



Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter

November 24, 1935 - December 24, 2022

Evangelist Ernestine “Tina” Berry Carter, affectionately known as “Grandma Tina” entered this life November 24, 1935 and received her final calling December 24, 2022. She was born in Stevenson, Alabama to the late Milton and Etta Ruth Berry. An unforgettable child with unknown gifts and potential that would later become evident. She is preceded in death by her parents, Milton and Etta R. Berry; her children, Usher Raymond III, Linda and Connie Raymond; sister, Leona Bradley; aunts; uncles; and other relatives. She received her education in the Chattanooga, Tennessee public schools and was in the class of 1953 at Howard High School. She received her certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse and furthered her education by becoming a Registered Nurse in 1974, graduating from Cleveland State Community College. She was the first black admissions nurse at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, TN and also the first black nurse for the “Ask A Nurse” program. She was called to the ministry by the Lord in 1971, at times she struggled due to women not being accepted; however, she acknowledged this call in 1990. In 1993 she was given a vision, E.B.C. Outreach Ministry. This is a ministry that reaches out to hurting people; meeting needs and healing hurts. The main focus of the ministry since 1998, has been to those incarcerated and their families. She oversaw the Intercessory Prayer and Fasting Group, as well as served as a Life Coach. Her goal was that people would repent and become who God created them to be. The main scripture of The EBC Ministry was Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens

me.” She was ordained in 2001 as an Evangelist and later ordained as an Elder in 2005 by Pastor Betty Hairston in Columbus, Ohio. In 2007, Evangelist Ernestine was a part of the first graduating class of “Stop The Madness Program” for community leaders to address social struggles. Evangelist Ernestine was often recognized and has received many awards; they include a Certificate of Excellence and Distinguish Citizens Award for dedicated services and spiritual needs of the citizens of Hamilton County in 2006. In March of 2009, Representative JoAnn Favors requested Evangelist Ernestine to do the invocation for “Day On The Hill” for the Tennessee General Assembly where she also received a Certificate of Recognition. In April 2009, she also received The National Coalition of 100 Black Women’s “Black Pioneer Women Award of Excellence” in the category of Health. Other awards include Certificate of Completion from Redemption School of Ministry and The Homage Award by the Black Excellence of Chattanooga Elite. Evangelist Ernestine was both honored and inducted in Bessie Smith Cultural Center as the first African American nurse at Chattanooga Memorial Hospital. Last, but certainly not least, Evangelist Ernestine has received the greatest award of all time, a “Well Done thy good and faithful servant” by her Lord, her Savior; Jesus The Christ. Over the last five years, Ernestine B. Carter was an instrumental advisor to the Christopher Wolf Crusade, and an advocate for its mission to prevent addiction and support all those who have been impacted. Evangelist Ernestine is survived by her children, Wava Raymond Brooks, Rena Oden, and LeTina Raymond Carter, all of Chattanooga, TN; one niece, Carolyn Macon (Floyd) of Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Marcus Raymond Smith, Richard Brooks, Jr., Usher Raymond IV, Ushyra Raymond, Ursula Parsons, Connie Jones, Deon Suttles, and Tomiko Johnson; two adopted grandsons, Wilbart “Vedo” McCoy, III and Ramal Henry; 11 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; godchildren, Maxine (James) Jones of Chattanooga, Cammy (John) Rice of Atlanta, GA, Kimberly Johnson of Columbus, OH, Rochelle Harrison of Texas, Elder Henrietta Erskine, Greg Funderburg, and Minister Thomas Brown, all of Chattanooga; a host of other relatives,

extended family and friends. Bishop Kevin L. Adams, Sr. will be the eulogist.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Olivet Baptist Church
740 E M L King Blvd
Chattanooga, TN 37403-2926
(423) 266-8709

Tribute Wall

AO

“ *Sincere and Heartfelt Condolences to the Family of Ernestine Carter from the Whaley and Ogbemudia Family Los Angeles*



Acquanella Whaley Ogbemudia - January 28, 2023 at 10:14 PM



Roxanna Edwards

“ *Roxanna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Roxanna Edwards - January 10, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Arletra Bolden lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Arletra Bolden - January 09, 2023 at 06:25 PM



RIH! My Deepest Condolences to The Family! 🐾❤️

Arletra Bolden - January 09, 2023 at 06:27 PM



Roxanna Edwards

My condolences to Usher Raymond, Greg Funderburg, and the entire family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter. May God continue to comfort you in your time of need.

