



Doris Knight Carter

March 23, 1935 - January 20, 2021

On Inauguration Day, January 20, 2021 the witty, sharp and elegant Doris Knight Carter went on to glory. Born on March 23, 1935, she was the eldest child of Queen Esther Knight and Stephen Decatur Jasper. She was preceded in death by sister Marjorie K. Edwards and brother Douglas D. Knight, Sr. She is survived by her sister Barbara K. Crosby; 3 grandchildren, SaChe Register, Romello Johnson and Jazmine Harris; and sister-in-law Arlene R. Knight.

Doris attended Richmond Public Schools and was a 1955 graduate of Maggie L. Walker High School where she was a member of the State Championship girl's basketball team.

In 1957 she and Charles H. Robinson welcomed the birth of her first child, Leonardo R. Knight. In the 1960s she worked as a community organizer for Richmond Community Action Program (RCAP). In 1963 she and husband Norman Harris celebrated the birth of her second son Raymondo N. Harris.

As a part of the last wave of the Great Black Northern Migration, she and then husband Melvin Carter moved to Boston, Massachusetts in 1971. In Boston she worked for AT&T where she was Shop Steward for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). During that time, she also attended Roxbury Community College. Doris retired in the 1990s and moved back to Richmond.

In Richmond she hosted friends and family at frequent poolside parties and barbeques where people enjoyed her witty repartee and sharp observations. Always fashionable, she was frequently complimented for her appearance (which annoyed her). She was naturally elegant in tone, stature and bearing. Doris was a very talented seamstress and tailor. Often after 8 hours of work she would come home, cook dinner for her family and sew a dress or coat. She was a member of Garland Avenue Baptist Church, the Richmond Chapter #1 Order of the Eastern Star Virginia PHA, the Order of the Tents, Past Most Ancient Matron for Bethel Court Heroines of Jericho, and the Red Hat Society.

Doris was a loving mother to her two boys and a second mother to many others. She will always be Aunt Doris lending a sympathetic ear and a warm heart who made us all laugh until we cried.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Live Streaming

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Tribute Wall



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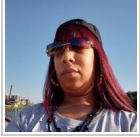


March Funeral Homes - January 28, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Doris Knight Carter*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ When I was a little girl you told me that, "You cry when babies are born and you celebrate when someone pass". We were at one of Aunt Arlenes's sister's repass and you told us that you wanted us to do the "Electric Slide" at your funeral. That's just how you were, funny and random. So today, I am going to share a few funny and random memories...

Because of you I have this weird liking for soggy nachos. When you would come to Nana's house (Barton Ave) after you leave the hair salon you would always have 711 nachos and a cold cup of coffee. I would put both in the microwave and crush. I never craved coffee because you'll would tell me it wasn't good to drink it, but them nachos 😊. I could let them sit for 10min and let that cheese soak in them tortilla chips and go to town. So good!!

Next is my love for Sade's music. I listen to her in your car so much that listening to her is so soothing to me. When I was younger I never even understood what she was saying, but I do now. I remember when I spent the night at your house out in Hanover, and BET aired her Lover's Rock Live concert. You was determined to watch it. I went to sleep because back then she was boring to me. But when it got to the end and she performed "Is it a crime" and you were standing up in your own living room wiggling your hips, clapping, smiling and shouting "Yes", like you had front row seats. When it got to the part when that guy played that guitar and I mean he played. I woke up cause you turned that volume up, but it sounded so good. I sat up, but unfortunately it was the end of the concert and her last song she performed. But I can't believe I literally slept on Sade'. So one day I seen the DVD in Wal-Mart and I brought it right along with Beyonce's "the Beyonce Experience" DVD and let me tell you 👑🐝 and the 🐝hive can't hold a candle to Sade'.

I remember that day you was over Nana's house and you tried to fix a dessert that Gang-Gang use to fix. I had to ask you what it was suppose to be because the way it turned out, I couldn't tell. I remember Nana saying, "That ain't the way momma use to fix it". And it definitely ended up in the trash. But it was brown and you prepared it in a casserole dish. We just looked at it, and nobody

even stuck a fork in it. Y'all just scraped the edges and all it's four corners, and it went straight to the trash. I mean to prepare something, place it in the oven, let it cool off then put it the trash lol. That day when you threw your teeth away. This a family moment so I don't mind discussing this. But Nana was known for throwing stuff away. And so we had just finish eating Burger King. Back then BK used those boxes for their sandwiches. So you looked to the right side of the table met where you would always place them and asked "Margie where my teeth?". Nana said, " Idk, you suppose to keep up with your own teeth". You replied, "Well I had them right here, let me see if I left them in the bathroom". You went and came back, They not in there". Nana said, "You check your pocketbook?" You look and search, pulled everything out, "They not in here". Checked your coat, walked through the house, ask Gee if he seen them, came back in the kitchen confused and said "Damn, I can't believe I can't find my teeth". Lisa came in the kitchen and said, "Well Idk Aunt Doris, you checked your car?" You said, "Nah, cause I took them out and layed them right here". Finally somebody suggested, "You think you threw them away?" That was so hard to believe because by that time the trash was outside. So we went outside and got the trash. Opened the bag and found that BK box. And there they were, your "Pearly Whites" lol. You said, "Lawd, Margie done threw my teeth in the trash". Nana said, "I ain't throw them away, you left them in that box, I was cleaning my table". Nobody wanted to own it lol.

Today the family went out to eat after your memorial service. I hope everybody complained, cause that's the way you wanted it 🤔

Arion Edwards - February 02, 2021 at 03:28 PM

RH

Those were wonderful, thanks for sharing. The last one made me laugh! But i could hear Mrs. Carter saying those words!

