



Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter

February 23, 1943 - June 23, 2023

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Evelyn Jean Simpson was born on February 23, 1943 in Carolina Township, Pitt County, NC to Bessie Lee Adams Simpson and Curtis Leroy Simpson. In her early life, she grew up and was educated in Greenville, NC and graduated from CM Eppes High School. "Jean" as she is affectionately known, departed this life, bound for a new life, on June 23, 2023, at 5:53pm.

Post high school, Jean turned her sights towards North Carolina College (now NCCU) where she majored in French. Additionally, while there, she was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, through the Alpha Chi Chapter in the Spring of 1961. After graduating from college, she met and married Lt. Edward Earl Carter, US Army, of Havelock, NC. During the early years of their marriage as a military family, they lived in a variety of locations, such as Lawton, OK, Prairie View, El Paso, and Houston, Tx, and Glassboro and Pedricktown, New Jersey. During this time, they had two daughters—Regina Yvette and Tonya Denise. Ultimately, Jean and her growing family returned to her hometown of Greenville, NC when her husband resigned his commission to take a job with Burroughs Wellcome. They welcomed their youngest daughter, Jacquelyn Tamu. Jean then seized the opportunity to

obtain a Master's Degree in Library Science from East Carolina University and began her career as a Librarian and Educator with Greenville City and Pitt County Schools. During most of her tenure, over 30 years, she served as the school librarian at South Greenville Elementary School. During that time Jean taught and inspired thousands of students to fall in love with reading and find themselves in not just the words on the page, but also in the sounds and stories of all people. An avid lover of history, cultural and otherwise, it was not uncommon to see the library displays and hear the readings that highlighted the contributions and diversity of not just the country, but the world.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Jean took the opportunity to utilize her gifts with the community through her sorority. A Life and Golden Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and a Charter Member of the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter, she served in a variety of capacities to include Chapter President. In her service work in this organization, she often chose to focus her professional skills and innate abilities to promote literacy and access to literature and educational opportunities. In her role as a committee chair with the sorority, she, other chapter members, and even their families (particularly the children), processed, from Jean's recreation room, thousands of books for the RIF initiative (Reading is Fundamental) for thousands of children and libraries around the county. This project received much media acclaim in Greenville and the surrounding areas.

Jean was also an active member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. Following in the footsteps of her mother, she and her sister, LaVonne, worked with the "Tots" Choir (currently known as the Sonshine Choir). She also served as past Chairman of the CMBC Senior Saints Ministry, Vacation Bible School. One of her greatest loves was singing with her husband, sister, mother, and many others in the CMBC Majestic Choir until her health began to

decline.

Finally, regarding civic involvement, Jean was an active participant in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s engaging in numerous marches and non-violent protests. Additionally, for several years of her life, she worked with and supported her husband as he held numerous public offices as he served as member and President of the Greenville City School Board, member and Mayor Pro-Tem of the Greenville City Council, and the Mayor of Greenville, NC.

Evelyn Jean Simpson Carter leaves to cherish her memory her husband—Edward Earl Carter of Greenville; daughters—Regina Garcia (Romeo) of Greenville, Tonya Carter of West Palm Beach, Fla, and Jacquelyn Rainey (Johnny) of Greenville; her sister—Lavonne Moore (Garrie) of Greenville; her eight grandchildren—Romeo Garcia, III (Jenel), Imani Rainey, Nigel Rainey, Rafael Garcia, Royan Garcia, Jania Rainey, Joseph Rainey, and Noah Rainey; her beloved and devoted friend and nurse—Judy Armstrong, as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

While we wait to meet her on the other side, we continue to feel her with us through those she touched, taught, inspired, served, encouraged, and loved. Her fire and passion for responding to "stirring the gifts" for the good of others continues to live into perpetuity.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **30**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
1095 Allen Road
Greenville, NC

Celebration of Life Service

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Greenville, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - June 30, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Elaine, Andrè & Cassandrè Haynesworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Elaine, Andrè & Cassandrè Haynesworth - August 05, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *Jill Hammond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Jill Hammond - July 12, 2023 at 06:33 PM

GC

“ My family and I would like to express our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family members of Jean Carter. Ed and Family, may God provide comfort, strength, peace, and loving memories of the special times that you all shared with Jean during her lifetime. God bless you all. Love Gertha Crumpler and Family



Gertha Crumpler - July 03, 2023 at 07:13 PM

LH

“ Linda Horton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Linda Horton - July 02, 2023 at 10:08 AM

RF

“ Rev.Milton&Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Rev.Milton&Delorse Staton Family - July 02, 2023 at 12:06 AM

JM

“ Julius & Sharon Mallette lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Julius & Sharon Mallette - June 30, 2023 at 07:24 PM

TF

“ On behalf of the McClaud family, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Jean. Sincere condolences and prayers!



