



Carlidine Durr Smith

January 23, 1940 - November 9, 2002

Tribute Carlidine Durr Smith was born on January 23, 1940 in Birmingham, Alabama, the daughter of Robert Durr and Olivia Lofton Durr. She was number six of a large and loving family of nine children. She was educated in the Birmingham Public Schools, a brilliant student, graduating from Parker High School at the age of 16. She decided that Mathematics would be her focus and went to further her education at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS., where she met her beloved future husband, Henry, marrying him at the age of 17. He says that when he saw her on campus the first day, being brought to school by her mother, he knew immediately that "she was the one." A few years later, Hank decided to pursue Medicine. Carlidine supported and loved him, and in the process, they became parents, first, the Alva, Adrian and Gordon. As the years went by, more babies came: Angela, David and Douglas, Russell and Suzanne, for a grand total of eight, two sets of twins. Each was loved and treasured, individually, and as the lively group they were to become. Carlidine devoted her life to her husband, children and grandson. She gave new meaning to the profession called **HOMEMAKER**, at a time when that was not such a popular calling. She was there at all times for her children; had her own carpool to schools, games, and step-shows. She could be called upon at any time, for any reason, and could be counted upon for more love and support than any person could have expected. She created an atmosphere of love and kindness, and a home that was rooted in the love of God and for all beings. Every person who entered her presence loved her

because she truly loved and embraced everyone. Carlidine was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, though not active in many years, she delighted in attending sorority functions with Alva; she enjoyed TV game shows with Adrian and Nicholas, her grandson. Gordon and his family were a constant joy in her life. She supported Angela in her quest to obtain her Sociology degree, and to become a new teacher. She was David's constant companion to all of his choir performances, and weathered sleet and snow to hear him sing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Douglas was her sweet soul mate, whom she relied upon so much over the last few months. She supported Russell as he completes his education and discovers his path in life. Suzanne, her youngest, was her constant friend and companion. For Henry, she was the foundation of his life, his loyal friend and companion, who devoted her life to him and to the raising of their children. She was the homemaker who filled his home with warmth, love, lots of great food, and many cherished friends and family. Mom, we thank you for all of your love, that with which you graced us and the love you taught us to share with each other and so many more. Your legacy is that of kindness, sweetness, a love for humanity and love for your family and host of friends. We thank God for you, Mom, you are truly the greatest blessing any of us will ever receive. You will live in our hearts forever, and the love you gave will be the sunshine that gladdens our hearts. You are truly the wind beneath our wings. "A heart is not measured by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others..."

Tribute Wall



“ *Carldine Durr Smith*

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“ *Carldine Durr Smith*

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“ *I first met Mrs. Smith many years ago when Mike, Angela, and I were all just venturing into the adult world. And, I remember thinking, "Angela is so lucky to have such a cool Mom." Angela, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you mourn the loss of a very special person.##imported-begin##Mike Olive##imported-end##*

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“ *It's an honor to call Angela Smith "friend", and as great an honor to have met her family. I felt immediately accepted by Mrs. Smith and have only the warmest memories and feelings for her. My thoughts are with the family. Be blessed.##imported-begin##Scott Braun##imported-end##*

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“ *With deepest sympathy##imported-begin##George Alford##imported-end##*

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“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Smith. I am a friend of her son David. He is a wonderful person in every way, which is a reflection of a warm, happy and loving home. A reflection of a mother who was truly a blessing to all. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God bless you all and be with you in these troubled times. God has received an angle that will be missed.##imported-begin##Vanessa Wood##imported-end##

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“ I am deeply saddened by Carlaine's passing. Such a beautiful person will always be missed but her love will always be with us. She lives!##imported-begin##Adella Nowowieski##imported-end##

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“ WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

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*When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said "This is eternity, And all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, But here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. But you have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Thought there were times you did some things, You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you take my hand And share my life with me? So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##*

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“ Mom has been an important part of my life for many years. I had the great fortune to be welcomed into the Smith family almost 15 years ago. I was welcomed by each and every member of the family, but especially so by Mrs. Smith - for this and for so many other reasons, I am thankful to have had the opportunity of having Mom as a part of my life. She will be missed more than she could ever have known.##imported-begin##Michael Whitlock##imported-end##

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“ Alva, our prayers and love are with you and your family now and always.##imported-begin##Corde' & Lindsey Carter##imported-end##

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“ Dear Hank & Children: Your family here in Ohio, Earnie, Doris & Bobby deeply share the loss of Carlaine with you all. We know how much she loved you and just how much she meant to you all. She, we felt was a special gift to us from God. Though the pain of her loss will always be there, we know that God has prepared a better place for her. We all loved her dearly but God loved her best. We want you to know that you all will always be a part of our lives. Hope to see you in February. Love, Doris, Earnie and Bobby##imported-begin##Doris, Earnie, & Bobby##imported-end##

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“ To Hank and Children, Ernesto and I and Missy and Candy extend our deepest deepest sympathy to you on the loss of Carlidine. We shall forever love her and cherish her beautiful memory. We know that we are better people just because she touched our lives. She and her beautiful smile, heart and demeanor will always be with us. We know that she remains a beautiful and most encouraging part of your lives. She truly was the very personification of love. We plan to be with you all soon. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Love, Shirley, Ernesto, Missy and Candy###imported-begin##Shirley, Ernesto, Missy and Candy###imported-end##

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Carlidine and Angela through the wonderful Mike Whitlock. I remember her warmth and the loving energy I felt in her home. May peace be with your family during this difficult time and may God's perpetual light shine upon Carlidine.###imported-begin##Joseph Pratko###imported-end##

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“ Friend & co-worker of Gordon. Gordon, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, and always remember, no one that is loved is ever really gone.###imported-begin##Jeffrey C Kerler###imported-end##

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“ How fortunate we have been to have known such a lovely person###imported-begin##Jan Helliwell###imported-end##

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“ Although it’s hard to understand just why these things must be, still may you find some comfort in these words of sympathy. And in the thought that memories of the things she did and said, will keep your love one close to you through all the days ahead.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##

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“ My heartfelt love is with the family at this trying time. We haven’t been in communication for a lengthy time but my love is with you. Losing someone as important as one’s Mom is painful...but as in Psalms 46:1 "God is your refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble...Dene is in a better place, and we are left behind as my folks say "en la lucha", May you all rejoice and thank the Lord...for removing all earthly stress and pain from her...leaving only her goodness and sweetness and her true devotion to her familhy..How blessed you are to have had her... My address and phone: 610 Milford Mill Road, Pikesville, Md. 21208 410-602-2456, When all is quieted down feel free to call, come and break bread with me. I love you all always.##imported-begin##Reynolds, Martha Cruz##imported-end##

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