



Louise Carlyle

June 9, 1917 - July 10, 2020

Louise Carlyle was the second child of eight children born to the late William Wilson and Margurite Willis Wilson. Listed in order of their birth were: Willie Mae (May), Louise, Eleanora, Roy, Sarah, Harold, Elsie (Delores), and Albert. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland June 9, 1917.

Louise was called "Aunt Sissy" by just about everyone who knew her. She was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools and completed 9th grade at Booker T. Washington High School.

Aunt Sissy was 18 years old when she married her first husband, Theodore "Teddy" Davis. Teddy was a tailor who was also from Baltimore. He had been offered a job in New York. They lived in New York for about seven years. After Teddy's death, Aunt Sissy moved to New Jersey where she worked as a waitress. Her parents wanted her to return to Baltimore, but she liked her job in Atlantic City because the tips were good and she continued to be able to send money to help her parents and siblings. In 1945, she married Robert "Bob" Carlyle; they met at a party in Baltimore; Bob was originally from North Carolina and had been recently honorably discharged from the US Army. They lived together as husband and wife for 15 years and were divorced after 30 years!

Aunt Sissy's employment history varies: Social Security Administration

(downtown office); she said that she should have stayed at this job; she held waitress jobs in Atlantic City and Baltimore City. She preferred Atlantic City because the tips were great! She could pay rent, buy food, send money home, and still save a few dollars! She said that being a waitress in Baltimore was not as good; there were also racial concerns. She quit a few jobs because her employer wanted her to serve black soldiers in the back of the restaurant. She refused; she was told to comply or lose her job. She lost her job! She said she only came back to Baltimore because Bob's job was in Baltimore.

Aunt Sissy had several favorite past times: knitting, going on bus trips with the older and youngest sisters, Willie May and Elsie. She loved to look nice with everything matching, she enjoyed shopping, especially when they went on bus trips!

If you came to visit her at her home, you needed to be prepared to drive her somewhere! She appreciated your coming to visit, but she had been sitting and looking at the four walls, going from chair to chair. She wanted a reprieve and you were it! According to her, "sitting around wore out the furniture."

Aunt Sissy was a very caring person. As her memory began to fade, she found it frustrating and debilitating! She became a "little rough around the edges." She began leaving her apartment which threatened her safety. She was moved to the Cherrywood Rehabilitation facility January, 2018. She celebrated her 102nd and 103rd birthdays there.

Aunt Sissy lived to see many events that others seldom get to see: WWI, WWII, Korea, Spanish flu, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Jim Crow, Vietnam, the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X, the Gulf War, Afghanistan, Iraq, and the election of this country's first African American president! She even survived Covid 19! She died three

months later, one month and one day after her 103rd birthday!!!

Aunt Sissy is survived by her sister- in- law, Ellen Wilson (Harold,s wife) and five children: Janine, Rodney,Sr., Kevin, Gary, and Harold, Jr; Willie Mays children: Gladys Thompson, Leroy Gray, Winslow; Eleanor Tribble's daughter: Constance Speaks Hall Wilson, Delores' children: Prenterald Price and LaRaye Alderman; Roy's daughter: Helen Wilson; Sarah Wilson: Joyce Wilson Hitchcock; Albert Wilson: no children: great nieces and nephews: Monique, Anitrah, and Karah Hitchcock; Rodna, Ronald II, Sinet Thompson; Sherron Speaks and Quincey (Trachell); LaTonya Hall; Brandon Wyatt; Rodney Wilson, Jr,
Great, Great nieces and nephews: Andrennae , Michaye Speaks-Morris, TreVeric, and Todderic Speaks; Kweisi Speaks; Karaun Hitchcock and Karsyn Carter; Marquise Hitchcock; Kirk and Montrell Hall; Darrell and DeAngelo Keith; Khaili Grant and Greg Morris and a host of great, great, great nieces and nephews, family members and friends.

Previous Events

Wake

JUL 30. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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March Funeral Homes - July 30, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Louise Carlyle*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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.*

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