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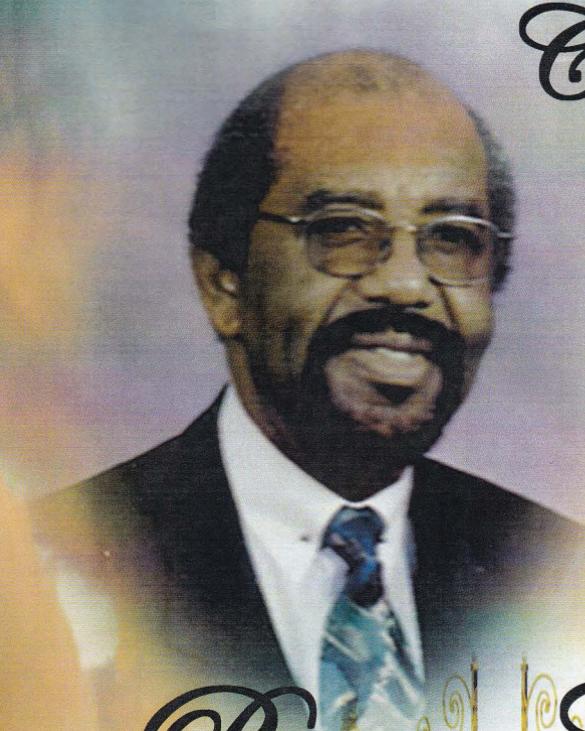


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A portrait of an elderly African American man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly. The background of the portrait is a soft, cloudy sky.

*Celebration
Of Life*

Bertron Carter

May 13, 1933 - June 26, 2016

Saturday, July 2nd 2016

Visitation Hour: 11:00 am ~ Homegoing: 12:00 Noon

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Pastor George F. Nicholas, Senior Pastor, Officiating

My Story

I was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 13, 1933 to the late John and Renetta (Smith) Carter, the oldest of three sons, and came to Buffalo as a child. I attended the Buffalo public schools, graduating from Hutchison Central High School and Buffalo State College with a B. S., M.Ed. and New York State Certification in Elementary Education.

In 1953, I was inducted into the US Army and was proud to serve my country as one of the first Black Presidential Honor Guards. I was assigned to the late Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower. I separated from military service with an honorable discharge in May, 1955.

My professional career was exciting and interesting, beginning with teaching assignments in grades 2 through 6 and as a supervisor of college students interested in becoming teachers.

I was a Western Zone Conference Demonstration Teacher speaking on new and innovative teaching methods and materials. I later taught and managed the Basic Adult Education program.

In 1985, I was recognized in the United States Congressional Records for research and for an article published in the "Black History Celebration".

As a Human Relations Specialist for schools experiencing the effects of the massive school integration program, I helped to facilitate a smoother transition and adjustment for participating families. Later, I was responsible for developing the guidelines for the first Minority Business Utilization (MBU) program and was Contract Compliance Officer for the Board of Education, reviewing all bids and contracts for goods and services to ensure that ethnic and gender representation was present as prescribed. Before retirement, I was a member of the City/County Review Board for Minority Business Enterprises.

In 2007, I was named one of the city's Uncrowned Kings by the African American Community Builders.

For over 50 years, I was a member of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church where God blessed me with a willing spirit, and the opportunity to serve Him and my church as a Trustee, as a member of Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Stewardship Committee, Committee on Lay Leadership and Personnel Development, the Church Council, Usher Board and Gospel Choir.

I was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Phi Omega Chapter.

I left this earthly body on June 26, 2016, knowing that God will bless my loved ones with loving memories: my wife of 60 years, Mary A.; three adult children: Terence D. (Sarilyn), Chicago, IL, Daryl A., New York, NY and Dawn C., Las Vegas, NV; grandchildren: Julian and Jasmine Carter, Chicago, IL; brother: Adrian Watkins, Long Beach, CA; sister-in-law: Debra Long-Doyle, Washington, DC; brother-in-law: Charles B. Long, Maryland, nieces, nephews, and so many loving and caring friends. I was predeceased by brother, Jozelle Carter.

My Service of Worship

Musical Prelude

Word of Grace

Congregational Hymn

UMH#77

"How Great Thou Art"

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture

Old Testament: Psalms 1:1-3

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7

Ministry of Music

Karen Saxon

"Precious Lord"

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Family & Friends Tributes

Please limit to 2 minutes

Ministry of Music

Karen Saxon

"The Lord's Prayer"

