



Lena Parker Carter

June 27, 1945 - January 17, 2021

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Lena Mae Washington Parker-Carter, of Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully on Jan. 17, 2021, at the age of 75, at St. David Medical Center, following a long battle with cancer. Lena Mae was born on June 27, 1945, in Delhi, LA to Eva Mae Butler and Paul Washington. She was reared in large part, along with her younger cousin Geraldine Butler and nephew, Donald McDowell by their grandparents, Mitchell and Lena Butler.

Lena Mae accepted Christ at an early age and was an active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in Delhi LA, where she served as the pianist throughout her high school years. She graduated from Waverly High School in Crowville, LA in 1963. She was well known as the center for the girls' basketball team that won three straight district championships. After graduation, she fell in love and married at an early age. After being married for seven years, she continued her studies in Phillip Business College, Lynchburg, VA receiving an associate degree in accounting in 1972. She took additional studies at the IBM Clerical Technical School from 1981 to 1982 and the Academy of Professional Barber Stylist from 1993 to 1994. She worked for many years as the accountant for a government contract business, M.H.P Fu-Tech, Inc. which was owned by her and her first husband. Upon her arrival in Austin, TX

in 1996 she was employed as a professional barber at Lee's Barber Shop which eventually merged with Williams Barber Shop, where she developed a larger clientele, retiring in 2019 due to health issues.

She was first married in 1964 in San Antonio, TX to Major Murray Parker. As a military wife she was stationed at various military bases both foreign and domestic. By mutual consent, the marriage dissolved after 32 years. However, during those years, two children were born from that union, DeWayne Parker (1965) and Jeffrey Parker (1968). After 7 years of single life, she re-married in 2001 to MSGT Finnis Carter, Jr. in Las Vegas, NV. The couple resided in Austin, Texas and joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She faithfully served and participated in the choir, Sunday School, Bible Study and various other church ministries. They also loved to entertain, sponsoring many family and friends' gatherings at their home. Sadly, Finnis was called to eternal rest in November of 2019.

She embraced life with a strong faith in God and a loving heart, reaching out to many in need. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and cousin. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, traveling, shopping and giving back to her community and her favorite charities. She will be deeply missed by all those who loved and cherished her. Lena Mae was also preceded in death by her sister, Alice Washington-McDowell and brothers Sherman Hall, Lloyd Harris, John Henry, Rufus Washington, Paul Washington, Jr. and Jim Washington, Sr. She leaves to cherish her memory her two loving sons, DeWayne Parker and Jeffrey Parker (Nichole Parker); sisters, Ruby Shaw-Lee, Lora Wilson, Verlean Shoals, Ella Washington-Holloway and Pauline Washington-Dykes; brothers, William Wilson, Jr. (DeEvra) and Curtis Wilson (Angela); her son-in-law, Albert Redeaux III (Wilmetria), sister-in-law, Beulah Bacon Poole (Robert) and brother-in-law, Fred Carter; her special nephew, Dr. Donald McDowell (Eugenia McDowell); a special cousin, Geraldine Butler; a special cousin/sister-in-law, Gloria Jean Cline; goddaughter, Tonya Lofton Dallas; along with many, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews,

cousins and beloved friends.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private funeral service for the family has been scheduled. However, a public viewing has been scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at the Life Celebration by Franklin Funeral Home, 1309 East 12th St., Austin, Texas 78702. In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully request that memorials contributions be sent to Mount Zion Baptist Church, 2938 East Thirteenth St., Austin, TX, 78702.

The family expresses sincere gratitude to faithful friends, neighbors, and church members for your prayers, cards, visits, calls, food, words of comfort and the other expression of love, throughout Lena's illness, they were/are sincerely appreciated

Cemetery Details

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State Highway 195
Killeen, TX 76542-4945

Previous Events

Private Family Celebration

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2938 E 13th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ *Lena Parker Carter*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *I am so sorry in learning of Lena’s passing. My mom, Alice Byrd and Lena were friends for many years in Virginia. From the choir to their personal friendship, they were close.*

My condolences from our family to your family.

