



# Rebecca Temple

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**R**ebecca Mull Temple, 82 of Cornelius died May 30, 2020 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center. She was born on April 29, 1938 in Durham, NC to the late Richard and Marian Hazel.

She graduated in 1955 from Grainger High School in Kinston, NC and matriculated to Duke University. From there, she went to Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1959. She then began a 55 year nursing career at Duke University Hospital, following by nursing stints in clinics and hospitals in Kinston, Wilmington, New Bern, and Morehead City, caring for cancer patients for the last 30 years. She was a staunch advocate for those living with HIV and often provided care to them when it was not as readily available as it is today. She loved cross stitching and needlepoint, singing in the church choir, her hometown of Kinston, the North Carolina coast, Chick-Fil-A, crossword puzzles, watching Jeopardy, winning staring contests with her grandson Ryan, and keeping up with her wide circle of friends by phone and by social media. She will be most remembered for her deep commitment and love for her family and friends, and for her absolute unconditional love of caring for others.

She was preceded in death by her former husband Burwell Temple, Jr. and her son Fred Temple.

Survivors include her sons, Morgan Temple and wife Kristy of Huntersville and Coleman Temple of Greenville, NC; sister, Debbie Sidbury of Charlotte; grandchildren, David Bailey of Niceville, FL and Ryan Temple of Huntersville, and countless extended family members and friends. Memorials may be made to Pitt County AIDS Service Organization at [PICASO.org](http://PICASO.org), Crape Myrtle Festival at [Crapemyrtlefestival.org/donate/](http://Crapemyrtlefestival.org/donate/), The American Cancer Society at [Cancer.org/give](http://Cancer.org/give), and Mary's Kitchen, 800 Rountree Street, Kinston, NC 28501.

A service will be held at a later date at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kinston, NC.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. [www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com)



# Tribute Wall

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**Kim Hughes Carter** lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.



July 19 at 4:22 AM

**KC Kim Hughes Carter** July 19 at 4:23 AM  
To My Dearest "Beckster" with much love...



**Beth Moye** lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.



June 27 at 10:10 PM



**Steventerry** posted:

RIP My Bootsie u were one of my best customers ever and a dear friend our family's go way back to all of us in Kinston we've all lived good lives and have dealt with good bad rich and poor but we're all meeting together oneday hopefully you will be truly missed along with the rest of ur family but now u shall all reunite and we will all join you oneday ! Until then u will be truly missed RIP we love u still !!!!Your friend forever Steve Terry !!

June 5 at 3:20 PM



**Heidi Zdrojeski** lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.



June 5 at 6:23 AM



**Robin Deffenbaugh** lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.



June 4 at 8:28 PM

**TT Teena Taylor** June 6 at 6:18 AM  
Loved her forthright attitude & Her lovely friendship



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**Catherine Mewborn** posted:

Remember when we were in carpool with the Spigners. I think there were 6 of us in one big station wagon. Heath, Prescott, Julie, Paul, Morgan and me. Each mother drove carpool for a week. Fred was small and would be in his pajamas. Hugs to each of you. We have some great memories from carpool. Love, Cathy

June 4 at 7:17 PM



**Linda Jones** June 7 at 1:08 PM

I met Becky in the late 60s when I was a nursing student at LMH in Kinston. When I graduated, I saw her almost daily when she made her rounds as the Orthopedic Doctors' Nurse. It was an association and friendship that would grow and last a lifetime. Her friendship was precious. She had the gift of setting people at ease and making them feel special. She was an outstanding professional nurse and caring Christian individual. y deepest condolences to her sons and their families.



**Ann Rouse** June 5 at 6:25 AM

Way back when, Becky was my Nurse Manager at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston. I was working 8p to 8a and it was a very busy night with lots of admissions. A young lady in admissions called the Administrative Nursing Supervisor and complained accused me of cursing at her. Long story short the Administrative Supervisor on call told the Nursing Sup to send me home without pay immediately. Becky was called in to handle the problem and take my place on the floor. To help me out, she rearranged my schedule to give me 5 days off. She saved my neck. I loved her til the end and always will.



**Beth Moyer** lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.



June 4 at 6:01 PM



**Jodi Coyer** lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.



June 4 at 4:00 PM



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**George Laroque** posted:

I cannot begin to say what a wonderful friend Becky was to me and my dear wife Barbara. In most respects we considered her as a second mother, confidant, friend, and reverent spiritual guide. One thing I always enjoyed was her laughter, it was from the deepest reaches of her humor thermostat and I so enjoyed helping her bring it out on every occasion we were together. She brought delight to every occasion and event she attended, always such a shining light. She will be deeply missed until we meet again in the garden of paradise.

June 4 at 2:49 PM



**Judy Garriss** posted:

My beautiful dear friend and colleague at LMH...I worked side by side in our nursing career for many years...we have laughed and cried as we gave of ourselves in our nursing career...I will always have a beautiful smile on my face when I think of Becky...rest in Gods loving arms my dear friend!!!! I love you!!! Prayers for Gods divine peace and mercy for her family, which were the joy of her heart 🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️❤️

June 4 at 1:24 PM



**Tiana And Isaiah Cooper** posted:

my love for boots runs deep. I will always miss her smile, kindness, humor and laughter. Love you to the moon and back. till we meet again.

June 4 at 1:24 PM



**Aaron Lucier** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I just always loved her energy- be it in person or her loving enthusiasm of liking (a lot) of posts on Facebook. She cared about people and causes! She will be missed at Drag Brunch in Greenville!



June 4 at 12:52 PM



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AT

**Ann Turlington** posted:

OH, I am having memories living down the street from the Temples, and visiting with Becky. Our sons were little boys, but we were two young !others who laughed allot and really enjoyed each other. when the Temples moved, I never stopped missing Becky, and was always blessed and happy she was in my life..Love to you all. an. Turlington

June 4 at 10:58 AM

MA

**Mary** lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.



June 4 at 10:13 AM

ST

**Susan Thim** lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.



June 4 at 9:53 AM

CG

**Catherine Godfrey** posted:

Unconditional Love is her legacy!

June 4 at 9:46 AM



# Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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