



Melania Vicente Carrion

January 6, 1923 - September 13, 2014

“If I can help somebody as I pass along the way my living will not be in vain”
Unspoken motto

Melanie Vicente Carrion was born on January 6, 1923 in Caracas, Venezuela. On September 13, 2014, an angel of the Lord summoned Melania to her eternal home where the streets are paved with gold and prayer and singing are continuous. Melania was welcomed by her parents, Emanuel Vicente and Candid Ophemia Luisa Vicente, her sixteen brothers and sisters, and her two grandchildren, Henry Edward Bullock, III and Berry E. Carrion, Jr.

Melania was a cradle Catholic growing up in a loving and devout Catholic. It was during those formative years she learned about the “Love of God” and the importance of prayer in her life. In her young adult life Melania became a missionary where she traveled to Italy, France and England teaching those who would listen to pray and about the love of God.

Melania often talked about life in Caracas, Venezuela during her early years and how she hoped that life for her would change. It was during those years she prayed and waited for an opportunity to venture to a new land. At the age of 30, Melania realized her dream and arrived in the United States. Several years passed as she prepared herself to become a United States citizen. On July 26, 1965, Melania Vincente Carrion received her certificate of

Naturalization, what an exciting and proud day it was for her. She is now a citizen of the United States.

Melania was employed by the City of Richmond, Department of General Services as an associate custodian for 35 years. It was during her many years on the job that she comforted, consoled and ministered to those who looked to her for wisdom. Melania helped the marginal by inviting them into her home when they were homeless, without food, and needed a friend. She and her daughters became their family. Melania visited hospitals, nursing homes, and jails and sharing the Word of God for those she knew and did not know. Melania had a special relationship with Bishop John J. Russell (deceased) and Bishop Walter S. Sullivan (deceased). Melania would often call on them to visit those in need of prayer. Melania was instrumental in the Bishops offering Mass for the seniors living at the First Street High Rise. For many years she utilized the First Street High Rise providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for numerous families in that community. She always insured that each person left with a small gift wrapped especially for them. Melania was a humanitarian, doing whatever she could to make life just a little better for all those she encountered. She started many bible study groups at St. Peter, Sacred Heart, St. Paul, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and many individual homes. For many years Melania sponsored many families from Cuba, Trinidad, and Venezuela, allowing them to begin a fresh start in America.

Melania was a great prayer warrior each morning she called her children inviting them to pray and listen to what the Lord had in store for them that day. Melania, lived by prayer, she believed in the power of prayer, and she trusted that God would answer her prayers. Melania's devotion to the Blessed Mother was unfaltering, praying the rosary several times daily. Melania Vincente Carrion love of God was exemplified through her daily walk with the Lord. Indeed she was a saintly woman! Melania loved her family and enjoyed all of

their many family celebrations. One of the highlights of her life was when she celebrated her ninetieth birthday. Her family and friend thanked God for such a spiritual inspirational woman who stood in their midst.

Melanie Vicente Carrion leaves to forever remember her life and legacy, three daughters,

Anna Marie Carrion, Margarita C. Davis and Gregoria

Carrion, Richmond, Virginia. One sister, Carmen

Barboza, Caracas, Venezuela; ten grandchildren, Barry Figaro Devon, Naquisha

T.K. , Shenna N.A. Carrion, George R. Williams, III, Margaria Monie

Shirelle, Moniesha Avita Javon, Mario Lewis Bullock, Rafael E. and Antonio R.

Carrion, Claudia Fentress, Richmond, Virginia, and Esperanza Mayan,

Caracas, Venezuela. Ten great grandchildren, Cannisa and Clayton

Salandy, Dadaija, Madden, Brieonna, NaQua'n, Nevaeh Carrion, Lawarren and

Otis Hendricks, Khamaya Early, Danzella Bullock-Coles, Damontez Bullock-

Coles, Marquez and Marquise Bullock, Richmond, Virginia and Usa Mayan,

Caracas, Venezuela. One great-great granddaughter Reina King, Caracas,

Venezuela, and many other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

SEP **18**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

SEP **18**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
3300 "R" Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Melania Vicente Carrion*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to read of your loss. I can't imagine the pain that you feel at this time. May the God of comfort be with you at this time and in times to come. He promises the hope of seeing our dead loved ones again. That promise is at John 5:28,29 and also Rev. 21:3,4.*

Sophie Strachan-Moreno - September 19, 2014 at 08:48 AM



“ *A candle lit for the family ms carrion.*



tiffany - September 19, 2014 at 06:48 AM



“ *LaTasha Mack lit a candle in memory of
Melania Vicente Carrion*



LaTasha Mack - September 18, 2014 at 03:23 PM



“ *Starshea Robertson lit a candle in memory of
Melania Vicente Carrion*



Starshea Robertson - September 18, 2014 at 12:50 PM



Keeping you all in my prayers...

Starshea Robertson - September 18, 2014 at 12:53 PM



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The Grantham Family - September 17, 2014 at 11:02 AM

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The Grantham Family - September 17, 2014 at 11:02 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 - September 16, 2014 at 12:26 PM