The McClaud Family - June 30, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ It is with a sad heart I felt sadness on the lost of your sister, With love you have my sincere heart. If there is anything you need me to do please let me know. I love you family.



Elizabeth Gilbert - June 30, 2023 at 12:54 PM

JJ

“ On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire Greenville Industrial - C. M. Eppes High School Alumni Association family, we want the Carter/Simpson family to know that we are sharing your sadness at the calling home of our dear Evelyn Jean. As we remember "Jean" we describe her life as one so beautifully lived filled with a heart of love for family, church, sorority, and of course children and the need for them to learn to love to read. She worked tirelessly with the Eppes Heritage Society in many different capacities. These included cataloguing Year Books from as many classes as possible, providing reading materials of historical value to the Association. It is written that those we hold in our arms for a little while, we hold in our hearts forever. This is the memory we carry forth of Jean. With this thought in mind, we pray that our family will hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on the Lord, family and friends for strength and always remember how much she loved you and you loved her back. Rest in Peace, Jean. May God continue to bless the family and send the comforter to help heal the hole in our hearts.

*James Harper, Jr.
National President*

James Harper Jr - June 30, 2023 at 09:24 AM

VG

*Hi Regina & family,
My prayers of empathy and compassion are with you, your sister Lavonne and your family . I had the wonderful pleasure of working with your mom at South Greenville elementary school as she worked as the school's media specialist and I as the school psychologist. She loved her job and was soo committed to the students who lived in that area to love books and reading.
I also knew her as a historian too, helping to keep and store Artifacts, remnants and being able to chronicle events at the school and also at CMBC in our church history. So much of her I also see in you. I will continue to pray for your family... Love to you all 🙏🏻📖 Virginia Gaynor*

Virginia C. Gaynor - June 30, 2023 at 04:47 PM

ET

Rest In Peace my dear classmate and may your legacy live on forever.

Evelyn M. Turner - July 01, 2023 at 08:54 AM

LB

“ *Lydia Best lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Lydia Best - June 30, 2023 at 08:07 AM

YF

“ *My deepest condolences to you and the family*

Yvonne Fletcher and family



Yvonne Fletcher - June 30, 2023 at 06:41 AM

CJ

“ *Clementine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Clementine Jackson - June 29, 2023 at 10:51 PM

CJ

“ *Emmanuel & Clementine Ebron Jackson Taylor's, South Carolina*

To the Family: We were saddened to learn of the passing of Jean. We send our sincere condolences, love and prayers to you all. We share in your grief!! We pray that you will be comforted by her sweet memories, the love and support from family and friends and the love and grace of God. She will be missed but never forgotten. God Bless You All.

Clementine Jackson - June 29, 2023 at 10:49 PM

AR

“ *Ale And Teresa Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Ale and Teresa Richardson - June 29, 2023 at 10:20 PM

BS

“ Beverly Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Beverly Spencer - June 29, 2023 at 10:12 PM

LS

“ Latisha Staton-Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Latisha Staton-Foster - June 29, 2023 at 08:15 PM

AB

“ Angela Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Angela Blackmon - June 29, 2023 at 02:33 PM

DT

“ Delores Tilley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Delores Tilley - June 29, 2023 at 01:05 PM

RJ

“ *To the Carter family,
May the peace of Christ and the comfort of
His Holy Spirit be with you now and in the
days ahead.
Grace and Peace,*

Rev. Rhonda Grant Jordan



Rhonda Jordan - June 29, 2023 at 12:32 PM

CW

“ *Carol Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Evelyn Jean Carter*



Carol Williams - June 29, 2023 at 10:13 AM

PB

My Condolences to Curtis and Ed and the Family of Jean Simpson-Carter.

Pearl Bridges - June 29, 2023 at 03:06 PM

FA

“ *Sending prayers for peace and comfort during this time of loss. May
God give you all you need to adjust to this new normal.*

Felice Streeter Alston - June 29, 2023 at 08:24 AM

ST

“ *Scott Temple lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Scott Temple - June 29, 2023 at 07:24 AM

DJ

“ *The Honorable Edward Carter & family. I was surprised when I learned of the passing of Jean. One of the advantages of attending C. M. Eppes was that we knew many of our classmates and the students of other classes as well. We will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers.*
Denison D. Garrett, Jr. (DD)

Denison Garrett, Jr. - June 28, 2023 at 08:51 PM

GS

“ *George Stocks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



George Stocks - June 28, 2023 at 04:33 PM

MB

“ *Mary Ann Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Mary Ann Brown - June 28, 2023 at 01:52 PM

