

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of
Catherine Carter
"Ms. Cat"



Sunrise
October 30, 1940

Sunset
October 24, 2020

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Viewing: 9-10 am
Funeral: 11:00 am

Unity Funeral Chapels
2352 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Catherine Carter, who was affectionately known to the world as “Cat” or “Ms. Cat” was born on October 30th, 1940 in Hemingway, South Carolina to the late James Cunningham and Luna McKnight Cunningham. Catherine spent the earlier years of her childhood in South Carolina where she attended the Hemingway Public School, and graduated from Battery Park High School. Soon after her completion of high school Ms. Cat relocated to the Big Apple (New York City) and landed a job in Brooklyn, NY as a factory worker. It was then she met and married Warren Carter and through this union, they were blessed with eight beautiful children.

Some of the greatest qualities that stood out the most about Ms. Cat was her love of giving and helping everyone that she came in contact with. It was often said that Ms. Cat had an open door policy, anyone that came to her house was welcome to food if you were hungry, shelter if you needed a place to stay, money if you were in need, or advice if you just needed a shoulder to cry on.

Ms. Cat's love for life and people led her to go to the career of a home health aide, where she worked taking care of the sick and elderly for well over twenty plus years. She received many sincere praises and appreciation, as well as many accolades for the quality of the work, love and care she gave.

Because of those same values family was everything to Ms. Cat. She would do anything for her eight kids or her sisters without a second guess. It was often said as a joke that Ms. Cat never said “no” to anyone a day in her life, or they would lead to say we’ve never seen Ms. Cat angry a day of her life.

She always presented a smile whenever you would see her, even on bad days she always had a smile and showed love and compassion. To live is to give and Ms. Cat gave everything she had to help her community, the people and the children in her village. Eighty years of love is what she gave to this world. On October 24th, 2020 Catherine departed this life, along with her leaving the love, compassion, joy, happiness, and selflessness she shared with everyone she ever came into contact with will forever be missed.

Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, James Cunningham and Luna McKnight Cunningham; her husband, Warren Carter; one grandson, Branden Carter Branch; her sister, Thelma Scott; her five brothers, Joe Bill Cunningham, Fred Cunningham, Ben Cunningham, Richard Cunningham and David Cunningham. Catherine leaves to cherish her memories, her eight children, Warren Carter, Jr., Denise Carter, Michele Carter, Patricia Carter, Ronald Carter, Donald Carter, Curtis Carter and Darryl Carter; four sisters, Ida C. Dollard of Hemingway, South Carolina, Rosa Lee Cunningham of New York, New York, Patricia Cunningham of New York, New York and Mary Cunningham Brown of New York, New York; fifteen (15) grandchildren and twenty (20) great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Catherine affectionately known as “Ms.Cat” will forever be missed.

Order of Service

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be anymore pain...”

Revelation 21:4

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament • New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT

MUSIC MINISTRY

TRIBUTES

MUSIC MINISTRY

THE OBITUARY

SOLO

EULOGY

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Interment

**Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum
Maple Avenue, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410**

Tributes:

Michele: Mom, you were a phenomenal woman, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Words can't express my love for you and how much I'm missing you. You were the link to my chain and now my chain has been broken. I thank you for everything that you have done for me. Especially the love, care and bond that you had for Chance, which was unbreakable. You were his protector because you knew he was unable to provide and care for himself. Even through your pain, you never complained. You kept going on with your life and fighting. May you sleep in paradise. I will always Love You.

Nesie (Denise): Little did I know that God was going to call you home. In life I loved you dearly, in death I do the same. It breaks my heart to lose you. You didn't go alone, for part of me went with you that day you were called home. You left peaceful memories, your love is still my guide, and though I cannot see you, I know you are always by my side. Our family chain has been broken and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us home one by one, the chain will link again. Your loving Daughter, Nesie I Love You! Mama

Ronald (Stink): I love you mom for being there for me when I was right and when I was wrong. No matter what the situation was, you were always there to bail me out. You always told me to hold my head high and there would be better days. I will always love you mom and I am missing you like crazy.

Patricia (Couchie): Dear Mother, I miss you something terribly. There was always something about the way you would comfort me when I wasn't feeling well. I'm going to always remember the loving rhythm pats on my shoulder while we would talk and laugh. You always told me I remind you of yourself. I was supposed to be your twin. Mother I want you to thank you for being the best mom ever. I will cherish these memories. I can hear your voice calling me in the room and saying to me thank you Couchie for feeding me today and yesterday. I looked at you and said no need to thank me, that's what I'm supposed to do. Love you much mother.

Donald (Donnie): Never knew how much I love my mother now that she is no longer here so I can show and express to her how much I miss and love her. The pain that she was going through I wish I could have taken it away from her. My mother was everything that a mother should be. I just miss you so much may you sleep in peace. Love you.

Eric: What a blessing and privilege it has been to have you in my life. Growing up an only child can be lonely at times, but because of you I didn't have that experience. Your kind heart allowed you to open your home up to me where I spent most of my childhood. I've gained eight bonus siblings because of you and you loved me as if I was one of your own. You never treated me differently and for that I'm forever grateful. The love you've provided cannot be measured. You have left a remarkable legacy here on earth. Know that you will never be forgotten and always loved by all. Thank you for your unconditional love and being not only an amazing aunt, but also my second mother. I will miss your infectious smile and personality that always brought joy and laughter. Until we meet again I love and miss you.

Curtis (Curtie): Thanks for everything you gave me and every time you saved me. All the love you instilled inside. All the times you held me up high. Although I may cry from time to time I know you'll be there to let me know it's alright. I promise your giving ways will live through me. Rest in Paradise.