Edna (Byrd) Williams

Edna (Byrd) Williams - February 21, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *MRS CHRISTINA JOHNSON-REED lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



MRS CHRISTINA JOHNSON-REED - January 25, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *Viola Thompson lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Viola Thompson - January 23, 2021 at 08:24 PM

DW

“ I fondly remember meeting Cousin Lena for the first time in 1999 at the first Washington-Hutchins Family Reunion in Atlanta, Georgia. Because of her effervescent personality we connected immediately! It was like I had known her all my life. I was excited to find a new cousin who was warm, caring and loads of fun! Lena will forever be in my heart! Rest in Heaven sweet cousin as you reunite with your loving Finnis.



Dorothy Williams - January 22, 2021 at 11:51 PM

MB

“ From Charles & Mary Britton from West Monroe Louisiana. It is with Sincere Synpathy that we extend these words of comfort to the Family. May God strengthen you is our prayers.



Mary J Britton - January 22, 2021 at 07:55 PM

RR

“ Rest in Heaven sweet Lena. Our condolences to the family. Reminiscent of the different Holiday gatherings that our families had, and other times in between, you were always so much fun. From the Robersons in Maryland; Rosie, Ken, Jaquesta and Miguel.

Rosie Roberson - January 22, 2021 at 07:02 PM

JR

“ *Jaquesta Roberson lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Jaquesta Roberson - January 22, 2021 at 06:50 PM

MF

“ *Marvin Karo And Family lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Marvin Karo and family - January 22, 2021 at 04:06 PM

JG

“ *Dewayne and Jeffery. Please know how very saddened and very sorry I am that this happened. Please accept my humble condolance. Your mother has finally received the Lord's peace which surpasses all understanding. Let her rejoice in it. The Lord allowed me the opportunity to visit and see your mother in 2019 for the very first and last time since I knew she was in Texas which was for a few years. The Lord is good and always on time. I really appreciated that. I will always cherish our personal relationship and friendship and also the family relationship and friendship(children,hubby). Please take care of yourselves and do the best you can mourning because it is hard. May the Lord bless and keep you. Janet Gwinn and family of Houston Texas.*

Janet gwinn - January 22, 2021 at 03:36 PM

SD

“ Lena, I will miss your laugh your compassion as we laugh at our Brother Donald Ray. Just know I will always here for him.

Sharon DeHart - January 22, 2021 at 11:40 AM

LM

“ God has brought you home we know you are smiling within his glory rest in peace your family leroy and elizabeth mcdowell

LEROY MCDOWELL - January 22, 2021 at 11:39 AM

MB

“ Remembering her singing with my mom, dad and me in FMZBC in Dumfries, Va. She was always a joyful singer and a kind hearted person. Heaven has added another angel to the heavenly choir! 🙏

Mark Ball - January 22, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ I will miss you grandma.
Love you always, Kionna Parker



Kionna Parker - January 22, 2021 at 10:39 AM

BG

“ Bobbie Nell and family sending our condolences and prayers to the family.



Bobbie Nell Greene - January 22, 2021 at 09:58 AM

OF

“ Ora Gunn And Family lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter



Ora gunn and family - January 22, 2021 at 09:53 AM

RT

My condolences to the family. We became neighbors & friends in 1974. She and her family are people you just love forever💕

Rebecca Thompson - January 22, 2021 at 11:50 AM

CK

*Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

Love you Family,

Charles King & Family

Charles King - January 22, 2021 at 01:04 PM

GT

“ Laughter won't be the same without Lena.



Gerry Tucker - January 22, 2021 at 08:44 AM

MS

“ *From the Lewis Family Birmingham, AL
With heartfelt sympathy
You will be truly missed during our family
reunions. Your smile and heart was so
beautiful*



Mae Stewart - January 22, 2021 at 03:28 AM

MZ

“ *Words cannot express our sorrow of losing Finnis and Lena. We
cherish our special friendship and wonderful memories together!
Mei & Andrew*



Mei Zhou - January 21, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Lena Parker Carter.*



January 21, 2021 at 09:06 PM

TF

“ *Life brings tears, smiles, and memories. The tears dry, the smile fades, but the memories live on forever. With heartfelt sympathy,
The Pope Family*



The Pope Family - January 21, 2021 at 08:17 PM

SH

“ *To The Family God has truly gained an Angel
Words can't explain my sorrow Lena and I go
along ways back singing in the Choraliers
Gospel choir together going out to dinner after
practice really gonna miss her GOD bless you
ALL Sheila West Fredericksburg Va*



Sheila - January 21, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Lena Parker Carter.*



January 21, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ Jeff, my condolences. May the peace of Christ be with you and family.

