



Carrie Lou Cousar

June 8, 1917 - July 10, 2021

CARRIE LOU COUSAR (nee Gamble), daughter of the late Tommie and Sallie Harrison Gamble, was born on June 8, 1917, in Sumter, South Carolina; the third of fifteen children. On July 10, 2021, with her daughters at her side, our beloved mother, grandmother, and aunt peacefully completed her 104-year journey; God called her to spread her wings and come on home.

Raised in Sumter, Carrie received her education in the local school system, attending the Goodwill Day School in Mayesville and was a member of the family church, Mt. Sinai A.M.E. Church.

Arriving in Baltimore in 1941, Carrie held a number of positions in the clothing manufacturing industry, retiring from London Fog in 1981. After relocating, she remained a long-standing member of the family church, and in or around 1968, found a local church home at Sweet Hope Free Will Baptist Church, where she served on the usher board for many years and remained a faithful member.

Ever the trailblazer, Carrie was the first of her siblings and close friends to move to Baltimore. Many of them soon followed, finding a warm spot to land in her home until they found work and homes of their own.

Family defined Carrie. She wed the late Elon B. Cousar and from that union eight children were born. The anchor of the family, she founded and upheld many long-standing traditions; one of the most widely known was the vast yearly Christmas baking, when she would bake a multitude of assorted cakes and cookies for the entire family.

Carrie was a true renaissance woman with a heart of gold, a razor-sharp wit, a great memory, and unparalleled organizational skills. She was the family historian, a fashionista and seamstress, an excellent cook and baker, and an avid gardener, all whilst taking care of her children and grandchildren. She was also the family counselor, offering a shoulder to lean on and sound advice to all that sought her wisdom. Whenever asked about the

secret to living a long life, she would respond, “Be nice to everyone. ”

Carrie leaves an indelible legacy. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tommie and Sally; fourteen siblings, James, Malachi, Hardie, Taylor, Timothy, Shulah Marion, Wilson, Pearly, Lenora, Louise, Anna, Olivia and Mary; her husband, Elon B. Cousar and four sons, Curtis, Elon Jr., William, and Terry. Left to cherish her memory are her son Berman, daughters, Letha, Patricia (Donald), Janet (James); grandchildren, Delvonne (John), Kenneth, Mary, Mark, Chantille and Jody; great- grandchildren, Shane, Anthony, Elona, and Desney; a much-adored village of nieces and nephews, and a host of other loved relatives and friends

Cemetery

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD, 21207

Events

JUL 16 **Public Viewing** 05:00PM - 08:00PM
March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21215

JUL 17 **Wake** 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church
3925 Dolfield Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21215

JUL 17 **Service** 11:00AM
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Comments



“ To Pat and the Cousar family,
Sorry for the loss of your Mother. Please accept our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you find comfort in all of your memories of Ms. Carrie. If you need anything let us know, we are here for you.

Jean and Genaro Flores

jean flores - July 18, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ Jesse, Tammy, Brittney, Brianna & Brishelle Gamble purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carrie Lou Cousar.



Jesse Gamble - July 16, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ From Jean John Joy Michelle Arlene Your H2H Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carrie Lou Cousar.



Jean R Flores - July 16, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carrie Lou Cousar.



July 14, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ Coleman Sisters and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Carrie Lou Cousar.



Coleman Sisters and Family - July 14, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Ms. Letha,

I'm truly sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. My condolences and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you and your family during this time of sorrow. Please let me know if you need anything, I'm here for you.

Corey Blair - July 14, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ From: Ascension's Planning & Execution Team purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Carrie Lou Cousar.



From: Ascension's Planning & Execution Team - July 13, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Cousin Naomi and Eliza, Lynchburg, South Carolina purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carrie Lou Cousar.



Cousin Naomi and Eliza, Lynchburg, South Carolina - July 13, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ I am so blessed to have been able to spend many memorable times with Mrs. Carrie. She will always remain in my heart. My sincere prayers and condolences to the family (my family) and all who knew and loved her. God bless!

Linda Luallen - July 12, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 12, 2021 at 03:53 PM