



Mrs. Caretha Carter

September 15, 1930 - February 21, 2022

Mrs. Caretha Carter was born on September 15, 1930, in St. Helena Parish, on a plantation, to the late Ruby Douglas Thomas and Andrew Varnado. She departed this life on February 21, 2022, around 9:40PM at North Oaks Medical Center. Despite all adversities she confronted in life, her life was a legacy of tremendous success as her childcare was placed in the hands of the late Deacon Williams Bates and Susie D. Bates. Later on in her formative years, her transition into womanhood was aided by her dear Aunt Amy Varnado, who helped mold her gracious, humble, and witty personality.

Sister Carter attended school at the little schoolhouse behind Terry's Creek, where she received a limited education, because of this, it was imperative that all of her children received an education, acquiring the necessary life skills needed to navigate through life and the world we live in. She joined Terry's Creek Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. George Holden. Later in life, she joined Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Lee Allen Pounds, Jr., where she remained a member until her health began to fail.

Sister Carter was a proud and independent woman who encourage all to carry themselves with dignity and respect. She made it clear that the world owes us nothing: teaching us to make our own way, working for what you need.

Later in life she married Garrow Carter and to that union, nine children were born. Caretha opened her arms to many giving them love, even outside of her family. She was well known for being a great cook and feeding many. She loved gardening, sewing on her sewing machine, and playing pitty-pat with her friends and family. In her younger years, she was very creative. Growing up as a young girl, her mother would purchase flour for cooking in a 25-pound cloth sack with the most beautiful pattern. When the sack was empty, she would wash it thoroughly, dry it, and sew it into underwear, so maybe that is where the term “Sack Draws” came from.

Some of her favorite past times were word puzzles, watching soap operas, wrestling, basketball, and football games. She rose from the depths of being born on a plantation, to the heights of achieving what some would consider the “American Dream, owning her own home and a piece of land.”

Sister Carter leaves to cherish her precious memories, three daughters, Linda (Kevin) Cater-Austin of Oakland, CA, Edna (Llyod) Cryer of McComb, MS, Ruby (John) Williams of Kentwood, LA; four sons, Bennie Carter, Andy Carter, John Earl Carter all of Covington, LA, and Larry (Bridget) Carter of Independence, LA.

She also leaves to cherish 30 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren, 16 great-great grandchildren; a special niece, Ora Dawson; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Sister Carter was preceded in death by her husband, Garrow Carter; two sons, Robert Carter, and Donald Carter; parents, Ruby Douglas Thompson and Andrew Varnado, Deacon Williams and Susie D. Bates, Varnado; a brother, Melvin Brumfield; and two sisters, Corrine Bates Dawson, and Louis Bates Mercelous.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, from 10:00AM until 11:00AM at Sweet Home Baptist Church, 11427 C B Temple Road, Kentwood, LA, 70444.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 11:00AM at Sweet Home Baptist Church, with Rev. Lee Allen Pounds, Pastor Officiating.

Interment will follow at Terry's Creek Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, 7646 Easley Road, Magnolia, MS, 39652.

Cross Memorial Funeral Home of Amite, LA are in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Terrys Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

7646 Easley Road
Magnolia, MS 39652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sweet Home Baptist Church
11427 C B Temple Road
Kentwood, LA 70444

Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

MAR 5 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cross Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Caretha Carter* ”



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