Roxanna Edwards

Roxanna Edwards - January 10, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *I feel that as we witness something that affects other's lives that we have to just be thankful. Evangelist Ernestine thank you so much for the brief moments of our encounters. You watched me and observed as well as greeted me with a smile. I thank you for those moments that allowed my advancement in wanting to understand what my life means to others. That it was the right thing to do to work in Ticketmaster.com/Usher Thank you for a priceless beginning. Amen*



Darshelle Jones-Raymond - January 09, 2023 at 06:44 AM

NT

“ *Beautiful person. She will be missed. Neva Jo Hunter Thurman and family.*



Neva Hunter Thurman - January 07, 2023 at 11:02 PM

D?

“ *Diane Ellison & Family 🙏 lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Diane Ellison & Family 🙏 - January 07, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ Vickie Ollie lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Vickie Ollie - January 07, 2023 at 12:32 AM

AK

“ Mrs Earnestine was one of a few black nurses
at Memorial Hospital in the 80's. I can see her
now in her crisp white uniform, white cap
stockings and shiny white shoes. I remember
the laughs we shared and watching her push
her glasses back, because she always looked over her glasses not
thru them. Mrs Ernestine's hair was always in place and she wore
lashes before they became popular. She was a sweet dear lady that
could get a person straight without using any profanity but that look
she gave. I know she will definitely be missed!



Alisa Kendrick - January 06, 2023 at 05:34 PM

KF

“ Kelli Darden And Wheeler Family lit a candle
in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Kelli Darden and Wheeler Family - January 06, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.*



January 06, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Tonya Hutchins lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



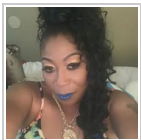
Tonya Hutchins - January 06, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Louise O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Louise O'Neal - January 06, 2023 at 12:03 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to the family.. May God Bless and watch over the family..*

Rhonda Oakley Woods - January 05, 2023 at 11:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.*



January 05, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ *Neighbor very sweet lady...RIH Mama Carter*



Reba Benson - January 05, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.*



January 05, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *I saw Rena and Mother Carter about 3 weeks ago . I was out looking my absolute worst . When you step out not thinking you will see someone and I saw Mother and Rena . can't see one without the other . But I asked her give me a word ? Momma tell me something She said these people better get right cause JESUS is coming . she said Merry Christmas baby . ! All with a smile .*

TOY JACKSON - January 05, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.*



January 05, 2023 at 02:12 PM

MR

“ *Moma Ernestine, my father Usher "little June Raymond's first wife. What I remember most about her, is her "Zeal" for the Most High God", the mother feel you can only get from those type era women they just do not make anymore and lastly, her determination to "Love You More". But thanks be to the Most High God she will leave her imprint in the earth, on everyone's heart she encountered that came to know her, experience her and love her now that she's in the presence of the Lord.*
Duane Raymond



Mr. Duane Raymond - January 05, 2023 at 02:06 PM

AJ

“ *Mrs. Carter was a kind and wonderful woman. She will come to you with a kind and sweet words, and it will be on time. It was a pleasure just knowing her and having her around. I know that the family will miss her greatly. Thank you all for sharing her with others. She will be remembered as she was the kind sweet lady in many people lives. Sending my deepest condolences to the family, with much love. And will continue to pray for you all.*
Aleah Wright

Aleah Wright- Johnson - January 05, 2023 at 07:22 AM

YN

“ Your Friar Branch Neighbors purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.



