



Ms. Novella Carr

August 13, 1933 - December 21, 2022

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalms 23:1-3 KJV

Mother Novella Richardson Carr, know to all as “BIG MAMA” was born on August 13, 1933 to the late Robie and Lucy Richardson in Pitt County. She was the last of nine children. Mother Novella gained her wings on December 21, 2022 at ECU Health, Greenville, NC.

Mother Novella was lifelong resident of Pitt County and attended the Pitt County Schools where she played basketball.

Mother Novella was employed at Biscuittown, W.H. Robinson School, Eastern Carolina Leaf, ECU-Todd Dining Hall, Alliance One International and New Wynn Chapel Church.

Mother Novella found her Lord and Savior at an early age. She joined St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church where she found her love for singing. She

moved her membership to New Wynn Chapel Church under the leadership of her adopted son, Pastor James T. Lindsey. Mother Novella sang in the senior choir for many years and her favorite song to sing was "Hallelujah Any How." She was ordained as a Mother of New Wynn Chapel Church where she became "BIG MAMA." Mother Novella loved her Pastor and church family with all her heart. Mother Novella's favorite TV show was Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud. We are going to miss her smile.

Mother Novella was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Carr, Sr; her two daughters, Virginia Tatum, Margaret Johnson; her two sons, Julius Carr, Marvin Carr, Jr; her grandson, Joseph Johnson.

Mother Novella leaves to cherish her loving and caring memories, daughters, Patricia Savage (Edgar) of Charlotte, NC, Cathy Carr (Denar) of San Antonio, TX, Doris Brown of Charlotte, NC; daughters/granddaughters whom she reared as her own, Bianca Tatum of the home, Genesa Tatum-Grimes (Celderick) of Raleigh, NC, Kaydesha Tatum of Greenville, NC; grandson whom she loved and help reared, Jaqouza and Malik Chavis of the home; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; Godchildren whom she helped reared and adopted, Camia Celious, Jerrell Ghatt, Devonta Clemons, Samantha Williams, Chaurice Lindsey Moore, Zy'ayre Powell, Elder Michele B. Downing, Brandon Wilson, Willie Mae Harrell, riding church partner Yolanda Hines and Bobbie Jones; best friend whom she loved, Curshenia Wilson; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mother Novella loved her Meadow Brook Community family whom she partakes in rearing everybody in the neighborhood and cooking for everyone.

Mother Novella Richardson Carr will be deeply missed and continue to be loved by everybody she knows and hearts she touched. She loved her

nephew, Jimmy Congleton and his staff at Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Wynn Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
191 Package-Craft Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - January 02, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Ms. Novella Carr*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Judy Carmack Howell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Novella Carr*



Judy Carmack Howell - February 01, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Novella's family. She was a dear friend to my Mother, Father and took great care of me when I was young. We have thought of her often and fondly over the years.*

Craig Tyson - January 29, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Ms. Novella was more than a mother in the church , she was a mother to all of us . I have so many memories as a child spending time with her and the girls . You will be missed and there will never be another .*

Love , Richaunda "LeeLee" Carr

Richaunda Carr - January 02, 2023 at 04:59 PM

SW

“ To Pat and the Carr Family my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Ms Westmoreland



Sonya Westmoreland - December 30, 2022 at 10:56 AM

ZC

“ Zoey Carr sent a virtual gift in memory of Novella Carr



Zoey Carr - December 28, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JD

“ To Pat and The Carr Family,
My deepest sympathy, thinking of you and your Family, Sincerely
Julia

Julia T DeLaine - December 28, 2022 at 12:10 PM

DK

“ Grandma, I feel so blessed that I got to spend time with you during Thanksgiving
You have always been there for me and all of the family. You are going to be greatly missed. However, I am at peace knowing you are now with God and you now have your wings. I will love you forever ❤️. Can you say hi to everyone up there for me.

Detrice

Detrice M Kenney - December 28, 2022 at 11:31 AM

GB

“ *Gloristine Brown lit a candle in memory of Novella Carr*



Gloristine Brown - December 27, 2022 at 11:07 PM

US

“ *USAA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Novella Carr.*



USAA - December 27, 2022 at 09:10 PM

RC

“ *reverend dora cox/ dec william lit a candle in memory of Novella Carr*



reverend dora cox/ dec william cox - December 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

TJ

“ *TJ lit a candle in memory of Novella Carr*



TJ - December 27, 2022 at 01:16 PM

EI

“ GrandMom I love you so much and what a wonderful, loving, caring, and classic Woman. I know you are in Heaven and God has his brightest angel sitting high smiling down on us all. It is hard, but knowing you are not only at peace and completed your mission here on earth. I want to tell you, job well done, I love you Grandmom ❤️ 🌸.



