



## Allene Belle Matthews Carter

December 31, 1923 - December 15, 2022

Allene Belle Matthews Carter was born on December 31, 1923 in Washington, D.C. to the late Wayman and Beatrice Matthews. She was called to eternal rest on Thursday, December 15, 2022. She was the last of seven children born to Beatrice Matthews Bates.

The family moved to Baltimore where her aunt Lillian Bailey Johnson, a founding member of Calvary Baptist Church and husband John would help raise Allene and her siblings. Allene attended Baltimore Public Schools, and was proud to say she was taught by the late NAACP civil rights activist and Calvary member, Enolia P. McMillan.

At a very young age Allene joined Calvary Baptist Church and was baptized by the founding pastor, Reverend Richard T. Reed. Allene loved to sing and was a member of the Women's Choir and Gospel Chorus. She was also a member of the Ladies Guild and the Golden Age Club, ( now known as the Prime Age Ministry).

Allene had the distinguished honor of being the oldest member of Calvary. Allene was employed at Fish Dry Cleaners as a presser before retiring as a domestic worker. She was a great cook and was known for her 1-2-3-4 pound cake but most especially for her “sweet” stewed tomatoes! She also loved to read the bible and to do “Word Search” Puzzle books, because she read it would help keep her mind sharp . And a sharp mind she had, having a quick “No Nonsense Response “ all the time. Being a devoted mother to her daughters, Sheila and Michelle (Shelly) brought her much joy. She made many sacrifices to ensure they were well taken care of and attended Sunday school and church. When her grandson Marvin was born, he became the apple of her eye. They shared a special unbreakable bond. Allene was overjoyed at becoming a great-grandmother (Mom Mom) when Marvin Nasir was born. She made sure he knew how proud she was of his school accomplishments and that she loved him. Allene’s love of family extended to her nieces, nephews and cousins. For years she kept up with everyone’s birthday. Later in life, Allene married David N. Carter, also a Cavalry member. Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Graves, Jr. performed the ceremony. During a 2013 surgery Allene said the Lord gave her a song, Down Through the Years

(The Lord's Been Good To Me). This song became her testimony and she loved to sing it to family and friends, inserting their name and age to make it more personal.

#### Obituary

A woman small in stature but over the years, Allene demonstrated a strong resolve. She maintained her own apartment until age 97. Putting her trust in God, she kept moving.

Even through her aches and pains she never gave up and never lost her faith in God.

Allene lived a long and fulfilled life, being an inspiration to many. She was very appreciative of all who showered her with many acts of love and kindness throughout her life.

Allene's husband, the late David N. Carter and her loving daughter, the late Michelle

Matthews Nemes preceded her in death.

Allene's precious memories will be cherished by her daughter, Sheila Matthews;

grandson, Marvin H. Harris; great-grandson, Marvin N. Harris; niece, Barbara Cooper;

nephew Elwood Toliver (Patricia); great niece Sheranda Dildy (Brian); goddaughter,

Janova Giddiens; great and great-great nieces and nephews, a host of cousins and

friends. ( some who lovingly called her Mom). In addition, her memory will be cherished

by Hazel Tillman, who she affectionately called her adopted daughter; Ivory Sye and

Joyce Jeffers, long time friends and helpers when she resided at Bon Secours

Benet  
House.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Wake

DEC 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church  
3911 Garrison Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Karen Giddiens sent a virtual gift in memory of Allene Belle Matthews Carter



Karen Giddiens - December 26, 2022 at 01:10 PM

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“ Karen Giddiens lit a candle in memory of Allene Belle Matthews Carter



Karen Giddiens - December 26, 2022 at 01:06 PM

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“ All Glory to God 🙏 my Deepest Condolences to the Family my Dearest Cousin iallways Called her Auntie I Lived with her she was a Phenomenal Person Allene will allways be in my Heart i will miss her 😭her Beautiful Smile and encouraging Words Thank you ❤️ 🌟 from Teeney)Rest in Peace Auntie 🌹💖💜🌟

Karen Giddiens - December 26, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Allene Belle Matthews Carter.



December 21, 2022 at 04:05 PM

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“ Ivorysye lit a candle in memory of Allene Belle Matthews Carter



Ivorysye - December 21, 2022 at 12:40 AM

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“ Remembering Your Mother was a great pleasure I enjoyed the 25 wonderful years as a gift from God for allowing me to enter into Her life such a VERY SWEET PERSON I will truly miss my Special Friend wishing You moments of peace and comfort with lots of LOVE Ivory

Ivorysye - December 21, 2022 at 12:38 AM



“ 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 - December 17, 2022 at 02:12 PM