

Bayside Presbyterian Church
1400 Ewell Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED TO CAROLYN A. WALSH

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You have such a
positive outlook on life
Your words are always encouraging
Your face is lit up with excitement
Your actions are so straightforward
Your inner strength helps you achieve
so much
When people are around you
they seem to absorb your uplifting attitude
When we think about you
We can only think
of happiness
and how lucky we are
to know you

-Susan Polis Schultz

This poem sums up our feelings about the one we are to honor tonight. She officially joined Bayside Presbyterian Church in December 1976. Just prior to that time she retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel, trading that career for a new one--that of full-time community volunteer.

Carolyn Walsh, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gail P. Aldridge of Lewisburg, West Virginia, graduated from the University of West Virginia in 1956. She was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, thus beginning a 20-year career that included many varied and interesting duty stations. She was transferred to Tidewater from Quantico to the staff of Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, from which she retired and came to us.

Being the mother of a very active boy, she began her volunteer career with child-oriented things--PTA room mother, team mother for various sports, and chauffeur for various musical activities.

Carolyn's love for music is evident by the way she has supported and has been a vital part of the Bell Choir for years. She has been instrumental in working toward the goal of completing five full octaves of bells for the choir. She is also active in the Thoroughgood Music Club, having served as President and is currently serving as Associate Director for District 3 for Virginia Federation of Music Clubs.

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Upon joining Bayside, Carolyn soon became actively involved in church work. She has served on the staff of Vacation Church School, held an office in Adult Fellowship, and has been a member of the Sessional Nominating Committee. She became a very active member of Circle 3 and served as its Chairman for two years. She then became President-Elect and is now completing a two-year term as President. As President she has attended conferences and training sessions, both in Makemie Woods and Massenetta, to help her in this leadership role.

Even though she is stepping down as President of the Women of the Church, her work will continue. She has recently been elected a ruling elder in the Class of 1987 and will be ordained and installed, effective the first of October. In addition, she will serve as W.O.C. District Chairman of the Elizabeth River District 1 of Norfolk Presbytery.

As President of the Women of the Church, Carolyn has led in an untiring and unselfish manner. Her dedication and love for God and her Christian concern for others continue to inspire us all.

As Carolyn steps down from this office today, she remains a capable leader, a loving mother, a devoted daughter, a caring friend, but above all a strong servant of our Lord.

Carolyn, in behalf of the Women of the Bayside Presbyterian Church, it is my privilege and honor to present to you this Pin and Honorary Life Membership Certificate in the Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.