The time we shared will always carry a warm place in my heart; you made me strong and prepared me for life to stay strong, whether good or bad.

Mom you taught me to love, you taught me to cherish the life you gave me. I want you to know that I thank you. You were my rock. I am hurting right now, but I will stand strong as I know that you want me to for your grandchildren and loved ones you left behind. So take your rest my queen. No more pain or suffering. You did your duty here on earth, you deserve to rest with the God that you knew. So rest on my queen.

> With love always, Your daughter Andrea

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all. *I could not stay another day* To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; *I've found that peace* At the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, A loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief Don't lengthen it with undue grief Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.



Where do I start, Granny? You left us. My heart hurt in many ways, but you're in a better place now, heaven. No more worries, pain, or sorrow, you're fine now. You are a true angel to us, and we are more grateful to have you in our lives than words can express. Watch over us as we continue to grow on this earth, get your rest and no more worries.

Love you, Granny.

Your great-grands, Janiya, Camron, Kalani, Royalty, Riley

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If flowers grow in heaven, Lord,

Then pick a bunch for us. Then place them in our Grandmother's arms And tell her they're from us. Tell her that we love and miss her And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while. Because remembering her is easy, We do it every day But there's an ache within our hearts That will never go away.

Horatio Carson, Chavariah Cook, Tevin Carson, Jhari Brown, Nathan III Carson



Pallbearers

Reginald JohnsonHoratio CarsonTevin CarsonNathan Carson, Jr.J'hari BrownLJ LyonsTerrell LyonsMarvin FreemanKeon HatchettMichael Hatchett

Acknowledgement

The family of Mary Helen Washinton Carson would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

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Reverend James Archer, Officiating Sister Terrie Cosey, Mistress of Ceremony



LIFE SKETCH "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death; neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away."

#### A TIME TO BE BORN

**Wis.** Mary Helen Washington-Carson was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi on April 17, 1947, to the late George and Fannie Washington. She was the sixth of nine children born to this union.

## A TIME TO LIVE

Mary Helen confessed Christ at an early age at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in the Yokena community. She would join King David Baptist Church and Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church for a period of time.

Mary Helen was joined in holy matrimony to the late Nathan Carson, Sr. During her life, Mary Helen worked for Vicksburg Warren School District as a school bus driver, Carter's Knitting Co., and CW Knitting Co. Towards the end of her life she was employed by Shell Food Mart for more than 10 years.

### A TIME TO DIE

On Saturday, April 6, 2024, God sent an angel to pick a beautiful flower from His "Garden of Life." She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Fannie Washington; husband, Nathan Carson, Sr.; only son, Nathan Carson, Jr.; four sisters, Willie B. Lyons, Georgia Lee Freeman, Emma Lee Gaskin, and Cathrine Adams; and two brothers, Eddie Washington and Wilbur Washington.

## **A TIME TO MOURN**

Mary Helen leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Andrea Denise Carson of Vicksburg, MS; one sister, Ethel White of Vicksburg, MS; five grandchildren, Horatio Carson, Tevin Carson, Jhari Brown, and Nathan Carson III, and granddaughter, Chavariah Cook, all of Vicksburg, MS; one sister-in-law, Mary J. Carson of Vicksburg, MS; and one brother-in-law, Walter Carson, also from Vicksburg, MS.

# **A TIME TO REST**

"And I said, oh that I had wings like a dove! For then I would fly away, and be at rest." Psalm 55:6

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Scripture Reading
New and Old Testament Mr. Rayfield Hatchett
Prayer Mr. Rayfield Hatchett
Musical Selection "I Won't Complain"
Mr. Rufus Armstrong
Words of EncouragementReverend Earl Cosey, Jr.
Musical Selection "Goodness of God"
Mrs. Diane Washington
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