Renee Hibbert - February 02, 2021 at 06:12 PM

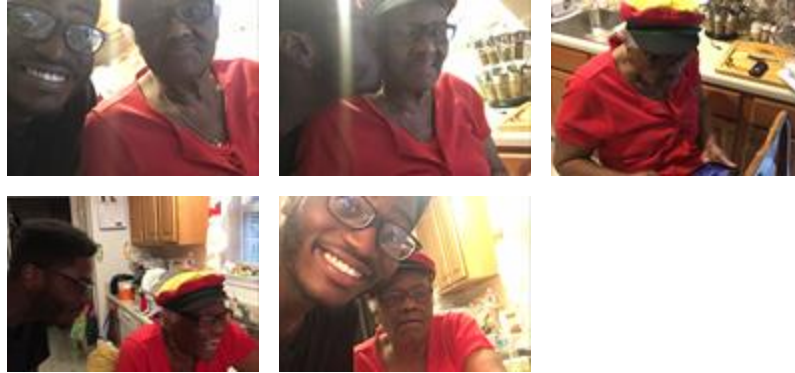
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Everything you said daughter was so true...Those two sisters loved each other...Missing the so much...

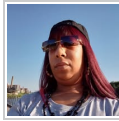
Cherylene Edwards - February 04, 2021 at 12:19 PM



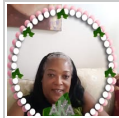
“ *The best grandmother ever*



Romello Michaud - February 02, 2021 at 10:37 AM



Arion Edwards - February 02, 2021 at 11:25 AM



My friend and Bonus Mom will forevermore be full of beautiful memories in my heart and mind. Your kindness, wisdom, and love of family will forever be present on this earth. REST IN PEACE.

Rhonda Davis - February 02, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *I am very hurt at the loss of my grandmother we had so many summers together and having the best grandmother ever from her cooking to her smile to her jokes. I loved being her grandson I'm going to miss her very much and I won't be the same*

Romello Michaud - February 02, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JK

“ *Jetta Knight lit a candle in memory of Doris Knight Carter*



Jetta Knight - February 02, 2021 at 09:10 AM

RH

“ *Thank you Knight & Carter family for sharing your Rose with us! My relationship with Mrs. Carter will forever be cherished in my heart. As a grandmother to my son and a friend to me, she shared love, wise counsel, and humor whenever we spoke or spent time together. It is my prayer that the family will be comforted by the Holy Spirit and loving memories of the beloved Doris Knight Carter.*

Renee Hibbert - February 02, 2021 at 08:37 AM

SC

“ *I would like to send my sincere condolences to the Doris knight Carter family. May you Rest In Peace. From the Carter family.*

Susie James, Rosetta and Samuel Carter - February 01, 2021 at 09:04 PM

LE

“ *Aunt Doris I'm going to miss you...I will never forget how you use to make us laugh and enjoying your hospitality at family functions. May your soul RIP...your niece Lisa*

Lisa Edwards - February 01, 2021 at 12:06 PM

LY

“ Dear Knight Carter family,

I'm sending blessings to the whole family on this sad occasion. I hope your love and memories of Mrs. Knight Carter will help you find comfort in the days to come.
Love,

Lynne Gelzer



LynneGelzer - January 30, 2021 at 04:27 PM

CC

Hope that love and wonderful memories sustain Leonardo and extended family. Carolyn

Carolyn Cockrell - January 30, 2021 at 06:02 PM

CB

To the family of as I call her Aunt Doris, she will be greatly missed. She had a way of making you laugh at things she would say. Never a dull moment in her present. She had a beautiful spirit and straight to the point if she had something to say. Sleep well my friend. Family hold on to her memories that each have of her.
In Sympathy
Carrie Bryant

Carrie Bryant - January 31, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Doris Knight Carter.



January 30, 2021 at 04:26 PM

WH

“ *Winnie Huston purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Doris Knight Carter.*



Winnie Huston - January 30, 2021 at 02:36 PM

EB

“ *Doris Carter was a Beautiful person.she was devoted person to you if you were her friend. Enjoyed going out to eat with some of us before this pandemic. Will miss talking on the phone with her. RIP Doris.*

Ernestine Briggs - January 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM

CS

“ *My Aunt Doris...Life will never be the same without you...I miss our talks, your good cooking and most of all our trips to Sam's Club... You were like a 2nd mother to me after the passing of your sister...My Mom... I'm praying for strength because I know I can't call you no more or listen to your advice...RIH...your niece Cherylene*

Cherylene Edwards- Smith - January 28, 2021 at 07:24 PM

DV

“ *We would like to convey our deepest sympathy for the loss of Aunt Doris. She will truly be missed.*

Brian and Demetrice Vaughan

Demetrice Vaughan - January 28, 2021 at 06:32 PM

CW

To the Carter family from the Anderson family you all have our deepest sympathy with much love

Clara Anderson - Williams - January 28, 2021 at 11:22 PM

WJ

*Mrs. Carter, I will forever remember your laugh and great smile. You were so very generous to me all of the years I traveled back and forth to Norfolk to see my family. Many a night I stopped through to have a meal or a bed to sleep in. Thank you for sharing your sons as well. Over the years our Boston connection was strong and will ever be a pleasant memory from my family to yours. With Deep Affection.
Woodie Johnson*

Woodie Johnson - February 06, 2021 at 01:04 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 - January 26, 2021 at 07:50 PM