Edgar II - December 27, 2022 at 01:10 PM

WL

“ Our condolences goes out to Mother Novella Carr (Big Mama) family. Mother Carr was a kind, loving and sweet Mother that was always giving and feeding people, didn't matter who they were, she had love for all. Mother Carr was a dedicated Mother at New Wynn Chapel Church, always lending a helping hand...I could go on and on, but I'll stop right here...She will be missed, Praying strength, comfort and peace for the family, GOD BLESS 🙏



WILLIAM AND MILDRED LITTLE - December 27, 2022 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ms. Novella will be missed. We will lift the family up in prayer! 🙏

Robert & Minnie Brown - December 26, 2022 at 11:25 PM

MM

“ Take your rest “Big Momma”. You will be missed sitting over there in the Mothers’ corner getting your holla and praise on! Our sincerest condolences to the family.

Mike & Monica

Michael and Monica - December 26, 2022 at 09:32 PM

SE

“ Deepest Condolences to the Carr family. Mrs. Novella Carr was a Mother to so many and the “Love” she shared is everlasting. Her loving spirit will remain close to my heart forever. Prayers and Blessings with Love to all during the loss of such a precious loved one. 🌹🙏❤️



S. Early - December 26, 2022 at 04:29 PM

DP

“ Mother Novella Carr "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race", 1 of the Faithful Church Mothers of New Wynn Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Always Dressing on point, A Prayer Warrior, She Loved the Lord! Prayers and Strength go out to her entire Family. I, We Loved Her, but God Loved Her so much more. R.I.P. Mother

Debra Purvis and Mildred White

Debra Purvis - December 26, 2022 at 01:02 PM

DS

“ *Diane Stancil sent a virtual gift in memory of Novella Carr*



Diane Carmack Stancil - December 24, 2022 at 02:17 PM

JS

“ *Joe& Diane Carmack Stancil sending a beautiful dove im memory of Mother. Novell Carr*



Joe&Diane Carmack Stakncil - December 24, 2022 at 02:13 PM

JS

“ *Joe&Diane Carmack Stancil, Sending our love and prayers to the family's of Mother Novella Carr*



Joe&Diane Carmack Stancil - December 24, 2022 at 02:04 PM

VD

“ *Von & Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Novella Carr*



Von & Hazel Brown Davis - December 24, 2022 at 02:29 AM

LS

“ From Bishop Linwood and Elder Debora Staton sending love and prayers to our family. God's peace will overtake our sorrow. Rest Aunt Novella.



Linwood Staton - December 23, 2022 at 08:48 PM

RR

“ Ruth Randolph lit a candle in memory of Novella Carr



Ruth Randolph - December 23, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms. Novella Carr.



December 23, 2022 at 12:52 PM

AR

“ Pat and Family,
Expressing my dearest condolences on the passing of your mother.
Anthonette "Annette Hines " Robertson

Anthonette Robertson - December 23, 2022 at 10:14 AM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues The Strength The Family In The Time Like This.*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - December 22, 2022 at 06:09 PM

GH

“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Novella Carr*



Gayle Hardy - December 22, 2022 at 02:46 PM

MW

“ *Myra Wooden lit a candle in memory of Novella Carr*



Myra Nelson Wooden - December 22, 2022 at 02:05 PM

RF

“ *Rev. & Delores Staton & Family lit a candle in memory of Novella Carr*



Rev. Milton & Delores Staton & Family - December 22, 2022 at 01:36 PM

EH

“ *earnest Hudson lit a candle in memory of Novella Carr*



earnest Hudson - December 22, 2022 at 12:23 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 - December 22, 2022 at 10:39 AM

SL

Rest in peace Miss Novella Carr. Your love and kindness. Will live on in our heart

Sophia. Jay. and Landon - December 24, 2022 at 07:02 PM

RC

just another soldier gone , on her way home to be with the lord; and i heard a voice from heaven saying write, blessed are the dead who die in the lord, from henceforth ; yea said the spirit , that they may rest from their labor; for their works follow them "(rev, 14;13 family take comfort in these words)"

reverend dora cox/ dec william cox - December 27, 2022 at 07:05 PM