

CELEBRATION OF LIFE *for*



HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Loving Family and Friends

IN APPRECIATION

It is in times like these that we find out how much people care. We, the family of the late Roy Nathan Carter Sr. acknowledge with sincere appreciation all expressions of sympathy extended to us during this very difficult time in our family's history.

Special thanks to Ms. Susie Merrell who through this challenge entered our lives as a care-giver and with her loving and caring manner quickly joined the ranks of family. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless each of you abundantly with peace, joy and His love.

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ROY NATHAN CARTER SR.

August 14, 1936 - May 6, 2022

Saturday, May 14, 2022 | 10:00 AM
New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith International
2300 NW 135th Street, Miami, Florida 33167
Bishop Victor T. Curry, Founding Senior Pastor
New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith International

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MELODIES OF LIFE

*"Sing to the LORD a new song... Sing His praises in the assembly of the faithful"
Psalm 149:1*

Roy Nathan, was one of the nine precious gifts born to the union of Willie and Hattie B. Carter. Roy was born August 14, 1936 in Georgia. Roy was a loving and caring child. Even though he was not the oldest, he would make sure his sisters were safe. He acted as their official body guard, especially to those near his age. Roy attended Douglas High, where he loved playing basketball and was considered a fairly good player. There was however something he was considered to be exceptional at doing; for you see Roy loved to sing. SINGING was Roy's "hobby, his past time, it was his calling card." Wherever Roy was there was "bound to be singing" and most times the singing was coming from Roy. That was just Roy!!! Roy, well-liked by family and peers, was known by many nicknames.

Included in this list of affection were such titles as "Spur, Boy-z, Bro. Carter and Black-man". No matter the name of endearment used, each personal description of him always included his love for and his ability to sing. Music was just a part of his mental and emotional DNA. Whenever you saw Roy, you just knew there was a melody in his heart, on his mind and most times coming out of his mouth. "ROY REALLY DID LOVE TO SING".

Roy's life path led him to Miami, Florida where he met "The Love of his life, the apple of his eye", Annie Lightner. As life would have it, their love flourished and "the two became one". With this union Roy was blessed with a bonus daughter, Lynetta Ann, whom he loved dearly. This union was further blessed with the birth of their "baby girl" Cheryl Yvette. Roy's singing became louder and he let it be known he could not be happier than at the birth of his son and name-sake Roy Nathan Carter Jr. Roy was a proud father and loving husband, he worked hard to provide for his family's every need. After thirty years as a well decorated employee, Roy retired from the Dade County Public School's Maintenance Department.

In September of 1988 Roy had to say good-bye to his "Annie". Even though this was the most difficult thing he had ever encountered, Roy continued to sing and serve. Roy joined the New Birth Baptist Church under the dynamic leadership of Bishop Victor T. Curry. Roy's life style was altered when his health began to fail but he continued to sing. Roy's faith in GOD and his love for family and family gatherings served as motivators to fight and that he did. Whenever he was able to be with family and friends he could be heard "of course" singing!

On May 6, 2022, after a long battle with many health issues Roy transitioned from life to life eternal, where we believe he has reunited with his parents Willie and Hattie B and seven of his siblings who preceded him in death. Left to cherish his life and legacy are: two daughters Lynetta (Freddie) Russaw, Cheryl Carter Lacey; one son Roy Nathan Jr.; one sister: Grace Batten; three grand-children: Brivzetta McKnight, Nukeshia (Marvens) Chalumeau and Fratelya (Kierra) Russaw; twelve great-grands and one great-great grand; one special daughter Pamela Knox Shuler; and a host of grieving nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

Today our hearts are heavy and our eyes are flooded with tears, we solicit your continued prayers for our family. We are however encouraged that our beloved Roy Nathan Carter Sr. will be able to sing forever "somewhere around GOD's throne.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Elder James Cuthbertson, Presiding
New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith International
Pastor Daniel Smart, Jr., Officiant
Edgefield Missionary Baptist Church
Fayetteville, Georgia*



Processional

Final Glance

Invocation *Elder LaWanda Friday*

Scripture..... *Pastor Rodney Young
Living Word Lively Stone International Ministries, Hollywood, FL*

Selection..... *The Carter Brothers*

Reflections (Please limit to 3 minutes)

As A Special Father..... *Pamela Knox-Shuler*

As An Uncle *Herman Carter*

As An Uncle *Venissa Armstrong*

As A Family Member..... *Shawn Smart*

"Roy's Song" *"Trust in The Lord"*

Acknowledgements *Eric S. George Funeral Home Staff*

Resolution *New Birth Baptist Church*

Selection..... *New Birth Celebration of Life Ensemble*

Words of Comfort..... *Pastor Daniel Smart Jr., Senior Pastor
Edgefield Baptist Church*

Recessional

*But I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.*

Psalm 59:16