



Carolyn Sue Eason

September 16, 1942 - March 24, 2026

Carolyn Sue Eason, lovingly known as Connie, peacefully went to her heavenly reward on March 24, 2026, with her family by her side.

Connie was born in Middletown, Ohio, to Rev. B. Dale & Edna Drake on September 16, 1942.

Called to Teach... From the age of 13, she faithfully served in ministry, beginning as a Sunday School teacher. At 18, she married the love of her life, Rev. Ben H. Eason. Together, they built a life and family centered on God and devoted to ministry. Her passion for serving never wavered, culminating in more than 60 years of faithful ministry.

Faithful to Service... She served in many capacities, including church planting alongside her father and mother, music ministry, youth camps, Sunday School camps, Ladies Ministries, and as a Bible Quizzing Coach. She was always willing to take on any task needed around the church.

In addition to her ministry, she worked for 25 years as a head cashier at Publix where she exemplified an Apostolic lifestyle, a strong work ethic and a kind spirit before retiring.

She and her husband faithfully served for 32 years under Rev. B. Dale Drake.

They were later honored to serve the church in Bradenton, Florida, as Senior Pastor and wife for nine years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Ben H. Eason, her parents, Rev. B. Dale and Edna Drake; her daughter, Melodee Eason; and her grandson, Army Specialist Patrick L. Lay II.

She is survived by her loving children, Stefenie Hernandez and Rev. Dale Eason (Patricia); her grandchildren, Nikki Lay, Alisha DeLaGarza (Petru), Adrianna Eason, Anthony Eason, and Analeya Hernandez; her sister, Sharon Layhew (Ed); many loved nieces and nephews and a church family whose lives she impacted through her ministry.

Connie will be remembered for her unwavering faith in God and her love for truth. Her legacy will live on in her family, her church, and all who were blessed to know her.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM followed by a Homegoing Service at 2:00 PM at Life Covenant Sanctuary Church – 5428 39th Street East, Bradenton, Florida 34203.

A Graveside Service will be held on Monday, March 30th at 1:00 PM at Mansion Memorial Park, 1400 Ellenton Gillette Rd, Ellenton, Florida 34222.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in honor of Carolyn S. Eason to Life Covenant Sanctuary Expansion Fund by mail or text message. Text LCS to 73256 for a giving link.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Life Covenant Sanctuary
5428-39th Street East
Bradenton, FL 34203

Homegoing Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mansion Memorial Park
1400 36th Avenue East (Ellenton-Gillette Road)
Ellenton, FL 34222

Tribute Wall



“ *Sister Connie was the first person who touched my life when I came to church in 2001 a single mom broken searching to fill my heart with something better. She didn't treat me any different and invited me to bake and join her at a bake sale in front of Dan's market. She taught me by example how to live my life for God and how that would fill the empty spot in my heart. She was amazing. I love her so much and will miss her*

Joyce Jenkins - March 27 at 08:55 PM