



## Footprints

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".*

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Vanessa U. Carter Bolden** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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## In Loving Memory of Vanessa U. Carter-Bolden

Sunrise  
July 15, 1954

Sunset  
December 22, 2020



## Service

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 • 11:00a.m.

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1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112  
Pastor David Ross, Officiating



## Obituary

**Vanessa U. Carter Bolden** was born on July 15, 1954 to George William Carter Sr. and Katherine Hortense Jones in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Vanessa was raised in the Stanley Home Village in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She went to school in the Atlantic City School District and graduated high school in 1973. Shortly after graduation she met Samuel Bolden of Phenix, Virginia and they married in November 1974. Samuel and Vanessa resided in Norfolk, Virginia where they had two children; Cedric and Tamica Bolden. Vanessa left Virginia and decided to move back to New Jersey and raise her children.

Vanessa started her career at New Jersey Transit as a bus cleaner and inspector . Her career advanced and she became a Depot Master over the years as she worked at various locations including Big Tree, Orange, Maplewood and retiring after 27 years of service from the Light Rail in Bloomfield, New Jersey. Vanessa was one of the many honorees acknowledged at the NJ Transit retirement dinner in 2019 where she danced, laughed and reconnected with co workers and friends.

One of Vanessa's loves was bowling. She was a part of various leagues at Garden State and Hyway bowling alleys. She bowled in many ABC Tournaments all over the country with her right and her left hand Rose who passed away in 2016 and James. You could catch her and James any night of the week in one of the allies in their matching purple and teal bowling shoes getting those strikes in.

Vanessa also had a great love of reading. She would drag James and Rose to the Baltimore Book Festival in

the inner harbor every year where she would meet authors and purchase new books to add to her enormous library.

Vanessa "Big V" as she was affectionately known, loved her children and grandchildren and there was nothing she wouldn't do to keep a smile on their faces. When they smiled her smile was bigger just knowing they were happy. The name "Big V" was given to her by her son in law El and his daughters, her bonus granddaughters Karimah and Hydeia. The name stuck and shortly everyone started calling her "Big V"

Vanessa left this world suddenly on December 22, 2020 at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, New Jersey. We will honor her legacy by living our lives to the fullest and keep making her proud.

### **Predeceased -**

Father - George William Carter Sr.

Mother - Katherine Hortense Jones

Brother - George William Carter Jr.

Granddaughter - Jordan Zoey Williams

### **Surviving -**

Son - Cedric Bolden Daughter - Tamica Bolden

Granddaughters - Kalimah Bolden and Madison Williams

Grandsons - Cedric Bolden and Justice McCall Bolden

Aunt - Cressette Jones - 94 years young

Nephew - Mathew Carter

Niece - Katherine Carter

Loving Lifelong Sister - Peggy Davis

Loving Lifelong Bestfriend - James Nobles

Son in law - Lawrence "El" Williams

Goddaughter - Katrina Thompson

And a host of other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

*Pastor David Ross*

Viewing

Committal

Recessional