



Viola Williams Carter

May 30, 1932 - September 25, 2024

Viola Williams Carter, affectionately known as Vi, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, September 25 at Care One in East Brunswick, NJ surrounded by her loving family. She was 92.

A devoted and generous wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend, Vi always had a kind and uplifting word for everyone in her life.

Born in Blair, South Carolina, Vi moved to New Brunswick, NJ with her parents, Arthur and Charlotte Williams, at age eight. She remained a New Brunswick resident throughout her life.

Vi was educated in the New Brunswick public school system, graduating with honors from New Brunswick High School in 1950.

Immediately following her graduation, Vi married the late Bernard Carter. Together they had two sons, Bernard Jr. and Bruce. She and Bernard Sr. enjoyed 37 years of marriage until his death in 1987.

The same year Vi graduated high school she began her career as a clerk stenographer at what was then known as the Middlesex County Welfare Agency, administering Old Age Assistance, Blind Assistance and Children's

Guardian. The agency later became known as the Middlesex County Board of Social Services.

Talented and hardworking, Vi rose through the agency ranks, retiring after 38 years as the Data Processing Coordinator. In that capacity, Vi supervised staff in New Brunswick and Perth Amboy and oversaw the computerization of the agency's offices for distribution of welfare and food stamps.

At the time of her retirement Vi was the second most senior employee at the agency.

A devoted Christian, Vi was a faithful member of Sharon Baptist Church in New Brunswick, where she was baptized. She has been a member of the church since 1962. Over her many years at the church Vi served in many capacities including, as a member of the Usher Board for over 40 years and as an advisor to the Junior Usher Board. Additionally, she served as the Announcing Clerk, Church Clerk, Secretary to multiple pastors and Co-chairperson of the 65th Church Anniversary Committee.

Vi enjoyed reading, traveling, cooking and spending time with her family. She is well known for her delicious pound cakes which she regularly baked for friends and family.

An avid sightseer, following her retirement Vi ventured far and wide traveling throughout the world. Her travels took her to the Caribbean, China, Egypt, South Africa, Europe, Thailand, Alaska and beyond.

She is predeceased by her sisters, Lila Garvin and her late husband John of New Brunswick, and Jessie Walker and her late husband Johnny of New Brunswick and Columbia, South Carolina.

She leaves to cherish her memory a brother, Michael Ford, and his wife, Rose; two sons, Bernard Carter, and his wife, Lynette, and Bruce Carter and his wife, Kathy; two grandsons, Jason Carter and his wife, Jaslyn; and Aaron Carter and his wife, Jennifer; two great granddaughters, Sienna and Sydney Carter; one new great grandson, Malcolm Carter. Vi loved her numerous nieces and nephews and her special cousin Hattie Dorrell. She was loved by all and leaves many great memories with her dear friends.

Previous Events

Visitation Services

OCT 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sharon Baptist Church
25 Howard St
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3106
(732) 846-0669

Tribute Wall

FE

“ Sincere condolences to the Sons, Grandchildren, extended Family and Friends of Sister Viola Carter. Her days were truly lengthened by the Lord, to reach the age of 92 years. Sister Carter's faithfulness to her family, with the dedicated service to the Church community and her loyalty to many friends, had proven to be stellar. Amen. She often spoke of her two Sons, with such pride and joy in their special care for her needs. Added to her joy was her special love towards the grands and her Son's wives kind hospitality when visiting with them on special occasions. I am thankful to be counted in the number that her friendship smiled upon in the early 1990s, until her final 'call' to the promised reward of an eternal rest. Praise the Lord. As stated in a previous dedication on this tribute wall, Sister Carter was 'fair' in her dealings and a very 'compassionate' lady; with a quiet demeanor of seasoned wisdom, as time progressed. Smile. Again I wish to express to her Sons that, as you are missing your Mother~many of {us} & others are reflecting on great memories too. Sister Carter, was a "Proverbs 31~Woman...." {vs 10 to vs 31}_ highlights in verses# 26, 28, & 31b~ closes, "...; and let her own works praise her in the gates". Hallelujah. R.I.P._ our sweet Sister. Loving Regards ~ Evangelist Lillie B. Foy, {former Sharon Bpt. Ch' member _14' years}. ~Somerset, NJ_ {60' years}. c10/05/2024~3:00a.m. [Sadly, I'm not able to attend homegoing celebrations]

Foy, L.B.~ Evangelist - October 05, 2024 at 03:14 AM

RV

“ May God Bless this Family in the loss of their loved one. Vi Carter was a well like lady while working at the Board of Social Service. You will be miss.
Reola Val--Mudge

Reola Val-Mudge - October 02, 2024 at 06:45 PM

MU

“ To the family of Viola Carter, she was a jewel, caring person and pleasant. Our condolences to the family. May she rest in peace. 🙏
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Pyron family

Mugure - September 30, 2024 at 05:40 PM

MR

“ Michael R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Viola Williams Carter.

Michael R. - September 30, 2024 at 02:47 PM

FJ

“ To the Family of Mrs. Viola Carter: What a great and faithful legacy Sister Carter has earned. We were blessed at Sharon Baptist to have her share her gifts of caring efficiency and excellence in service to pastors and the congregation over the years. Much respect must be given for her quiet demeanor as well. Thank you, Sister Vi! Take your rest now in God's sweet peace.
--Floresta D. Jones, former Sharon member (Sis Flo Jones) Hopewell, Va.

Floresta D. Jones - September 30, 2024 at 11:25 AM

RD

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness ”

Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison - September 30, 2024 at 01:11 AM

RD

“ *Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison lit a candle in memory of Viola Williams Carter*



Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison - September 30, 2024 at 01:11 AM

DW

“ *Donald M Wilkins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Viola Williams Carter.*



Donald M Wilkins - September 29, 2024 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Donald M Wilkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Viola Williams Carter.*

Donald M Wilkins - September 29, 2024 at 05:45 PM

FK

“ *Viola was the best many years ago I worked with her at mcbss. She was a fair and very compassionate lady. I loved her dearly. Frances kosanovich and family.*

frances kosanovich - September 29, 2024 at 05:01 PM