

# <u>Obituary</u>

**Lillian Alfreda L. Carter** was born on December 23, 1944 to the late James and Ruth Carter at Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, New York. Lillian was the fourth child of five siblings. Lillian grew up in the Bronx where she attended elementary and high school. While attending public school, Lillian became an avid reader and could be found regularly at the library. Words and reading became a lifelong enjoyment for her.

Lillian spread her wings and moved to New Jersey as a young woman. Her first job in New Jersey was at Essex County College in the financial aid office. Lillian made lifelong friends at the college. Lillian left Essex County College to work for the city of East Orange. This became a career choice. During her tenure there she held several positions. Lillian enjoyed working for the city because it gave her the opportunity to interact with people and to help them. She often talked about her experiences at City Hall, most of the time explaining how she could do it better than the way they had it set up. She particularly enjoyed the hanging out with coworkers after work. Friday to Monday was party time. Whenever the opportunity presented itself, Lillian would have a party or cookout at her house. Lillian retired from East Orange City Hall due to a medical condition.

Lillian's sister, Marzella moved from New York to East Orange to support Lillian as she recuperated. As the years passed, Marzella and Lillian became inseparable. They moved from the house on Springdale Ave. to apartments on So. Harrison. Although they had their own apartments, one never left the building without the other. They looked alike and often were mistaken for twins (she got a big kick out of that). In June 2010, Marzella passed away. Lillian had lost her baby sister, her best friend, and a part of herself. After Marzella's death, Verga Onque and Annie Town became her constant companions.

Lillian's favorite things to do were to talk of her family, care for her plants, order from QVC and buy shoes and buy cloths and buy...Lillian liked almost everything. She had such a zest for life. She was very articulate and meticulous. When she described something it was always with passion. To her, everything had a purpose that she would describe in her own unique way. If you challenged her use of a word, she would challenge you to a game of scrabble.

Lillian was kind, generous and fun loving. She would always find a way to make you laugh. She should compliment you on your accomplishments, on your dress and of course if you had a nice pair of shoes. Lillian would call her close girlfriends her "sista friends" and her male friends "brother (Nig...)". She often stated that she was blessed to have such close friends in her life.

Lillian passed away on August 11, 2011 peacefully. Lillian leaves behind an older sister, Loretta Carter-Miller; a brother, Leroy Carter Jr. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Jean Shoulders and Marzella Carter. She also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews including Tina Shoulders and Bianca Shoulders; and her close friends, Annie Towns, Verga Onque, Charlie and Hazel Chamberlin, James Carter and friends of many years.

## Order of Service

**Musical Prelude** 

**Processional** 

**Opening Hymn** 

**Scripture Reading** 

Rev. Irving Childress Old Testament New Testament

**Prayer of Comfort** 

Selection

**Acknowledgement / Resolutions** 

Remarks (2 minutes please)

**Obituary** 

Selection

**Eulogy** 

### **Interment**

Mt. Holiness Memorial Park Butler, New Jersey

# Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
behind,
When the day is done.

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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