Robert Creekmur (FMZBC Men's Choir)

Robert Creekmur - January 21, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ You will truly be missed. We had so many GREAT times together. We adopted you as a part of the LC Anderson Class of 1966. You and your banana pudding will be missed.



Bettie Harrell - January 21, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ Jeff and Dewayne;
We are sending our condolences, love and lifting you and your family up in prayer during this difficult time. May God comfort you all. Deacon Gerald Coles and Deaconess Sannette Coles, FMZ Baptist Church

sannette coles - January 21, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ I grew up with Finnis at Rising Star Baptist Church and I met Ms. Lena for a short time they where members at Rising Star. She was a sweet and caring and every time I would see her she had a big joyful smile. My condolences to the Family.

Georgia Turner and Family

Georgia Turner - January 21, 2021 at 01:16 AM

TD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

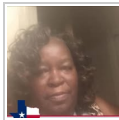


tonya lofton dallas - January 20, 2021 at 11:51 PM

TD

Lena and Pam McClough at the Fox Hole

tonya lofton dallas - January 20, 2021 at 11:52 PM



Lena and Finnis were the king and king of chicken foot. I loved playing with them. I want to thank her for sticking with my uncle Guinn in barbershop businesses. She will be truly missed by our family.

Beanie Brown - January 21, 2021 at 06:28 AM

BB

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Beverly Broaders - January 20, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lena Parker Carter.



January 20, 2021 at 09:28 PM

JM

“ *May God Bless the Parker-Carter Family...We miss Lena and Finnis RIP...John and Linda Mays*

John mays - January 20, 2021 at 09:27 PM

TP

“ *Tiffany Parker sent a virtual gift in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



tiffany parker - January 20, 2021 at 08:41 PM

AJ

“ *Aunt Lena, May your beautiful spirit rest in peace. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Alicia Jones*



Alicia Jones - January 20, 2021 at 08:09 PM

JC

“ *Sorry for you loss*

Jane Coleman - January 20, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JJ

“ *Joyce Jones lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Joyce Jones - January 20, 2021 at 07:24 PM

AJ

“ Hi Aunt Lena,

Thank you for blessing my life for 22 years!! You have made such a positive impact in my life and I will never forget our time spent together. I miss you! I will always love you!

Adrionna



Adrionna Jones - January 20, 2021 at 07:20 PM

BB

Thank you for being a special friend of mine. We had some good times at Barry and Marie Christmas party we had unforgettable times. Me and my family will miss you.

Beverly Broaders - January 20, 2021 at 07:57 PM

AJ

“ *Adrionna Jones lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Adrionna Jones - January 20, 2021 at 07:17 PM

PG

“ You will be dearly missed Mrs. Lena. Thanks for always sharing your love, kindness, and home with my family. You paid attention to the small details and always made us feel special. Always in our hearts

Pam Glover - January 20, 2021 at 02:57 PM

TM

“ the Stewart Family from Mississippi purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lena Parker Carter.



the Stewart Family from Mississippi - January 20, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ Murray Parker lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter



Murray Parker - January 20, 2021 at 01:59 PM

GJ

Will miss this beautiful lady always enjoyed my visits.

Glinda Johnson - January 20, 2021 at 02:39 PM

AG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Arlean Griffin - January 20, 2021 at 01:44 PM

AG

You were and always will be the sunshine of our lives, we miss you now and always, but our memories of you will be in hearts everyday and I (Arlean) will love you unconditionally everyday. Thank you for being a mother and aunt to me, I could not have ask for anyone else more special than you. We were blessed to have you in our hearts. Family Forever- Griffin & McDowell & Washington Family

Arlean Griffin - January 20, 2021 at 01:54 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Jones lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Linda Jones - January 20, 2021 at 01:18 PM

LJ

“ Thank you Lena for your special friendship to me and my family. You are the very best, so special in every way. We all miss you! May you Rest In Peace in Paradise!