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 7:13-14

The Homily

Pastor George F. Nicholas

Musical Selection

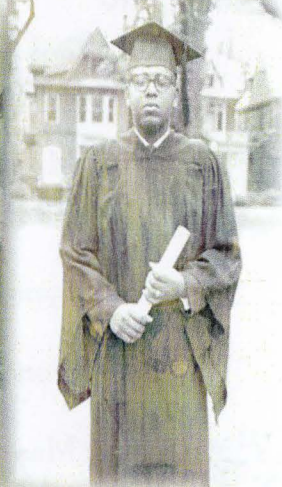
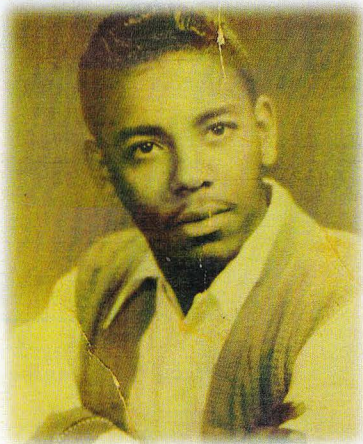
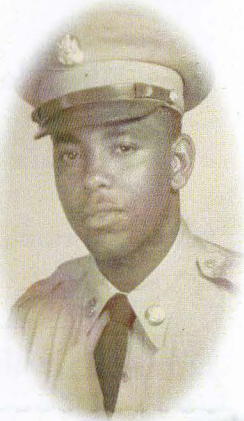
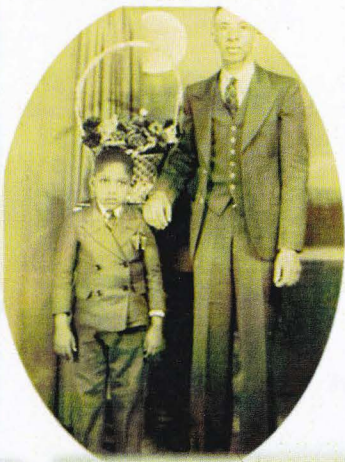
Joel Nicholas

"Breathe"

Recessional



Cherished....



Memories....



Remembering Bert with Love

Bert, I am going to miss seeing you each Sunday looking like "Dapper Dan". I pray that you are at rest with your Lord. Thanks for the time we knew you and worked with you serving our church and God. **Isabell Travis**

Mr. Bert, I will truly miss your beautiful smile and hugs whenever we saw each other. God always send special people into our lives and you were truly mine. I Thank God for allowing me to meet you and You will forever be in my heart. Rest in Peace Mr. Bert, My Friend. **Peggy Banks**

"The Prayer Chaplin" will be dearly missed whenever we convene a meeting of the Usher Board. **Rodney Washington**

Remembering beautiful times shared with Bert, our faithful and loyal friend. Your kind spirit will be with us always. **Leon and Cecelia Henderson**

A loving, caring Christian family man who gave insurmountable time to his church and the community. In memory, his presence will always be with us...**Dorothy and James Pappas**

A true believer in our 4 Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift and Perseverance, particularly Scholarship. He was very supportive and worked on these committees...**Roger Burke & His Omega Buddies**

Big brother service may be prompted by duty, but it is continued by love! Uncle Bertron was a very supportive big brother to our father, Jozell Carter, throughout the years. When our dad became seriously ill, thirteen years ago, there was no doubt that we could count on Uncle Bertron and Aunt Mary to extend themselves just like they did for so many. So on behalf of our deceased dad, again we say thank you for the love, Uncle Bertron. You and dad can rest together in peace with Jesus now. **Nieces, Pamela Carter Roach and Giselle Carter Williams:**

"Our grandfather was one of the most loving people my brother and I have ever met. Despite complications with his heart during much of our lives, his heart gave us the biggest love we both have ever known and for that, we are forever grateful." **Jas and Julian Carter**

Dad was very special to me because he was a man who always put family first, who guided us with strength and listened with love...**Terry**

My father, my hero, I am so proud to be your son. My mentor, my role model, my friend. It is an honor to follow in your footsteps. I love you, Dad. **Tony**

I thank my heavenly Father everyday for blessing me with such a wonderful, awesome and amazing Daddy. Thank you for being the best Daddy a daughter could ever have., A Man of Honor & Integrity! **Sherry**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It is His strength given to me that enables me to persevere at this difficult and unexpected time. I am missing you so much, but I thank God for the 60 years of companionship, friendship and love that we enjoyed. Rest in Peace. I have faith that you are at peace with our Lord ... **Mary**

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again

Author Unknown

Pallbearers

Kevin Price
Charles Long
Reginald Dixon

Rodney Washington
Herbert Bigham
David Givens

Honorary Pallbearers

Charley Fisher
James Pappas
Ron Peoples
John Williams

Leon Henderson
Roger Burke
Mark Boyd
Kevin Price, Jr.



~ Care of Our Loved One ~

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.

995 Genesee Street ~ Buffalo, New York 14211
(716) 894-4888

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
1411 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209

Repat Immediately Following Interment

Lincoln Memorial UM Church
Upstairs Fellowship Hall



Acknowledgement

It is difficult to adequately express, in words, our heartfelt gratitude for all of your expressions of concern, support and love during Bert's short illness and his homegoing. They will be a source of comfort for the days that lie ahead. Please know that we are truly, truly grateful. Keep us in your prayers.

The Family of Bert Carter