

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Alison Virginia Carter

Sunrise
July 11, 1923

Sunset
February 24, 2013

Saturday, March 2, 2013 ~ 10:00 am

Second Baptist Church

200 Locust Street
Roselle, New Jersey 07203
Rev. James E. Moore, Sr., Pastor



Precious Memories



An air of calm dispels the gloom
The moment she enters my lonely room.
Nothing compares with the comforting sight
Of an R.N. clad in signified white.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. James E. Moore, Sr., Officiating

Rev. Vincent Jefferys, Organist

Organ Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn of Comfort “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

Scriptures

Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22-24

New Testament: John 14:1-7

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Words of Comfort Rev. Cathy Thompson-Fix

Family Tribute Marcia Dunn

Selection

Acknowledgements and Condolences

Reading of the Obituary Debbie Mason

Solo “In The Garden” - Rosa Randall

Eulogy Rev. Marjorie Boston, Grace Baptist Church
Mt. Vernon, New York

Recessional “Precious Memories”

Interment

Rosemount Memorial Park

Elizabeth, New Jersey

Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends
are invited to return to Second Baptist Church for a Repast.

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203

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“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”

Remembering Alison

Alison Virginia Carter, affectionately nicknamed “Cousin” or “Cuz” by her family and friends, was born on July 11, 1923 to the late John and Mary Dunn Carter in Roselle, New Jersey. Alison, a life-long resident of Roselle, was educated in the Roselle public schools and graduated from Abraham Clark High School.

Alison received her diploma as a Registered Nurse from Lincoln School for Nurses in Bronx, New York, the first school in the United States to train black women to become nurses at a time when this kind of education was not available elsewhere. She earned her Masters of Arts Degree in Health Education and sixth-year level Certification in Administration and Supervision from Montclair State University. She attended New York University and Seton Hall University and was an Adjunct Instructor for Kean University and Rutgers University’s Livingston College.

She worked at Lincoln Hospital and the VA Hospital in East Orange as an Emergency Room Nurse and Nursing Supervisor before becoming the first African American School Nurse to be employed in Union County. Alison was employed by the Linden Public Schools as a School Nurse and Health Educator for 27 years (1956 - 1983) until her retirement.

Alison was “a woman of achievement” who made a difference in the lives of many in Roselle, Union County and throughout the state. She was one of the early members of the Association for Children of New Jersey and served on the Union County Family Court Child Placement Review Board for 12 years protecting and speaking up for the rights of children. She served on the Board of Directors for Family and Children Services of Union County, the Board of Directors for the United Way of Eastern Union County, and the Advisory Board for Trinitas Hospital.

An advocate for the rights of the elderly she created policy through her involvement with the Union County Division on Aging and her appointments by then Governor Christie Todd Whitman to serve on the New Jersey Commission on Aging, the Governor’s Task Force on Aging, and a Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. As an active member of

AARP, Alison served as the Northeast Region Grassroots Coordinator, member of the Speakers Bureau, and established chapters in Roselle, Newark and Elizabeth.

Alison was President of many organizations including the Senior Citizens Council of Union County, Union County Retired Education Association, and Elizabeth Branch of the American Association of University Women. She was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Roselle Branch of the National Council of Negro Women, the National Association of Parliamentarians, and a life-time member of the NAACP. Alison was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Roselle, New Jersey and served as Chairperson of the Music Committee and as an active member of the Women's Guild.

Alison was an avid fan and supporter of the arts and African American culture. She supported many organizations including the Newark Museum and NJPAC. When asked if she was married, Cousin would chime, "no husband, no children, no pets, and no regrets". This independence gave her the freedom to do the things she loved: spend time with family and friends, travel, vacation, take bus trips, sew, read, clip and give newspaper and magazine articles, talk on the phone, go to New York City, attend the ballet and theater, go out to eat, and counted cross stitch. Alison is a seasoned traveler having made visits to all 50 of the United States and to several foreign countries with Austria and Aruba being among her favorite.

Alison Carter will be always be remembered for her leadership, service to the community, sharing her opinion at borough council meetings, advocacy for children and the elderly, as well as for being a loving, caring and generous niece, cousin and friend.

Alison Virginia Carter was called to her heavenly home on Sunday, February 24, 2013 at the tender age of 89.

She leaves to cherish and celebrate her legacy, her aunt, Zola Dunn of Roselle, New Jersey; first cousins: Evelyn Stockling, Anita Ford, Harriet Loving, Linda Hart, Minna Dunn, Denise Dunn Randolph and Marcia Dunn; niece, Millicent Barnes-Murrell, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends of **Alison Virginia Carter**

To Those I Love

*If I should ever leave you whom I love
To go along the Silent Way, grieve not,
Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk
Of me as if I was beside you there.*

*I'd come - I'd come, could I but find a way!
But would not tears and grief be barriers?*

*And when you hear a song or see a bird
I loved; please do not let the thought of me
Be sad...For I am*

*Loving you just as I always have...
You were so good to me!*

*There are so many things I wanted still
To do - so many things to say to you....*

Remember that I did not fear...

It was just leaving you that was so hard to face...

We cannot see beyond...

But this I know:

I loved you so – t'was heaven here with you!

By Iala Paachal Richardson

Acknowledgement

The family of **Alison Virginia Carter** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