Your Dear Friend Forever,
Linda Jones



Linda Jones - January 20, 2021 at 01:17 PM

KJ

“ Ken Jones lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter



Ken Jones - January 20, 2021 at 01:11 PM

SM

“ A very sweet and kind women that will be surely missed. God Bless Ms Lena 🙏

Shawn Morgan-McEwen - January 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

RF

“ You have my greates condolences, for your love one, She will be miss.

robert corprue and Family - January 20, 2021 at 09:10 AM

LP

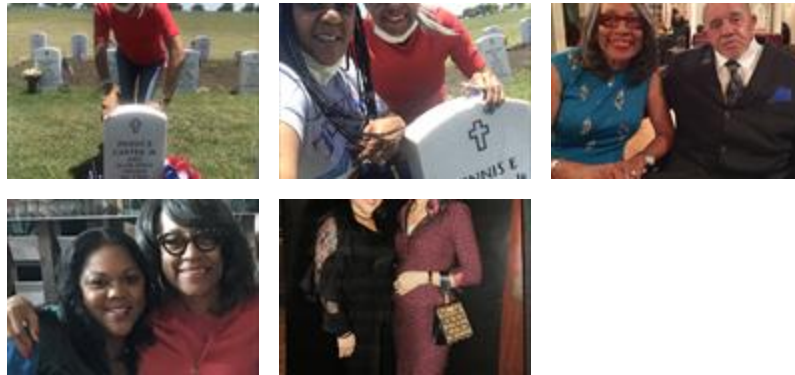
“ Lorene King Phillips lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter



Lorene King Phillips - January 20, 2021 at 12:13 AM

TD

“ Superwoman💔☐



Tonya Lofton Dallas - January 20, 2021 at 12:08 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lena Parker Carter.



January 19, 2021 at 10:06 PM

FM

“ From Otis & Pamela McCullough purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Lena Parker Carter.



From Otis & Pamela McCullough - January 19, 2021 at 08:19 PM

DT

“ Truly an amazing spirit. You will be dearly missed! Your voice & laugh will be a cherished memory. Love you, Aunt Lena ♡



Deidre Lester (Dallas, TX) - January 19, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena Parker Carter.



January 19, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena Parker Carter.



January 19, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Lena Parker Carter.*



January 19, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my beautiful cousin. Love you.
Maxcine Goldman Waddell*



Maxcine Flood Waddell - January 19, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lena Parker Carter.*



January 19, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *McDowell & Griffin Fam - Delhi LA & Dallas TX purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lena Parker Carter.*



McDowell & Griffin Fam - Delhi LA & Dallas TX - January 19, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Lena Parker Carter*.



January 19, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Linda L Van Landuyt* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of *Lena Parker Carter*.



Linda L Van Landuyt - January 19, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Linda L Van Landuyt* purchased the *Rose Garden Heart* for the family of *Lena Parker Carter*.



Linda L Van Landuyt - January 19, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Murray H Parker* purchased the *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* for the family of *Lena Parker Carter*.



Murray H Parker - January 19, 2021 at 01:12 PM

GG

“Lena was a true friend of mine and my family for over 40 years! We met as neighbors years ago, worshipped together at FMZ in VA for years, attended and enjoyed many social functions together, and worked together in a social organization sponsoring and mentoring high school young ladies to be debutantes. Lena had a beautiful singing voice and held many concerts through the years at the church. She was a beautiful person and I enjoyed her visits so much when she came back to visit in VA. She was a proud and dedicated mother and grandmother who loved her children and grandchildren dearly.

It is with great sadness that I say goodbye to my friend. I'm going to miss her laughter and the talks that we had so much.

I pray for blessings and comfort to you Jeff, Dwayne, and all the Parker family.

*With Love,
Glorine Gholson (Howard, Debbie, and Jay)*

Glorine Williams Gholson - January 19, 2021 at 10:31 AM

LV

“My favorite memory of Lena was at the baby shower for her granddaughter Rachelle. She was so excited about Chris and Jeff having a little girl. She bought two beautiful dresses for her and could hardly wait to hold her granddaughter. She was so filled with love! She was a great grandma. She loved all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. And her grandchildren loved her so very much! She will truly be missed and remembered! Love 💜🙏 Linda and Al Van Landuyt (Christina's parents).



