

# Carol Ann Hilton Scott

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**Carol Ann Hilton Scott** went to be with the Lord August 19, 2021, in Huntersville, NC. She was born in Rockford, Illinois to Lloyd Hilton and Josie Lee Vick and was a graduate of the West High School Class of 1961. She later attended the University of Minnesota. Her memory will be cherished and kept alive by her devoted children, Kevin Christopher Scott and Stephanie Ann (Mike) Burchett and her beloved grandchildren, Kevin Christopher Scott Jr., Jordan Michael Burchett and Makayla Arissa Burchett.



Carol had a true passion for serving her community. During the 1970's and early 1980's while residing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania she devoted her time to making a difference. She volunteered at the battered women's shelter, the Zoar Home, where she counseled and comforted victims of domestic violence. She also worked with the Ross, Shaler and McCandless County Police Departments to train the police on how to compassionately handle victims of domestic violence. She was the first president for the North Hills Ebony Women as well as one of the founders of the organization which is now incorporated. She worked tirelessly trying to bring trust, safety and knowledge between the North Hills Community of Pittsburgh and the African American Community. Carol led the leaders of these communities to meet and work with the pastors from the city of Pittsburgh as well as the NAACP and the Urban League. She also worked to develop platforms within the police departments, school boards and local government that allowed people of color to communicate any mistreatment and abuses and come up with peaceful solutions. Carol was a wonderful leader, innovator and encourager who did not mind working behind the scenes.

Carol's dedication to serving her community only grew upon moving to Knoxville, Tennessee. She served as Director for Admissions at Knoxville College where her passion for the school and its students shined through in everything she did. The

students she recruited were like "her children". She knew all of them all by name and was always there for them whether it was buying school or dorm supplies, bringing them home over the holidays or giving them the encouragement, they needed to push through. After Knoxville College Carol took her talent and passion to the City of Knoxville. There she served as the first Executive Director of the Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC), served on the Board of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), served on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Hate Crime Committee, and served as a Board Member on the University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center (LEIC). She developed a 16-hour Cultural Diversity Training Program for new recruits of the City of Knoxville Police Department, served on the KPD's Training Committee (to recommend/have input in training for officers) and was instrumental in getting audio/video installed in the KPD's prisoner transportation vehicles. Carol was invited along with Mayor Victor Ashe and Chief Phil Keith to speak at Harvard University's Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Carol's work in Knoxville also extended to various community groups and organizations. She served on the East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group – a networking group of community leaders, civil rights advocates, law enforcement agencies and concerned citizens who work together to help detect and prevent hate crimes and civil rights violations. She also served on the board of Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc. and was a proud member of several community service organizations including Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Links, Inc., and Top Ladies of Distinction.

To know Carol was to love her. She had a presence that would light up any room she entered, a smile that was as bright as the sun, a laugh that would bring happiness to anyone within earshot and a spirit that exuded nothing but love. She was tenacious, brilliant, fiercely protective of those she loved, funny and incredibly sentimental. With her unmatched charm and boundless ability to love Carol will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched.

Saturday, September 25, 2021, a Celebration of Life service will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 2714 Brooks Avenue, Knoxville, TN. Social distancing and face coverings are required. The celebration will be live-streamed at Facebook.com/ Johnnie William Skinner. The family is assisted by Patton Funeral Home 1-800-824-8283 or [www.pattonfuneralhome1962.com](http://www.pattonfuneralhome1962.com) .

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