Your Friar Branch Neighbors - January 04, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.



January 04, 2023 at 04:25 PM

CB

“ Commissioner Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Commissioner Greg and Pat Beck - January 04, 2023 at 04:00 PM

VB

“ We wish the family comfort and peace in knowing that many people cared for Evangelist Carter and her caring spirit. She will be missed and may God bless and keep each of you is our prayer.

Vincinetta Patton Brown - January 04, 2023 at 04:00 PM

VB

“ Vincinetta Patton Brown lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Vincinetta Patton Brown - January 04, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.



January 04, 2023 at 03:45 PM

MD

“ Ms Ernestine Carter was my charge nurse at Hamilton County Nursing Home. She was always spiritually inspiring with a great big spiritual soul. I loved her beautiful smile.



Mary Daniels - January 04, 2023 at 12:48 PM

LD

“ LaLa D lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



LaLa D - January 04, 2023 at 11:05 AM

CD

“ Carolyn Dozier lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Carolyn Dozier - January 04, 2023 at 10:41 AM

JH

“ JaniceS, CHI Memorial Hospital lit a candle in
memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



JaniceS, CHI Memorial Hospital - January 04, 2023 at 07:42 AM

CA

“ CHRISTAL AL-HUSEIN lit a candle in
memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



CHRISTAL AL-HUSEIN - January 03, 2023 at 04:51 PM

KT

“ Kassandra D Terrell lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Kassandra D Terrell - January 03, 2023 at 04:19 PM

JK

“ *Juhwonna Kelly lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Juhwonna Kelly - January 03, 2023 at 02:45 PM

DG

“ *So a beautiful soul who never met a stranger. Glad to have had the privilege to know you. Thank You Heavenly Father for allowing her to spread Your word and love through her caring nature. I am thankful that she received her flowers for being a trailblazer before she took her rest. Much love Rena, Usher, and the rest of the family.*



Dr. Julia Gaines and family

Dr Julia Gaines - January 03, 2023 at 02:03 PM

LB

“ *Condolence to the family, she was just like another mother her children grew up with up on Kelly and Vine and Vine and Willow. We go way back, were like family in the neighborhood. Parent knew where they children was at all time, we could only go up the street and down the street. Ms Carter you will be miss dearly. Rest In Glory*



Linda Burton Bennett

Linda Burton Bennett - January 03, 2023 at 04:46 AM

GM

“ I worked with Mrs Carter when I was a young nursing student. She was always kind to me and well poised. I come to meet up with her again at the Eastgate Senior Center where we both participated in line dancing. May she Rest In Peace well deserved. Love and God’s Peace to the family you had a jewel in this lady.



Gracelia Moore - January 02, 2023 at 07:37 AM

DF

“ Dianne B. Hicks.& Family lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



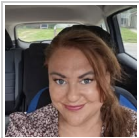
Dianne B. Hicks.& Family - January 01, 2023 at 09:13 PM

MB

“ Marilyn Brown lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Marilyn Brown - January 01, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ I worked with Ernestine for 5 years at the Hamilton County Nursing Home. She was a joy to work with. She made my workplace tolerable and at times, enjoyable. We had many good laughs!

Sheryl Campbell - January 01, 2023 at 05:47 PM

MT

“ *Marva Brown Taylor lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Marva Brown Taylor - January 01, 2023 at 02:51 PM

EG

“ *Erica Gordon lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Erica Gordon - January 01, 2023 at 12:57 PM

EM

“ *I worked under Mrs. Carter at the Hamilton County Nursing Home and she was one of the best supervisors I worked with. She was so kind, and understanding to all. She was just a sweet soul all around. I want to send my condolences to the Carter family.*

emma - January 01, 2023 at 09:27 AM

MB

“ *Mickey Battle lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Mickey Battle - December 31, 2022 at 08:47 PM

MK

“Mother Carter, words cannot express the magnitude of appreciation I have for how you impacted my life. You will never be forgotten. Rest in power & peace.

