



In Loving Memory of

Hester

R.

Carter

Sunrise

April 6, 1925

Sunset

April 5, 2015

Service

Friday, April 10, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

PILGRIM CATHEDRAL OF HARLEM

15 W. 126th Street • New York, NY

Obituary

On April 5th, 2015, the Lord called his daughter, **Hester R. Carter**, to Heaven.

Hester Carter, affectionately known as “Winky” to family and friends, was born on April 6, 1925 at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, to Julia Riggins and Governor Pierce. Her formative years were spent in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where she lived with her large extended family. A graduate of EE Smith High School, Hester spent her free time playing baseball, and going fishing with her cousins. They would also occasionally perform their own re-imagined version of “The Three Penny Opera” in their grandparents’ backyard. This was one of Hester’s fondest childhood memories as she would always remark that her cousins still made her pay a penny—or three. Family was important to Hester and she loved telling stories about her relatives and growing up in Fayetteville. Another tale that she was fond of recalling was the one about the government putting a highway right through the middle of their family property.

As a young woman Hester moved to New York City where she met and married her late husband, Calvin J. Carter. They moved to Harlem and together they raised their five beautiful children. They created an atmosphere that was always full of love and laughter, and made sure to engrain the importance of that attitude in all of their children. Hester loved Harlem, and would often tell stories about the changing times and politics—especially when Charlie Rangel replaced Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., as Harlem’s Congressional Representative. Hester also loved to cook and hosted each family gathering at her home during holidays. Her joy and benevolence wasn’t just reserved for her family. She would also look out for those around her, especially her elderly neighbors who she would feed on weekends when their home attendants weren’t around.

A founding member of the Manhattan branch of Pilgrim Cathedral Church, all her life Hester was a devout Christian and faithful servant to the Lord. In her later years, there was rarely a day that she wasn’t watching The Word Channel to see sermons from her favorite preachers. She loved watching the Reverend Fred Price and the Bobby Jones Gospel Hour. When not watching The Word, she would catch up on her “stories” which is to say: watch her soap operas. She was also fond of Oprah, The View, Who Wants To Be A Millionaire and Eyewitness News. Hester was a big fan of the Yankees, whereas, her late husband was a big fan of the Mets.

Hester will be remembered for her passionate love of family, great sense of humor and benevolent heart. Hester leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Julian; daughters, Rebecca, Carolyn, Eleanor, and Annette; sister-in-law, Olive; daughter-in-law, Shelia; sons-in-law, Jesse and Tim; granddaughters, Dacia, Tonya, Kendra, Tienn, Joanna, and Jasmine; grandsons, Jerome, Freeman, Kyle, Ian, and Calvin; great grandsons, Adam, Tyvae, and Avery; nephews, Irv Jr. and Gary; nieces, Ellen, Ivy and Elaine; along with a host of loving relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Scripture Readings
Old and New Testament

Solo

Remarks

Reading of Obituary

Solo

Eulogy



Interment

Cypress Hill Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York

The Magic of a Mother's Touch



There's magic in mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile
We can find both love and courage
Just by looking in her eyes
Her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise
There is a kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace
And we see the light of Heaven
Shining from a mother's face.

-Author unknown

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