



Ms. Odessa Georgetta Denise Carter

October 15, 1953 - August 1, 2021

In Loving Memory Of

Deacon Odessa Georgetta Denise Carter was born on October 15, 1953 in Detroit, MI, to the union of Frank and Gertrude Carter. She acquired three names because her two sisters Essie and Isophene and her aunt Johnnie wanted to name her. Odessa was the youngest of seven. Frank Carter Jr., Jeff Carter, John Carter and Isophene Carter preceded her in death.

Odessa accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior in September of 1971 through Campus Crusade for Christ while attending Michigan State University. Elder Erick from Shiloh Fellowship in East Lansing, MI baptized her. She was a member of Bethel AME Church in Detroit. She then joined New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church on April 24, 2005 where she was ordained Deacon under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Wilma R. Johnson. She also served in the Joyful Hands Youth in Action ministry.

Odessa graduated from East Catholic High School in 1971. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Deaf Education from Michigan State University in 1979 and received a Master Degree from Wayne State University in 1995. She was employed as a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools System for 25 years until her retirement in 2005. She is a former member of Detroit Black Deaf Advocates and served as a board member for the Self-Help for Independence in Michigan Equalizing the Deaf Blind Community. Odessa had

Usher's Syndrome which is a dual sensory loss of hearing and vision. She enjoyed singing, camping and most of all teaching her students.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one sister, Essie Martin (Shelton); one brother, Isaac Carter of Los Angeles, CA; three nieces, Wendy Beard, Emily Carter, Jan Fritz (Michael); one nephew, Mark Mullins Sr. (who preceded her in death); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Burial

Wednesday, Aug. **11** (ET)

Detroit Memorial Park East
4280 East 13 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48092

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Odessa Georgetta Denise Carter*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Odessa was a favorite patient at Cruz Hearing. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to share. May her memory be for a blessing.*

Kim Pawliger - August 27, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *On behalf of the 6:00am Prayer Line of Detroit MI we would like to give thanks to God for Deacon Odessa. She would sing and pray. She truly trusted in God. May she Rest In Peace. Blessings to her family.*

Rev. Dr. Faith A. Allen - August 13, 2021 at 07:16 AM



“ *Jackie Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Odessa Georgetta Denise Carter*



Jackie Caldwell - August 11, 2021 at 10:59 AM

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“ MATTHEW 5:4

*To the family of Deacon Odessa, I send my heartfelt condolences.
Peace and blessings to you all.*

God will provide.

Vincent Edgecombe - August 08, 2021 at 10:37 PM

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“ *Odessa made a difference in the lives of many as a teacher, as an advocate and as a friend. A few years ago she joined the advisory board for the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It is now the Division on Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind. The inclusion of Deaf-Blind is mainly due to Odessa. She was truly extraordinary. I would often bump into her at the food store and we would sit and chat. That same food store, she educated them and fought for her rights to be served. It was my honor to be her friend. I will miss her.*

Sheryl Emery - August 08, 2021 at 12:39 AM

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“ *Rest in the arms of angels, Odessa.
Your years of friendship and service became a beacon of light
guiding us to a greater understanding of our own humanity and our
desire to connect through communication.
In our hearts always.
Your friends,
Maureen, Cindy and Joyce and the students from Lahser and
Andover High Schools and our Deaf Awareness Day Program*

Cynthia Dees - August 06, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Odessa Georgetta Denise Carter.*



August 06, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family on the loss of your love one. May you draw comfort from God as he help you to cope with the loss of your love one. Our condolences.*

Evans family - August 06, 2021 at 05:49 AM



“ *Andrea Ansel lit a candle in memory of Ms. Odessa Georgetta Denise Carter*



Andrea Ansel - August 04, 2021 at 12:55 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ms. Odessa Georgetta Denise Carter.*



August 03, 2021 at 07:52 PM

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“Odessa has always been a ray of sunshine. At our DBAC gatherings she would always ask me, “what team are you rooting for?” I’d tell her then she’d pick the opposing team. When my team won she’d say she’d beat me next time. When her team won she’d make sure to remind me several times how her team beat mine; it was all in fun. I loved being with her at DBW also because she would sing and lift everyone’s spirits there at camp. Her light might not be with us physically, the light she brings in our memories of her will always shine in our hearts. Just for the record Odessa, your team won and I’m okay with that. Go sing with Jesus my dear friend. I love you!

Isabell Florence - August 03, 2021 at 06:48 PM