Marcie Keith - December 31, 2022 at 06:53 PM

MK

“Marcie Keith lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Marcie Keith - December 31, 2022 at 06:40 PM

D?

“Diane Ellison & Family 🙏 lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Diane Ellison & Family 🙏 - December 31, 2022 at 05:13 PM

WC

“Winifred Careathers lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Winifred Careathers - December 31, 2022 at 02:04 PM

JW

“ *My condolences to the Cater family and Usher and family*



Jackie Wood - December 31, 2022 at 02:21 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.*



December 30, 2022 at 06:55 PM

RJ

“ *Ruby Jones lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter*



Ruby Jones - December 30, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter.*



December 30, 2022 at 12:22 PM

CB

“ I WILL MISS HER MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY- Carolyn M. Bailey

carolyn bailey - December 30, 2022 at 11:13 AM

RC

“ Sending Prayers and Comfort to the family of Ms. Ernestine B. Carter



Ramsey Family Columbus,Ohio - December 30, 2022 at 10:59 AM

LW

“ Praying for comfort and His peace for you all. ❤️

Leona White - December 29, 2022 at 05:52 PM

AC

“ Sincere and Heartfelt Condolences to the Family of Ms. Ernestine B. Carter



Acquanella - December 29, 2022 at 11:35 AM

VB

“ Vincinetta B. Brown lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Vincinetta B. Brown - December 29, 2022 at 10:15 AM

TB

“ Tyler Broome lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Tyler Broome - December 28, 2022 at 09:00 PM

AM

“ Audrey June Mason lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Audrey June Mason - December 28, 2022 at 07:29 PM

SK

“ Sharon Kennard lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Sharon Kennard - December 28, 2022 at 07:09 PM

CR

“ Christy Rashed lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Christy Rashed - December 28, 2022 at 04:39 PM

GM

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family.



Glenda Morgan - December 28, 2022 at 01:28 PM

MB

“ Mickey Battle lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Mickey Battle - December 28, 2022 at 12:50 PM

JF

“ Jennifer Fagain lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Jennifer Fagain - December 28, 2022 at 09:27 AM

VM

“ Vickie Mathis lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Vickie Mathis - December 27, 2022 at 10:18 PM

RC

“ Robert Carroll lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Robert Carroll - December 27, 2022 at 04:56 AM

CJ

“ Carolyn Puckett Jones lit a candle in memory
of Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Carolyn Puckett Jones - December 27, 2022 at 12:56 AM

CJ

Tina and I meet through .y youngest son, Elder Keith Jones, We
formed a beautiful friendship, we talked about God, our family and life
itself . She help a lot after my sister died. I will miss her so much.
I'm sending love, prayers and condolences to the family.

Carolyn Puckett Jones - December 27, 2022 at 01:01 AM

KK

“ Sending Condolences in the Home Going of a Special Woman of
God. Keeping you in our Prayers. The Kelly, Cooper and Sligh
Family 🙏

Kathy Kelly-Sligh - December 26, 2022 at 05:44 PM

VF

“ Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of
Evangelist Ernestine B. Carter



Vickie Fielder - December 26, 2022 at 02:57 PM

AB

“ Mrs. Carter has always been a light that shine. A few months ago I saw a home decorated throughout the house,I said that I wish I could do that and Mrs. Carter just simply said you can. I had lost touch for years. So glad to have got back in touch with this special lady of Christ. Rest well beloved. Say hello to my mom for me.

Arnetta Brydie - December 26, 2022 at 11:05 AM

RS

Miss Earnestine came to the Music Instruction Studio some years back. I had the privilege of teaching her the piano for a few months. We had some wonderful conversations about the Lord and about her beloved family. Rest well dear one!

Rachelle Steele - January 03, 2023 at 09:14 AM