

*In Loving Memory of*  
***Marcia (Carter) Duhart***

**Sunrise**  
September 12, 1943

**Sunset**  
October 22, 2010



*Service*

Friday, October 29, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

**MT. ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH**

27 Elm Street

Rutherford, New Jersey

***Rev. Ray Frazier, Officiating***

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Prelude*

*Opening Sentence*

*Matthew 5:4*

*John 11:25*

*Invocation*

*Hymn of Faith* ..... *“It Is Well”* No. 255

*Scripture of Consolation*

*Old Testament Psalm 23*

*New Testament Phil. 2:5-8, 4:6-7-13*

*Period of Meditation*

*In The Garden*

*Prayer of Solace*

*Acknowledgements*

*Tributes*

*Reflections of Life*

*Solo* ..... *“Order My Steps”* Musician

*Message* ..... *“That Personal Touch”*

*Closing Song* ..... *“We’ll Understand It Better”*  
No. 288

## **Interment**

*East Ridgelawn Cemetery*  
*Clifton, New Jersey*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Marcia Duhart** enjoyed a full life. She left an outstanding record of activities and promotion of her ideals through hard work, leadership, entrepreneurialism and volunteerism. In transiting from corporate life to retirement, she re-invented herself with themes, focusing on enrichment and the enabling of seniors. When now involved in service to others, she traveled extensively in Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, South America, Middle East/Africa, the Mediterranean and throughout the United States both continental and Alaska and Hawaii.

She was born September 12, 1943 in Hackensack, NJ to Robert M. White and Janet Carter White both preceding her in death.

She was raised in the church. Mt. Ararat Baptist Church was across the street from the family home in Rutherford, NJ. She was witness to service through the church via her great grandfather (Charles Reynolds, Sr.), her grandfather (James Carter, Sr.) and her uncle, (James Carter, Jr.), who all served terms as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the church; and through her great aunt, (Myrtle Tenbrooke), who was Superintendent of the Sunday School. They have preceded her in death. She spoke fondly of the continued family service to Mt. Ararat Baptist Church through her cousin, Carter L. Carter, who is currently the Chairman of the Trustee Board.

She married George Duhart of Clifton, NJ in 1966 at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church. Through this union one child was born, Kelly Simone.

Marcia received her education in the Rutherford School system, graduating from Rutherford High School in 1962.

She graduated from Rutgers University College-Newark in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science Degree (major: Business Administration; minor Economics). This was a herculean task because she was working full-time; raising her daughter and attending college at night over a twelve year period.

In 1977, she was first employed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith in the Newark, NJ office as an administrative assistant. After passing the Series 7-General Securities Representative Exam, she moved to the Corporate Bond Trading Floor in New York as a Registered Administrative Assistant. The Series 7 exam is an exam that all stockbrokers have to pass before being licensed by the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). Some brokers boast that their Series 7 exam is harder to pass than the bar exam in some states.

*In 1988, she transitioned to a PRISM Corporate Trainer at Merrill Lynch. Later she progressed to the PRISM Help Desk Support as an analyst and then to a Quality Assurance Analyst position. In 1999, after twenty-two years of successful employment at Merrill Lynch, she retired Assistant Vice President of Corporate Training. She highlighted her career at Merrill Lynch with a style of spirituality, wisdom, helpfulness, friendship and freedom.*

*As an aside, Merrill Lynch, in a way was the family business. Her mother, Janet White, worked for Merrill Lynch for over thirty years. Her cousin, Carter L. Carter and her daughter, Kelly Duhart both worked for Merrill Lynch when they were fresh out of college. Her brother, Robert White received a Merrill Lynch (Winthrop) Scholarship.*

*Marcia's computer skills did not lay dormant in retirement. In 1999, she founded CyberSeniors Services in Mercer County, NJ at Rossmoor the oldest adult community in NJ. She had broad expertise in computers, including Microsoft Suite Programs, Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher and Outlook, as well as, an exemplary ability to teach what she knew to others, particularly, seniors with disabilities. Her entrepreneurship, creativity and energy opened a 21st century world of social networking to these seniors, who may not have gained these skills if not for Marcia.*

*A special retirement section of the March 2, 2010 New York Times (Steven Greenhouse, The job you make. Older workers mine their skills and connections to go their own way, F1, F8) featured Marcia's words and image, recognizing her talent for leading seniors on the path to computer literacy.*

*Marcia Duhart figured that out on her own. During her final years at Merrill Lynch, where she trained people to use computers, she devoted several days off to testing her idea of teaching computer skills to the elderly. When she taught a few classes at East Windor Senior Center in New Jersey, people flooded in.*

*"My business spread by word of mouth," she said, adding that some days demand was so great that she left home at 9 a.m. and returned at 7 p.m."*

*"I've had students up to 90," she said "I'm 67 now, and I have a lot of energy to do this because I do what I love. I love teaching people."*

*Below is a sample of her other activities that gave her friends and family great pride.*

#### *Activities with Seniors*

*Rossmoor Adult Community in Monroe Township: class-room instruction and private lessons in the home*

*East Windsor Township Senior Center: computer classes*  
*Hamilton Township Senior: computer classes*  
*DOROT (a nonprofit organization that provided services to seniors with limited mobility) through the University Without Walls via telephone: computer course titled "Surfing Into a Brave New World: Computers, E-mail and the Internet" class*  
*Team Member, AARP NJ Advocacy-Health care reform (I.e., health care proxies-getting medical providers to follow decisions; Medicare prescription drug program simplification)*

### Leadership

*Past member, Hightstown Planning Board*  
*Special Member, Commission on Aging, East Windsor Township*  
*Past President, Hightstown/East Windsor Business and Professional Women*  
*Parliamentarian, Central Jersey Network of Black Women*  
*Past Secretary, League of Women Voters, East Windsor and Hightstown*  
*Member, Mayor Hightstown Y2K Advisor Panel*  
*Supporter, McCarter Theatre Center*  
*Chairperson, Government Relations, Edison, NJ Motor Vehicle Facility*  
*Member, Mayor's Senior Advisor Committee, Township of Monroe*  
*Chair, Governmental Relations Advisor Board, Clearbrook Senior Community*  
*Instructor, Contract Bridge (her favorite card game)*

### Achievements

*Nominated by the East Windsor Township for a Mind Alert Award in 2002*

*Proclamation from Glen Gilmore, Mayor, Township of Hamilton in 2006 for her work with seniors, encouraging them to reach beyond the walls of the center into the world of computers.*

*AARP New Jersey award for generosity of time and effort*

*Marcia Duhart is survived by: her daughter, Kelly Duhart of Hillsborough, NJ; her brother, Robert M. White, Jr., MD, FACP of Silver Spring, MD (referred to by her and her friends as "Brother" and by Kelly as "Uncle Brother"). Also she is survived by her aunt, Dolores Carter of Nutley, NJ; her cousins, Lorraine Randolph of Kansas City, MO, Carter L. Carter of Irvington, NJ, April Carter of Nutley, NJ and Destiny and Dante Carter of Nutley, NJ. There are a host of other family, friends, bridge players, fellow travelers and computer-literate seniors who she leaves behind.*

*As a final note, she did not have a long illness. In answering the call from a neighbor who had fallen and needed help, Marcia Duhart was stricken and did not recover. Her last act on this earth was in service to another on October 22, 2010.*



**Philippians 4:13**

I can do all things through  
Christ which strengtheneth me.

*Acknowledgements*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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