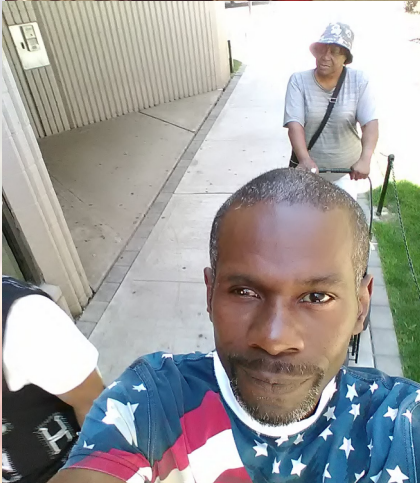
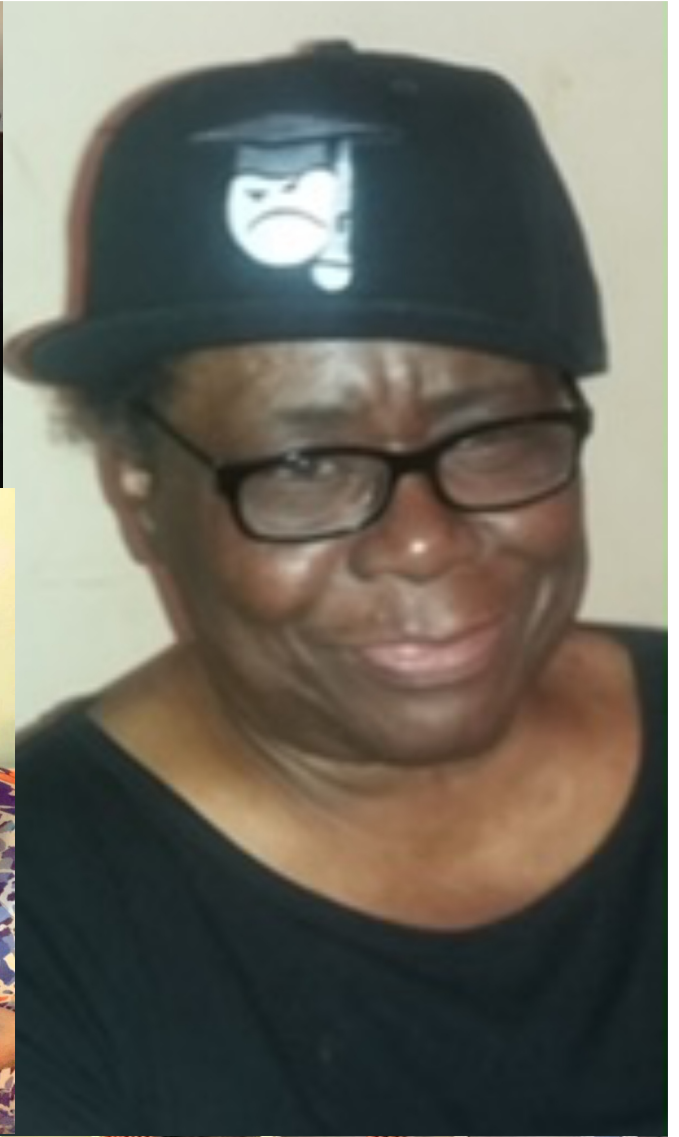
Twan (Darryl): I lost my bestfriend and my mother, we talked about everything. Every day we spent so much time together. I took in so much of her so there are no regrets. We talked about how we would celebrate your life when this day would come. We promised we would never remember the end just the beginning and all the good times. I will always remember every last word and all the time spent and it was a lot! I never left her side. She was addictive and she knew it was just a pure soul and I absorbed all of it. I am a part of my mother. I love and miss you.

Warren Jr. (Dickie): My mother was a great woman. The Lord gave me 58 years with my mama. I couldn't ask for another day. Most people don't get that I am forever grateful for the time I shared with my mother. Raising us wasn't easy but she did the best job any mother can do and I will forever be grateful for the mother I had. Love you mama and I miss you.

Chance: Grandma I'm Hun (Hungry).

The Grandchildren: To the world's greatest grandmother, although you're in a better place your memories and legacy will always live on. Not a day will pass without you on our mind. We are all going to miss your cooking, opera singing, those reassuring pats that made us feel like everything was okay, our conversations, your unique smile, genuine heart and most of all your presence. We are fulfilled with joy knowing you are reuniting with Branden. We love you and miss you dearly. Continue to smile down on us and protect us like the protector you are. Shine angel for you have made it to the heavens above. We rejoice!

Loving Sisters: The day God called your name it broke our hearts into two, but heaven needed an angel and the one he picked was you. We wish he could have waited and let you stay with us but you have left memories in your heart and that's where they'll always stay. We'll miss you everyday, keep shining bright in heavy so you can light our way, we will always love you, rest in paradise with God, your loving sisters, we love you.







Dear Mama,

We miss you so much, who would have ever known you were leaving so soon. Looking back all the signs were there but we were so blind to see it nor did we want to accept it. I'm glad you knew how much your kids loved you and we knew how much you loved us. We're going to be ok, we're going to continue to look after Chance because you two had that special connection. It's so weird that you would depart this life at 11:20pm, which is Chance's birthday 11/20. You always made it known that you had an undying love for all your children and grandchildren. We just want to thank you for being our friend, doctor, therapist, counselor, mediator and most of all our beautiful mother. Her blessings came in many ways our mother may not have been blessed to have millions of dollars, or that hourglass shape, or that white collar job or the perfect kids, but one thing God blessed her with is the fact that she lived to see all 8 of her kids plus one (Eric) grow up.. God has never let her experience that type of pain of burying any of her kids. So we're saying this to let everyone know that the Carter Family is truly blessed. Mama you're in the hands of God now we love you until the end of time. Your loving family.

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!!!

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