



Mary Louise Carter

April 26, 1932 - February 10, 2026

In the early morning of February 10, 2026, surrounded by her family, the Lord called Mary Louise Carter to her heavenly home. After 93 years of life, she exhaled on Earth and inhaled in heaven, ending this life and beginning her eternal life

She was born April 26, 1932, in Bishopville, South Carolina, to the late Louise Alethea Favor and James W. Matthews. She completed her education in South Carolina. She worked in hospitals before moving to Maryland. Once in Maryland, she met Zachariah Brodas Carter, whom she married and from that union had one daughter, Dolottie A. Layton. While raising her daughter, she worked doing home management for various families; from there, she transitioned to the government, from which she retired.

Mary loved the Lord. God was always at the forefront of her life. She attended Holy Temple under the leadership of Pastor Absent. After the transitioning of Pastor Absent, she moved her membership to the Agape House under the leadership of Pastor Edward Robinson, where she stayed until her health would not allow her to continue attending services. She was the mother of the church and very much beloved. She was a happy-go-lucky person. Witty, smart, vibrant, and feisty. She didn't take any nonsense from anyone and that's where she got the nickname Trigger Lou. She was feisty. Although she loved her grandchildren equally, she had a special bond with Rodney. She

didn't play about her family and didn't take any mess.

To know her was to love her and feel loved. She had a sense of humor and loved to laugh, eat, travel, and her ultimate favorite thing was sewing. She never met a person that she couldn't reach. She ministered and explained how the Lord would have you live and how the Lord loved you. She was a woman full of wisdom beyond her years. To everyone, she was "Grandma". She had a special place in her heart for her son-in-law, Luther. They would sit at the table and talk about anything and everything. He spoiled her as he was the son she never had. Over the years, she's received several awards at work, church, and from the community. Whatever she put her mind to, she gave it her all.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son-in-law Luther Layton, and sister-in-law Cozette Matthews. She leaves to cherish her memory, one brother, James D. Matthews (Cozette), one daughter, Dolottie A. Layton (Dee), three grandsons, Charles (Gina), Carel (Kadedra), and Rodney. Two great grandsons and a host of family and friends, including her Agape House family.

Cemetery Details

Maryland National Memorial Park

Laurel, MD

Previous Events

Wake

MAR 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel created a Webcast in memory of Mary Louise Carter*



March Life Tribute Centers - February 23 at 03:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Edward Mathis - March 07 at 03:54 AM

“ COUSIN MARY LOUISE CARTER'S TRIP TO ANN ARBOR,
MICHIGAN

Our Greatly Beloved Cousin Louise had nothing but love for her family, friends, neighbors and furry friends. One of her cousins and also my brother, Floyd, sponsored Cousin "Lu" as we so affectionately called her, for a two-weeks vacation trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan, during the 1991 Fall Music Festival time. I prepared an itinerary for 14-Days of activities and events. We started each day with prayer, homemade breakfast, physical exercise (Alternating Water Aerobic and Strength and Flexibility Training). Cousin Lu selected the place to go each day for Lunch and Dinner from a list of Ann Arbor's Top Ten Finest Restaurants. She enjoyed every meal, the service, environment, music and chefs. We attended 14 consecutive nights of live Music Performances at Hill Auditorium on The University of Michigan campus, with such greats as Ray Charles and The Temptations (who walked off the stage and sang to Cousin Lu and greeted her kindly with roses and invited us back stage after the show). Cousin Lu had a fantastic, fun time, and talked and grinned almost all that night about what a nice time she had and listening to beautiful music to her ears. However, on day 14, Cousin Lu said she would not attend that event, besides, she had not heard of Leontyne Price before! However, I encouraged her with all of my heart, to give it a try and she did. You see, Cousin Lu was a strong woman and she would tell you what she thinks in a second,

"Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' ' No" (Matthew 5:37). I prayed in my heart that Cousin Lu would change her mind. She did. About 5 minutes or so, into the performance, Cousin Lu whispered in my ear. "I don't understand a word she is saying. She opens her mouth real wide and everyone can hear her but not understand what she is saying. Look at these people in here, they must not understand either because they are sleeping too." I just smiled back at Cousin Lu. She then re-positioned herself in her chair and went to sleep also. At the beginning of Ms. Leontyne Price's last song of the night, "Ride On, King JESUS " (in English language), Cousin Lu

*woke up, stood up, and sang along with Ms Price.
I esteem Cousin Lu as my heroine and Angel of Blessing. Thank
GOD for this Beautiful Woman of GOD. To GOD BE THE GLORY!
Thank You All! Thank You, LORD!*

Please take care of yourself and each other. Love and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cousin Dr. Patricia Smith, MD, PhD
Charlotte, NC*

Dr.Patricia Smith, MD, PhD - March 07 at 02:36 AM

KM

“ *Heartfelt condolences to our family. We, definitely, will miss Cousin
Louise. May God continue to keep you/us today and in days to
come. Kathye & Alexander Toms; Sumter, SC.*

Kathye Mathis-Toms - March 03 at 10:02 PM

EM

“ *Sincere Condolences*



Edward Mathis - March 03 at 09:53 PM

MS

“ *Sending love to the family from your cousins in South Carolina.
Love, Verdell, Bessie and Shirley.*

Merritt Smith - February 25 at 06:53 PM

DL

*Thank you all for your love during this time. Blessings to you all 🙏💕💕
🕊️!*

Dolottie Layton - March 02 at 10:33 PM

MC

“ 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 Life Tribute Center - February 23 at 03:35 PM