



## Otis Herman Carter Sr.

September 4, 1944 - January 31, 2017

Otis Herman Carter, Sr., affectionately known as (Chick-aboo) was born September 4, 1944 in Alexandria, VA. He was the fourth child born to the late Ruby D. Carter and Llewellyn (Mutt) Carter. On January 31, 2017, Chick departed this life at INOVA Alexandria Hospital.

Otis was educated in Alexandria City Public School System where he played football for the Parker Gray Bulldogs. He graduated from Parker Gray High School in 1964. After graduation, he worked several jobs before landing a position as a forklift operator at Woodworth and Lothrop. Chick worked there for 33 years until the company closed. He later retired from McAlister's Van Line in 2006.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Lillian Harris, on June 28, 1969 and from this union they have one son, Otis (Bookie) Carter, Jr. Back in the day, Chick loved to party and play his music to the highest volume available. It didn't matter where he was in the house or in his VW Bug – the blue or the green one – which he kept for 33 years! Yeah, we know how he felt about that green Bug! He also loved hanging out on the Block (Queen Street). One of his favorite sayings was "I'm from the streets." Chick always had a story and a joke to tell and didn't play when it came to "monkey-junk."

Otis was mentored by Reverend Charles Gee and received Christ in 1986. He was a dedicated member of Third Baptist Church and was later ordained as a

Deacon in 1987. He was a diligent seeker of God's word, faithfully attending bible study and Friday night prayer meetings. He occasionally taught Sunday School and loved singing in the men's chorus. He was a 15-year volunteer to the community soup kitchen and loved visiting with the sick and shut-in. He studied the word daily which remained in his heart, even during his recent health challenges. He was always called on to pray, read scripture, and could recite scripture, even though his memory often failed him in other areas. He never forgot God or His word. He started each prayer as only he could with the words "Let every heart pray", in his distinct, baritone voice. Yet he was still always happy to run into his home boys and talk about the good old days.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, William (Junie Boy) Kyle, Leroy (Cheese) Carter, Jeremiah M. Carter; and one sister, Arnetta M. Dixon. Otis leaves to cherish his memories his loving and devoted wife Lillian Carter; his son Otis H. Carter, Jr. (Tamika) of Oxon Hill, MD, three sisters, Willella "Neva" Brown of Woodbridge, VA, Rullewellyn "Doreatha" Elder of Dumfries, VA, and Queen Ann Carter of Alexandria, VA; three brothers, Llewellyn (Huckie) Carter (Gail) of Dallas, TX, Odell S. Carter (Tina) of Washington, DC, Alfred S. Carter of Alexandria, VA; one aunt Lula Kyle Jett (David) of Alexandria, VA; two sisters-in-law, May Buggs of Brooklyn, NY, and Alise Kyle of Alexandria, VA; one brother-in-law, McArthur Harris of Alexandria, VA; and two goddaughters, Crystal Ferguson Shannon and Kenyatta Carter. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Assembly Baptist Church  
8012 Fordson RD  
Alexandria, VA

## funeral service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

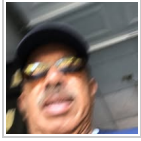
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## Interment

FEB 6 (ET)

Bethel Cemetery  
Wilkes Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

# Tribute Wall

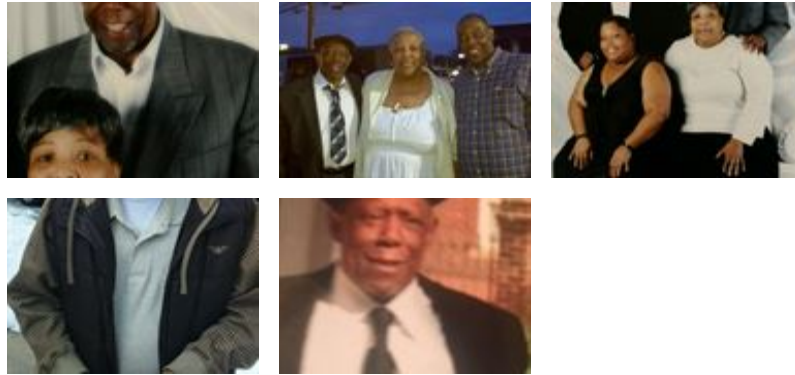


“ Prayers for our family. Cousin conleykyle19@yahoo.com galax va

Conley Kyle - February 05, 2017 at 06:27 PM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - February 05, 2017 at 02:43 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Lillian and the entire Carter/Harris family. May God strengthen you during these difficult times. Love Deacon Linda "Kulu" Elliott-Wilson

Deacon Linda "Kulu" Wilson - February 02, 2017 at 03:48 PM

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Lillian & Family. .May God Strengthen You And Keep You In his care during this time. . Prayerfully. .Ruth Walker Carrington

Ruth A.Walker Carrington - February 05, 2017 at 07:28 PM

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*Lillian and family: May the peace of God be with you at this time and during the rough times as you remember Brother Carter.*

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**Sylvia Putman Lankford** - February 06, 2017 at 10:19 PM