



Mrs. Cerelle Mureida Shultz Tolleson

September 12, 1958 - November 21, 2017

Cerelle Mureida Shultz Tolleson
Greenville, South Carolina

Cerelle Mureida Shultz Tolleson, 59, was born to Jackie and Marjorie Shultz in Columbia City, Indiana, on September 12, 1958. She was the oldest of seven children, and was predeceased by her mother, Marjorie, and her sister, Alona. She and her five siblings grew up on the farm in rural Indiana, where they were taught an outstanding work ethic by parents and grandparents. When Cerelle was a teenager, she learned the important message of the Gospel: that Christ died for her sins, that He was drawing her to Himself, and that she needed to accept His free gift of salvation. She trusted in Christ as her only assurance of heaven, and became God's child. She never wavered from this strong belief in the Gospel, and it became her passion to share with others.

She graduated from Bob Jones University in 1981, and later completed another degree from Trinity College and Seminary. Always desiring to improve her usefulness, Cerelle completed many certifications in a variety of fields. After college, Cerelle joined the staff of The Wilds Christian Camp in Rosman, NC, where she served from 1981-1992. For most of those years, she was known by hundreds as "Cerelle from the Craft Shop." Numerous summer employees served under her. She created new products, hauled barn wood to remodel her shop, and loved and served campers and staff alike.

From there Cerelle moved to Lafayette, Indiana, where she served for ten years as secretary in the counseling ministry of Faith Baptist Church...again, loving people, ever endearing herself to scores.

In 2001, Cerelle moved back to the Greenville area and served for 12 years in Human Resources at Bob Jones University. She hosted students, took in needy roommates, and tirelessly helped friends old and new with remodeling, moving, and whatever else needed attention. During part of these years, Cerelle worked on weekends at Shepherd's Care Assisted Living, where she lovingly reached out to the elderly.

In 2012, Cerelle met the love of her life, Jim Tolleson. In Jim, she found the kindred spirit she had longed and prayed for. They were married on March 2, 2013, and as Jim said, they were best friends.

At the wedding, she became stepmom to five Tolleson children, who soon learned that Cerelle was loyal and "had their backs."

After her marriage, Cerelle joined the staff at The Center for Child Care Career Development, in the same office where Jim is employed. She recently was promoted as a T.E.A.C.H. Counselor. During the time period of working for the state of South Carolina, Cerelle worked part-time for Cabela's when the Greenville store opened.

Cerelle is survived by her husband, Jim Tolleson; five stepchildren: Mandy (Chris) Molloseau, Amber, Davis, Jarod, and Wesley Tolleson; her father and his wife: Jackie and Shirley Shultz; five siblings: Oonagh Panosian, Shaugn Shultz, Dane Shultz, Kofie Silos and Destrie Shultz; numerous beloved nieces and nephews, and countless other adopted nieces and nephews whom she loved as her own.

Early on November 21, 2017, our beloved Cerelle entered heaven, to spend the rest of eternity with her Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Celebration of Life for Cerelle Tolleson will be held at Pickens View Wesleyan Church in Pickens, SC, on Friday, November 23, at 1:00 p.m. After the service, the family will be in the fellowship hall to greet friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the following organizations in

Cerelle Tolleson's name: Hope Grows Here Fund-Alive Wesleyan Church (Central, SC), Table Rock Wesleyan Camp, and The Wilds Christian Camp.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Tolleson family.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dear Friend! How you will be missed! I am glad you are safe in the arms of Jesus your beloved Savior but you leave a big hole here among your friends and family. I have never forgotten how you recruited me to work summers at The Wilds and then you were a welcoming face at BJU when I returned to the States to work there. I am praying for the comfort of your many friends and family.

Dawn Schluetz - November 26, 2017 at 02:09 PM

GC

“ Jim, and family I was so sorry to learn of Cerelle"s passing, I only knew her for short time , but her beautiful smile. and loving ways I will always remember how she touched my life, she was a blessing to us all, you and your family are in my prayers-----Gladys L. Pace Corcoran

Gladys L.P. Corcoran - November 23, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cerelle Mureida Shultz Tolleson.



November 23, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cerelle Mureida Shultz Tolleson.*



November 23, 2017 at 10:50 AM



“ *I was a student at Bob Jones when I met Cerelle. She graciously allowed me to move into her home for the next year and a half as I finished my degree. She was constantly giving and loving. Prayers for her family at this time. I rejoice that she is with the Savior she loved and faithfully served.*

Beth Schubert - November 23, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *Cerelle was a family friend from Indiana and a dear sister in Christ. Though we have not had the blessing of seeing her in person for many years, we consider her and her wonderful family a part of ours. We pray God's abiding peace and comfort for Jim, for Jackie and Shirley and the entire extended Shultz family. While we cannot be with you all in person, know that we will be celebrating Cerelle's life, her legacy and her eternity with Jesus as you gather tomorrow. Wayne and Bonni Brockway and family, Vermilion Ohio.*

Wayne Brockway - November 23, 2017 at 10:07 AM



“ *A beautiful lady inside and out. I will miss her smile and the kindness she showed everyone.*

Haley Kelley - November 22, 2017 at 06:44 PM

JM

“ Cerelle was so kind when I had to fill out the necessary paperwork at HR after Rachel died. There was a complication in transferring Rachel's retirement account to me--she had neglected to name a beneficiary--and Cerelle was truly sympathetic, not just professionally engaged.

John Matzko

John Matzko - November 22, 2017 at 05:57 PM

RM

“ Dear Sweet Cerelle. The first time I met her was doing my intake for working at BJU. She was gracious, thorough and made sure I understood all the information I needed to become successful at the Universty. She was a very welcoming face and encourager in my getting settled days. Then, as time went on, we met in other venues and situations and always I was impressed with her genuine care and intentional relationship building approach to people. At times she would text or email me to see how I was doing. I always appreciated the timely encouragement! When I moved back to Canada she came over and helped with the packing including grabbing the skill saw and cutting up some stuff I needed to be taken care of. She opened her home to me as well and that too was a very real blessing in a time of need! I am thankful the Lord allowed me the privilege of learning from watching her life how to be a minister of grace to others!

Ruth Meed - November 22, 2017 at 05:37 PM

ES

“ During the 90s is when i met Cerelle who became a dear friend. We had fun together with other singles at Faith Baptist Church. She was a great story teller having you in stitches & catching your breath from laughing. Lots of us scattered over the years, but she would surprise me with a call, just to talk. One time she asked me to pray for her bc she had a big decision to make, would not tell me what. Next thing i knew she was engaged! WHAAAT????? Saw how happy she was! Reallly have had such a tough time emotionally accepting her being gone. But one day ill get to hug her and laugh with her again. My best to the Tollesons & the Lopez’s & her own family...Eithel Simpson

Eithel Simpson - November 22, 2017 at 03:54 PM

AS

“ When I first started to get to know Cerelle my office was across form hers at CCCC. She became my work mother. Always making sure I ate and took care of myself. She motivated me on days I was did not want to go to the gym or if I was just down. She because very special to me. Always was helpful and positive. I looked up to her for advice I loved the stories she shared with me about how she grew up. Being from a different culture and religious background, not once did Cerelle make me feel like I did not belong. She will be truly missed and she has part of my heart and always will.



Amber Sattar - November 22, 2017 at 03:42 PM

EY

“ *I am truly blessed to have called Cerelle my friend. I will miss her sweet spirit. May God grant you His peace and comfort during this most difficult time, and may you cherish every memory.*



ERIN YARBOROUGH - November 22, 2017 at 02:41 PM