LA

“ *Lucian&Annette Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Lucian&Annette Anderson - June 28, 2023 at 10:02 AM

BN

“ *Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Betty Nurse - June 28, 2023 at 03:17 AM

WC

“ *To The Honorable Edward Carter & family: We love you all. Our hearts are heavy but we know God will give you the strength needed during this difficult time. Two special memories of Jean of how happy we were to be the Greenvilles families of 1st.. Ed became the first Black Mayor of Greenville and Mildred was the first Black Female City Councilmember installed together in 1987. We represented the citizens well. We traveled together and became friends. A few years prior to Covid 19, Jean invited me to her Church-:Cornerstone MB Church to do Black History for Senior Citizens Ministry.. She was so happy and appreciative of our long term networking and friendship.
Walter & Mildred Atkinson Council
Greenville, NC.*

Walter & Mildred Atkinson Council - June 28, 2023 at 02:41 AM

LT

“ *Condolences to our President, Mr. Edward Carter, for the loss of your devoted sweetheart. Praying for the Carter family!*

Submitted with Much Love, North of the River Association (NOTRA) and Friends!



Lisa Tyson - June 28, 2023 at 01:30 AM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Ben Wooten - June 28, 2023 at 12:34 AM

 Arlene Sanders

“ *Arlene Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Arlene Sanders - June 27, 2023 at 10:20 PM

TS

“ *Tarshia Sutton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Tarshia Sutton - June 27, 2023 at 08:55 PM

TH

“ Tarshia Sutton Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Tarshia Sutton Harris - June 27, 2023 at 08:54 PM

AG

“ Angela Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Angela Green - June 27, 2023 at 08:45 PM

TJ

“ Timothy And Sheila Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Timothy and Sheila Jones - June 27, 2023 at 08:30 PM

LE

“ LaVeda Cherry Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



LaVeda Cherry Ellis - June 27, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ Joyce Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Joyce Purvis - June 27, 2023 at 06:22 PM

ST

“ Praying for the Carter Family. Tonya I was saddened to hear this. I pray your Memories and Love will help you through!!



Sheryl Thompson - June 27, 2023 at 02:46 PM

MB

“ Mary Cates & Sandra Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Mary Cates & Sandra Boyd - June 27, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JA

“ Juanita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Juanita Anderson - June 27, 2023 at 12:32 PM

AG

“ *My deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time.*



Angela Green - June 27, 2023 at 11:55 AM

CP

“ *Craig Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Craig Parker - June 27, 2023 at 11:08 AM

VP

“ *Vernestine Paige lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Vernestine Paige - June 27, 2023 at 09:14 AM

CS

“ *Constance Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Constance Simmons - June 27, 2023 at 08:51 AM

LE

My dear sympathy is extended to Evelyn beloved family at this time. What a delightfull time we shared @ NCCU. RIP 🙏

LaVeda Cherry Ellis - June 27, 2023 at 06:46 PM

RH

“ Rebecca Hamill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Rebecca Hamill - June 26, 2023 at 11:08 PM

WC

“ Walter & Mildred Council lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Walter & Mildred Council - June 26, 2023 at 10:59 PM

JD

“ Our hearts are sadden as we learn of Mrs. Jean's passing. We send our prayers that God may comfort you in this season

Jane Dawson - June 26, 2023 at 10:40 PM

JR

“ Rest in Peace. Much ❤️ to the family



Jai Robinson - June 26, 2023 at 10:37 PM

ND

“ *Nola Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Nola Dixon - June 26, 2023 at 10:00 PM

 Arlene Sanders

“ *Arlene Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Arlene Sanders - June 26, 2023 at 09:54 PM

DW

“ *David & Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



David & Mary Williams - June 26, 2023 at 08:57 PM

JM

“ *May you memories hlep you find peace and comfort during this difficult times.*

Jamesena Moore - June 26, 2023 at 05:03 PM

ZW

“ Zeddie Hardy Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Zeddie Hardy Wilkins - June 26, 2023 at 03:52 PM

DK

“ Until we meet again, thanks for helping me seize the "day". You have showed me how to be sisterly...welcoming me into our sisterhood. You helped me to dare to be myself thereby making a difference. You helped me to sing out loud and count my blessings. You helped me to lend a hand and quietly demonstrate love. You helped me proudly wear our beloved pink and green. Thanks for extending your family, your home, and your heart warmly welcoming me.



