

# *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Kenetria Carter*

*October 18, 1980 - June 26, 2024*

*A Gentle Soul, Remembered Forever*

**Funeral Service**

June 30, 2024 1pm

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church  
12850 Road 210  
Union, MS 39365



# Obituary

Kenetria "Niki" Nicole Carter was born on October 18, 1980, in Pascagoula, MS to Deborah Carter and Clyde Mims. She confessed Christ at an early age as a member of Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church. Niki was a lifelong resident of Union, MS, and a 1999 graduate of Neshoba Central High School.

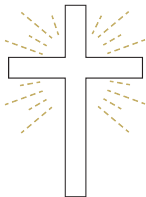
Prior to Niki's illnesses she was a Certified Nursing Assistance for 23 years, working with Hilltop Manor (Union, MS) and Choctaw Residential Center (Philadelphia, MS). Being the hard worker Niki was and having a love for children, she decided in conjunction with her CNA work she gave 6 years to with the Steppingstone learning Daycare Center (Philadelphia, MS). Niki is also a member of the Order of Eastern Star Morgan Chapter #510 under the leadership of worthy Matron Deborah Carter.

Niki was a beautiful person inside and out. Always caring and ready to lend a helping hand whenever she could. She was always encouraging to her family and friends especially her 3 beautiful children that she loved with everything within. Always pushing them to be their greatest. She was a wonderful and very proud mother, daughter, sister, family member and friend. Everyone knew how much she loved her family, but that never stopped her from extending her heart to everyone. She will be remembered best by her kindness, giving and encouraging spirit by many.

Niki was preceded in death by her grandparents, Howard and Edna Carter, Tina Carter and Jimmie and Carrie Mims.

On June 26, 2024, Niki went home to be with her heavenly father. She leaves to cherish her memories her Loving Mother Deborah Carter of Union, MS and Father Clyde Mims of Moss Point, MS, three children Destiny Griffin, Dristen Carter and Dalia Chapman of Union, MS. Two sister Mignon Johnson (Robert) of Union, MS, Tiffany Boyce of Moss Point, MS, and One brother Cardarero Kelly of New Port News, VA. Special nieces, Malia and Madalann Yarbrough of Union, MS. Special Aunt aka "granny -granny Bonnie Calloway of Jackson, MS, Special Uncle Pat (Tracy) Patterson of New Port News, VA, Special cousin Ronald Viverette (Pascagoula, MS), Daphne Viverette (Moss Point, MS), Robin Calloway (Jackson, MS) A host of devoted Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, relatives, Special close friends and friends to cherish her memories.

# Order of Service



Processional  
Clergy and Family

Master of Ceremony  
Ben Brantley

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament and New Testament  
Pastor Harold Coburn  
Morning Star Baptist Church

Song  
Pleasant Valley Choir

Prayer of Comfort  
Pastor Wesley Carter  
New Restoration

Expressions (2 Min)  
Co-worker-Brandy Jones  
Friend-Kera Smiley  
Church Member- Kari Thompson

Solo  
Renada Jackson

Obituary  
Read Silently

Acknowledgements  
Yvette Steele

Resolution  
Order of Eastern Star - Yolaunda Carter

Solo  
Robin Calloway

Eulogy  
Pastor Christopher Thompson  
Pleasant Valley MB Church

Funeral Directors in Charge

# Tributes

## A Mother's Grief from your Mother

My heart is shattered into pieces,  
Not a day goes by without seizures of weeping.  
The emptiness consumes my being,  
Darkness is all I see, your laughter no longer gleaming.

I long to hold you, feel your warm embrace,  
But you've flown to Heaven, left this lonely place.  
Not a second passes I don't say your name,  
Wishing I could turn back time, erase all the pain.

In the night, I hear your sweet voice call,  
A comforting song, easing my fall.  
You tell me it's okay, to let go of the sorrow,  
That you'll be in my heart each new tomorrow.

Our bond is unbroken, though Death parted our frames,  
Your pure love and spirit, no time can ever tame.  
So I'll cherish each memory with pride in my heart,  
Knowing one day dear child, we forever won't part.

Until then my guiding light, you give me the will,  
To pick up the pieces, and go on living still.  
Your love sees me through, I cannot lose hope,  
With you by my side sweet girl, I can cope.  
-Unknown-

## God's Garden

God looked around his garden and found an empty place  
He then looked down upon the Earth and saw your tired face  
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest

With the help of his angels they flew you to your heavenly place  
Gods garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best

He knew you were suffering, he knew you were in pain

He knew that you would never get well on Earth again  
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills too hard to climb

He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be Thine"

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone

For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
with love, your Sister

## Mother I Never Saw Your Wings from your Children

How is it that I never saw your wings  
when you were here with me?  
When you closed your eyes and soared  
to the Heavens I could hear the  
faint flutter of your wings as you left.  
Your body no longer on this side  
your spirit here eternally I see your halo shine.  
I close my eyes and see the multi-colored wings  
surround me in my saddest moments and my happiest times.  
Mother my angel God has given you your assignment  
always my mother forever my angel.  
You fly into my dreams and when I am asleep  
I feel your wings brush against my face wiping away  
the tears I shed since I can no longer hold  
you in my arms but in my heart.  
You earned those wings dear mother  
and you will always be me angel eternal.  
-Unknown-



# To my Children

## Angel in Me

by Camille Pierce

As you look around, reflect, and take heed  
You might think with regret that we failed to succeed  
I want you to know that is not true, it can't be  
Because you now have an angel in me

You made my life beautiful and so full of love  
My heart is now full and I fly like a dove  
We won; it was a team victory  
And now you have an angel in me

I don't feel cheated or that my time was cut short  
I lived, I loved, and had so much support  
As you face each day please know and believe  
That now you have an angel in me

Take risks, have fun, and reach for your dreams  
Don't worry about falling or scraping your knees  
My hands, though invisible, will catch you if need  
Because now you have an angel in me

There can be so much to life to learn and discover  
Find magic, make waves, and inspire one another  
I'll guard you, I'll protect you, and I'll never flee  
Because now you have an angel in me

Make each day an adventure to learn something new  
I'm watching, I'm here, I'm always with you  
My wings are spread wide and I'm here to oversee  
Always know you have an angel in me

Go forth in your life and live without fear  
I promise to sprinkle in things to remind you I'm here  
I hope they will bring laughs, smiles, and bravery  
Because now you have an angel in me

One last thing you can do for my sweet family  
Is write them a letter sharing a fond memory  
It will serve as a reminder and help them to see  
They will forever have an angel in me

# FAMILY



# Flower Girls

Friends and Neshoba Central Class of 1999

## Pallbearers

Neshoba Central Class of 1999

# Acknowledgement

The family of the late Kenetria "Niki" Carter would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your prayers, love, cards, food, calls and expressions of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We would like to thank the Pastors and Ministers of the pulpit, the Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church family. A special thank you to St. Dominique Hospital ICU 4th floor team, The Baptist Hospital ICU Burn Center 2nd floor west wing, Dr. Fredrick and Dr. Compton for all the wonderful care provided. We have been truly blessed by your prayers and acts of kindness. May God Richly Bless each of you.

The Carter Family

Services Entrusted to:  
Beck Funeral Home of Philadelphia MS

Burial Morrow Cemetary  
Philadelphia, MS

Repast immediately after burial service at Pleasant Valley fellowship hall