



Liddie Mae Darby

July 6, 1933 - November 19, 2023

Mrs. Mae Darby, of Sharon Hill PA passed away on November 19, 2023, at the age of 90, a month after discovering she had metastatic cancer of an unknown origin.

According to the State of North Carolina, Mrs. Mae (Liddie May Carter) was born July 06, 1933 to Hattie Carter in Vaughan, North Carolina. However, she vehemently believed her birthdate to be May 09, 1934. Liddie May Carter spent infancy, childhood, and adolescence in North Carolina, where she attended grade school before moving to Philadelphia at the age of 18 to be with her mother, then known as Mrs. Hattie Garner and her father, Charles Garner. This is when Liddie May Carter became Liddie Mae Garner.

After arriving in Philadelphia Mae took a job working as a waitress; this is where she met the love of her life, Roosevelt (Franklin D. Roosevelt Darby), the sous chef. On September 4, 1954, Mae and Roosevelt were married.

From this union came five children, three girls (Sandra, Yvonne, and Felecia) and two boys (Roosevelt Jr. and Darryl). During the first 30 years of marriage, Roosevelt and Mae resided in South Philadelphia, later moving to Penrose Plaza, and finally relocating to Sharon Hill in 1985, where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Mae was a godly wife; patiently, kindly, and affirmingly loving her husband, in reverence of her God. She faithfully supported her husband as he built a successful cleaning company. When Mae became a mother, she became a housewife. She then lovingly cared for the needs of her husband as well as

her children, while juggling the responsibilities that come with managing and maintaining a family, a home and supporting a successful business. As a mother she was very attentive, understanding and meeting the individual needs of each of her five children. She would later go on to lovingly nurture her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great, great grandchildren. She was blessed, and she knew it, she loved family.

Mae was a faithful servant of the Lord, long before joining her husband (Deacon Darby) at First African Baptist where she served on the Usher board, the Sick and Shut-in Committee, the Women's Day Committee and as a deaconess. She was a praying woman, she always made time for God and for as long as she was able, you'd find her on her knees communing with God before laying down to sleep. She loved and trusted the Lord, placing Him first in her life and encouraging her family to do the same.

Mae was preceded in death by her husband (Roosevelt Sr.) her eldest daughter (Sandra) and her eldest son (Roosevelt Jr.), her parents (Charles and Hattie); and her brother (David).

Mae is survived by her two daughters Yvonne and Felecia (Davenport), her son Darryl, her son-in-law Russell Davenport, her daughter-in-law Charlise, her sister, Alice (Robinson), one brother-in-law William Darby (Stephanie), 11 grandchildren: Sheena, Nijiyah, Nikeya, Phillisha, Jeffrey, Zafir (Lucy), Kimberly, Aaron (Jennifer), Orin, Raichl, Russ-Ahna, 12 great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

Services will be held at First African Baptist, 901 Clifton Ave, Sharon Hill Pa. 19079 on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., Viewing begins at 9:00 am.

Cemetery Details

Eden Cemetery

1434 Springfield Road
Collingdale, PA 19023

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First African Baptist Church
901 Clifton Avenue
Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest IN PEACE MAE .GOD BLESS YOU FAMILY AT THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME SORRY MY HEALTH WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO BE THERE. I HAVE GREAT MEMORIES OF OUR CHILDHOOD YEARS TOGETHER IN NORTH CAROLINA AND VISITING HER AFTER SHE MOVED TO THE CITY . MAE'S FIRST COUSIN BELLE (ANNIE B ALSTON)*

Annie B Alston - November 28, 2023 at 02:09 PM

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“ *My condolences to Felecia Davenport's Family in the loss of your mother. I pray that God will sustain and keep your family during your time of bereavement.*

Carolyn Nelson - November 27, 2023 at 02:32 PM