Linda VanLanduyt - January 18, 2021 at 11:52 PM

AW

“ I will miss Lena Parker Carter, my dear Sister -in-law! I loved her laugh and her kind spirit!!



Angela Wilson - January 18, 2021 at 11:34 PM

CM

I met Lena when she married my cousin Finnis. She was even my barber when I wore a short hairstyle. Lena was a sweet person all of the time and had the same temperament whenever or wherever you might encounter her. I will miss her and am saddened by her passing. She will always be remembered but Glory is now her home. My prayers are for family and friends.

Cassandra Enoch Mitchell - January 19, 2021 at 11:29 AM

JC

Sorry for your Loss will continue to pray for the whole Family.love to all.

Jane Coleman - January 19, 2021 at 11:55 AM

LS

“ Linda Stephens lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter



Linda Stephens - January 18, 2021 at 10:38 PM

CP

“ I will truly miss Lena. Her voice was like an angel. Hearing her sing in her beautiful voice in worship to our Lord will forever hold a special place in my heart. Now she is singing in the presence of Jesus. She was a very special lady to me. Sending all my love to the entire family.



Christina Parker - January 18, 2021 at 10:13 PM

MD

I will miss the timekeeper on the prayer conference call. May God bless and keep the family in perfect peace.

Minnie Dewberry - January 19, 2021 at 08:11 PM

JP

“ Juanita Parker lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter



Juanita Parker - January 18, 2021 at 10:07 PM

CD

“ Charlene Deeton lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter



Charlene Deeton - January 18, 2021 at 07:33 PM

JL

“ We will always cherish our MONDAY RITUALS we enjoyed sooooo much. Tell Finnis we missed his participating but you held it down for the both of you. I miss our crazy adventures, your collard greens and cornbread dressing, my fried fish and bar-b-que ribblets. But yall are alright now and Jeff and I will see yall when we get there. Love Yall BUNCHES

JEFF and ANN LEWIS - January 18, 2021 at 06:01 PM

DB

“ My condolences to my family! From our family



Deanna Bircher - January 18, 2021 at 05:38 PM

KM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Keawana Marshall - January 18, 2021 at 03:17 PM

KM

I will truly miss my cousin!

Keawana Marshall - January 19, 2021 at 08:44 AM

KM

“ *Keawana Marshall lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Keawana Marshall - January 18, 2021 at 03:13 PM

WW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



William & DeEvra Wilson - January 18, 2021 at 03:13 PM

WW

“ *William & DeEvra Wilson lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



William & DeEvra Wilson - January 18, 2021 at 03:01 PM

CW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Curtis R. Wilson - January 18, 2021 at 03:01 PM

CW

Going to miss my Big Sister. Thank you Lena for it all. You "Pie Man" Curt.

Curtis R. Wilson - January 18, 2021 at 03:04 PM

LR

“ *Lillie Reese lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Lillie Reese - January 18, 2021 at 01:11 PM

PH

“ *PAULA HARRIS lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



PAULA HARRIS - January 18, 2021 at 12:59 PM

NT

“ *Nichole Thomas lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Nichole Thomas - January 18, 2021 at 09:46 AM

RJ

“ *Ruby Jurrells lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Ruby Jurrells - January 18, 2021 at 04:09 AM

PJ

“ *Patt Jackson lit a candle in memory of Lena Parker Carter*



Patt Jackson - January 17, 2021 at 08:52 PM

JG

DeWayne and Jeffery, please know how very saddened and very sorry that this happened. Please accept my humble condolance. Your mother has finally received the Lord's peace which surpasses all understanding. Let her rejoice in it. The Lord allowed me the opportunity to visit with and see your mother in 2019 for the very first and last time since I knew she lived in Texas which was just a few years. I am very grateful for that and the Lord is always on time. XI will always cherish and remember our personal relationship of friendship and our personal friendship of family(children and hubby). Please take care of yourselves and do your best at mourning because it is very hard. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Janet Gwinn and family of Houston Texas.

Janet gwinn - January 22, 2021 at 03:06 PM