to the Family. God has called his Angel home!

July 3 at 7:00 PM

DR

Donald Riley posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Dee, I knew her well from going to the Gym and talking to her about some of everything, She will be missed my heart hurts for her and her Family. Please know Family she's in a better place and know God will provide you'll her Family with the strength you'll will need to endure this, May God Bless You All.

June 30 at 7:00 PM

BJ

Bonita Johnson posted:

Our condolences to the family for their loss Carolyn will surely be missed, she was very loving ! Always willing to reach out to help people R.I.P our angel never will you be forgotten

June 29 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jacqueline West-Belcher posted:

Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

June 28 at 7:00 PM



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PH

Patricia Hughley posted:

Praying with and for each of you. May God continue to keep you in his care. Love Patricia Hughley and Family

June 28 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jeffrey Beasley posted:

Wishing you feelings of comfort, moments of peace, and memories of joy during this difficult time.

June 28 at 7:00 PM

PH

Percy Henry posted:

We send our deepest condolences to the family, you will truly be missed SISTER, from Percy and Angelique Henry

June 28 at 7:00 PM

CC

Charlotte Cooper posted:

Offering my deepest condolences to "Dees" family. She truly loved and served others in so many ways. Dee will truly be missed. Rest in His arms my friend. God bless.....

June 27 at 7:00 PM

CH

Carolyn Herren posted:

I send my love to the family

June 26 at 7:00 PM

EW

Edward "Bruce" Wood posted:

Our Sincere Condolences to the family of Carolyn (Dee) Matthews. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Respectfully, Edward "Bruce" Wood and family in Shreveport, Louisiana

June 26 at 7:00 PM



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GP

Gregory & Castine Porche posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will truly miss your smile, your willingness to help in anyway you could and your singing in the choir. Rest on, dear friend.

June 25 at 7:00 PM

DH

Debra Holloway posted:

~ Debra Holloway, New Llano, Louisiana

June 25 at 7:00 PM

TA

Tammy Armstead posted:

Sending our prayers and Condolences to the family of Carolyn Matthew'sfrom Pastor Carl and Sis. Armstead

June 25 at 7:00 PM

WK

Willie Kennedy posted:

Condolences to the family of Carolyn Matthews Our heart is with yours in this time of sorrow, Steve & Willie Kennedy

June 25 at 7:00 PM

EG

Everett Gardner posted:

Rest in Peace my friend. Prayers and condolences to the family. Dee will be missed dearly. Everett and Henry Gardner

June 25 at 7:00 PM

MR

Maebelle Richardson posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always. My prayers and condolences to the family.

June 25 at 7:00 PM



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Angie Magee posted:

So sorry for your loss. Dee will be missed at Ft Polk for sure.

June 24 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carolyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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