



Mrs. Martha J. Kelly Dunham Carter

November 19, 1931 - January 21, 2024

Mrs. Martha Jane Kelly Dunham Carter, 92 entered eternal rest, Sunday, January 21, 2024. She was born to the late Lonnie Samuel and Lizzie Kelly in Brooklet, Georgia. Mother Carter was a member of Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ. She was determined with a well-made up mind to let nothing separate her from the love of God. She loved her church and served faithfully until her health began to decline. Martha was a graduate of Beach-Cuyler High School. She later received her nursing certificate while attending night classes at Savannah Vocational Technical School. She began working for Savannah Convalescent Home, for ten years and later Saint Joseph's Hospital Orthopedic Unit, retiring after 25 years of services. Later in her adult life, she moved to Savannah where she raised her eleven children. She was a longtime member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, a dedicated Club Scout Leader, and Den Mother for the Cloverdale Subdivision Community. She later held the same title for the Tiger Cubs Scout in the Tatumville Community. She was a well-known Senior Companion at Stilwell Towers and visited senior citizens all over the Savannah area.

Martha is preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie (JC) Carter and two sons, Staff Sergeant Major Carter, Alfred Lee Dunham (Martina Dunham). Martha leaves to cherish her loving memories: four sons and five daughters; Samuel W. Dunham (April), Priscilla Ann Carter Bryant, Marion Carter (Norma), Johnnie Mae Hargrove (James, Sr) Joan Carter-Wesley, Linda Mardell Carter, Edith Carter-McCray (Robert, Jr.), Glen Lenard Carter, Sidney

Karl Carter; one sister, Mamie Lou Kelley-Pierce, one sister-in-law, Rachel Hall; cousins, Willie (knee Bone) Jenkins, Phyllis Jenkins, Cheryl Kelly, Larry Kelly, Karen Kelly, Mary Ann Ford, and Bernice McCallum; 29 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren, 22 great-great grandchildren, 1 great-great-great grandchild; a host of well-loved nieces, nephews, church family, other relatives and friends.

Per the family request: Viewing ONLY between the hours of 9:30 am to 12 Noon on Saturday at the church ONLY.

NO VIEWING DURING FUNERAL RITES ON SATURDAY.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

ACL Boulevard
Savannah, GA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 12:30 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
1008 May Street
Savannah, GA

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *The Coastal Georgia Nurse Honor Guard would like to extend its gratitude, once again, to the family for permitting us to recognize Nurse Carter with her honorary tribute. We will always remember her dedication to the nursing profession and the positive impact she had on the lives of every patient she cared for. We are Nurses Honoring Nurses. (Late post)*



Coastal Georgia Nurse Honor Guard - December 15, 2024 at 10:48 PM

CS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mrs Carter God bless Mrs. Mamie and family*

Love chara



Chara Stephens - February 17, 2024 at 05:58 PM

EJ

“ *Elizabeth Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha J. Kelly Dunham Carter*



Elizabeth Jenkins - January 29, 2024 at 03:58 PM

KF

“ Our Prayers are with the family.
Dockery- Robinson and family

Kathy Dockery-Robinson & Family - January 29, 2024 at 10:05 AM

MG

“ The family of Mattie M. Graham are sorry for your loss so we send our heartfelt condolences to the Carter family and will keep you all lifted up in prayer. May you find peace and comfort from the beautiful memories during this difficult time.

Mattie M. Graham - January 26, 2024 at 08:53 PM

LF

“ Love, Demica & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Martha J. Kelly Dunham Carter.

Love, Demica & Family - January 25, 2024 at 05:43 PM

LF

“ Love, Demica & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Martha J. Kelly Dunham Carter.



Love, Demica & Family - January 25, 2024 at 05:43 PM

LW

“ SCLC/WOMEN, Inc. of Atlanta, GA has been gifted to share the lives of Sam and Valarie Dunham. We have cherished their awesome support over the years and send our condolences and prayer to the family for a beautiful life, well lived. What wonderful memories you have to share. Love you

Linda Williams - January 25, 2024 at 02:58 PM

CH

“ My condolences to Mrs. Maie and the family



Chara - January 24, 2024 at 09:06 PM

CR

“ Clarence, Zeda & Rick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Martha J. Kelly Dunham Carter.



Clarence, Zeda & Rick - January 24, 2024 at 12:09 PM

MP

“ To Linda M. Carter and Family,

Please accept my condolences on the transition of your beautiful mother. I was blessed to meet her and know that her love for God and family will continue to be a blessed legacy for the many lives she has touched. May God bless you all and give you the comfort you need during this hour of bereavement.

Minister Detra L. Parker



Minister Detra L. Parker - January 23, 2024 at 04:59 AM

JE

As a board member of SCLC WOMEN INC my condolences go out to Sam Dunham and all the family.

Joel Edwards - January 25, 2024 at 04:00 PM

BJ

*Classmates Sam and Phyllis our sincere condolences to you and the family!! 🙏
A E Beach High School Class of 1971*

Blanche (Williams) Johnson - January 27, 2024 at 12:23 AM