Darlene Keene - June 26, 2023 at 03:50 PM

JR

Amen, amen and amen!! 🙏🙏🙏

Jacquelyn Carter Rainey - June 27, 2023 at 12:37 PM

PS

“ Condolences to you and your family



Peggy Smith - June 26, 2023 at 03:25 PM

DP

“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time. May God bless comfort and keep you during this time. Rest easy in Paradise Jean. 🙏



Donna M Pierce - June 26, 2023 at 03:22 PM

WE

“ Family,
So saddened to hear of the loss of your loved one. We pray that memories you hold dear in your heart will strengthen and comfort you now and the days ahead.
Love,
Walter & Marilyn

Walter & Marilyn Exum - June 26, 2023 at 03:22 PM

MM

“ Miss McArthur lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Miss McArthur - June 26, 2023 at 03:09 PM

GH

“ Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Gayle Hardy - June 26, 2023 at 02:14 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Debbie Williams - June 26, 2023 at 02:13 PM

PP

“ *Phyllis Taft Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Phyllis Taft Price - June 26, 2023 at 01:14 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - June 26, 2023 at 11:20 AM

SS

“ *Sharon W Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Sharon W Stephens - June 26, 2023 at 10:31 AM

LA

“ I will miss you and your joyous greeting every time we saw each.
"Hey, Juice!" Rest in peace. Aunt Joyce Adams

Linda Joyce Adams - June 26, 2023 at 10:17 AM

JR

Lord have mercy...love you Aunt Juice! 🙏💔

Jacquelyn Carter Rainey - June 27, 2023 at 12:38 PM

LH

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family during this time of bereavement.

Lilla and Reesie Holsey - June 29, 2023 at 07:56 PM

RW

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Rodney White - June 26, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ Brenda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Brenda Purvis - June 25, 2023 at 11:25 PM

DF

“ *David & Alpharadia Foreman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



David & Alpharadia Foreman - June 25, 2023 at 08:43 PM

JC

May you be comforted on knowing that she has been a blessing to many souls in this community.

Jennifer King Congleton - June 26, 2023 at 03:28 PM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you cousin Veianna and Michele*

Michele Moore - June 25, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SG

“ *Shawna Gilkey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter*



Shawna Gilkey - June 25, 2023 at 03:04 PM

EH

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers Goes Out To The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - June 25, 2023 at 07:58 AM

EW

“ May the God of all comfort hold you close and be with you. Your grandson Nigel have shared found memories of his grandparents so I feel I know you. Keeping you in my prayers now and the days to come.

Eldress Carolyn Ward - June 25, 2023 at 07:49 AM

EB

“ May the great memories of your loved one sustain you now and in the days ahead. I am thankful that Mrs. Jean Carter passed my way, and may she rest in God's eternal love and peace.

E Ramona Brown - June 25, 2023 at 06:05 AM

NI

“ I want to say thank you to the best grandmother . I want you to know , that you played a big part in my transition in my life . You have motivated me , hugged me , fed me , held me when nobody else wouldn't . I love you MaMa , you mean the world to me . And I am so so sorry that I didn't give you the flowers that you deserved while you were here on this earth . But I continue to walk in the faith of God , and know that you and great Grandma Bessie always will have a hand on me as well as the Almighty . I love you , and please watch over me and the family , cover your husband and protect your daughters . I love you MaMa , and you rest in heaven . And I know , that love is always stronger than death❤️😔Rest well



Nigel - June 24, 2023 at 08:05 PM

JR

My, my, my....well said.❤️

Jacquelyn Carter Rainey - June 27, 2023 at 12:41 PM

JK

“ To the Carter, Simpson, Moore, Garcia, and Barnes Families. My heart goes out to all of you for the passing of Sister Carter. She would invite me to participate in the Senior Fellowship at Cornerstone MB Church as a guest and as a speaker. Jean was very active both in the church and the community. She will truly be missed. Let our Lord, Jesus Christ, our Shepherd lead you to peaceful waters at this most difficult time. His grace and mercy will follow you, keep you, and help you to bear this burden of grief. Family, I am praying for you.

Joyce A. King - June 24, 2023 at 06:50 PM

DP

“ With heartfelt sympathy to the Carter and Simpson Family...Curtis Simpson Moore you are in our prayers. We rode to Cornerstone with them Every Sunday until we became teenagers. I was Jean n Ed's babysitter. I stand with you today in Prayer. Continue to seek him as the Author and Finisher of your faith..Amen



Diane-Gwen Price - June 24, 2023 at 05:24 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Carter family. Look to Him !!!!!

*The Greenfield Terrace Community
Carolyn Glast*



Carolyn Glast - June 24, 2023 at 04:59 PM

MA

“ Praying that God will comfort the family in Jesus Name. Dr Marion and Sister Edith Barnes.

Marion - June 24, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ Colette Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Colette Jackson - June 24, 2023 at 03:59 PM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Carter family.



Jeffrey E. Savage - June 24, 2023 at 12:21 PM

JL

“ Jennifer Lennon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jean Carter



Jennifer Lennon - June 24, 2023 at 12:05 PM