



*Celebrating The Life of
A Precious Jewel
Ruth Carter*

*Sunrise:
December 25, 1936*

*Sunset:
July 28, 2013*

*Friday, August 9, 2013
Wake 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.
People's Church of The Harvest
3570 W. 5th Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60624*

Obituary

Ruth Carter was born, December 25th, 1936 in Indianola, Mississippi, to the proud parents of James and Corine Torry, who both preceded her in death. She was the sixth child of nine children.

As a young girl, Ruth attended Carver Elementary School and graduated from Gentry High School in Indianola, Mississippi where she had a passion for basketball and played as the team forward.

Ruth met and married the love of her life, in the late 50's James Carter, and to this holy matrimony, four children were born, two sons, James and Michael, two daughters, Denise and Regina.

In the 50's James and Ruth moved to Chicago, Illinois.

Ruth's relationship with Christ began at an early age and continued throughout her life. Her love for the Lord was the center of her existence and she proudly proclaimed Him as her personal Savior. Ruth was a member of The Original Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Eugene Burrage, where she served on the Usher Board faithfully for many years.

Ruth became a part of the development of the Fifth City Community in the 1960's which she was on the Board of Directors. She started working as a teacher at the Fifth City Pre-School. She furthered her education and became the director of the Fifth City Pre-School.

After thirty-six years of service, Ruth retired.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Carter.

On Monday, July 28, 2013 as the gates of heaven opened and received Ruth, she leaves a legacy of loving memories, two daughters Denise (Paul), Regina (Tony), two sons, James and Michael, three sisters, Emma of Sunflower, Ms., Annie Mae of Balacreek, Michigan, Esther of St. Louis, Mo, two brothers, Jerry (Alice) of St. Louis, Mo., General (Lynette) Rockford, Il., two sisters in-law, Pearl (Floyd) Memphis, Tn., Earnestine, of Maywood, Illinois, three brothers in-law, Earnest, Ovie, and Clarence (Brenda), all of Chicago, Illinois, three god daughters, twenty one grand children, fortyfive great grand children, three great-great grandchildren, a very special friend Madison Jones and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.
We thank God for her life.

Order of Service

- Organ Prelude.....Son-in law.....Tony Newman
- Processional.....Family
- St. Jude.....Chicago Police Officers
- Facilitator.....Regina/Pastor Thomas Lester
- Congregational Song.....
- Scripture Reading.....Old Testament/New Testament.....
- Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Ezell Smith
- A Selection.....Family Gospel Choir
- Words of Expressions.....Denise Harris
- Solo.....Jonise Gathings
- Obituary Reading.....Carol Wilson
- Solo.....Monica Newman
- Cards/Resolutions.....
- Selection.....Family Gospel Choir
- Remarks.....2 Minutes Please.....Family & Friends
- Eulogy.....Pastor Eugene Burrage
- Final Viewing.....
- Benediction.....
- Recessional.....

~Interment~

Forest Home Cemetery
863 Des Plaines Ave.
Forest Park, Illinois

~Repast~

Community Center
3350 W. Jackson
Jackson & Homan

Dear Family & Friends

Please be advised I have moved!



I received a call from God, the Chief Architect the other day, and He informed me that my new home was complete. On the day of July 28, 2013, He let me know that my mansion was complete and that I could move in, He told me to go ahead and change my address! Well, my new home is finished and what a sight to behold!!! It is located on an exclusive estate area behind the Pearly Gates.

It is just over the other side of a serene celestial shore; of course you know the streets are paved with Gold and every day is Sunday, just like you've been told. I can walk and talk with my Master without a worry or care. I've lived in Chicago, Illinois, but my new home is so much better than any other place I have ever lived. Here there is, joy, happiness, no pain or heartache, no more pills and doctors, no strife or discontent, only sweet serenity.

I can dine at the Master's bountiful table and sigh with the Heavenly Choir and best of all my Heavenly Father is here in all His Glory and allows me to Usher Him in!! And oh yes, I have my own designer here who has fitted me with my very own white robe and my wings. I can go on and on about my new home, but instead I'm going to pray that you get to move here yourself some day. Before I go though, let me give you my new address.

P. S. I don't have a telephone, pager, email organizer, or cell phone, but you can always call on God. If you don't know His number, read your Bible, it is listed on every page.



Fifth City Preschool

November 6, 1990

Fifth City remains dedicated to its pupils

by Teresa Stanley

One of the oldest preschools on the West Side, a facility that promotes cultural pride, is probably unique: it has maintained most of the same staff members since opening its doors 26 years ago.

Fifth City Preschool, located at 3411 W. 5th Ave., is a place where children have received a good quality education, a trademark of the institution, officials say.

Boasting of their dedicated staff and cultural pride, officials maintain that the school sets the trend for students to complete 80 percent of their education before they enter second grade.

The school opened in 1964, during an era when the West Side Black community decided it was necessary to come together and organize an institution to allow mothers to return to school and further their education.

Today, the school, which has an enrollment of 85 children, age 2 to 6, is headed by Ruth Carter. She began as a teacher 24 years ago and rose through the ranks to achieve the top position.

"I believe the school has been around so long because of its stability and the fact it helps to establish a basic foundation for Black children," Carter said.

Noting that each staff member lives or has once resided on the West Side, Carter said all of her teachers have earned a child development certificate.

She also pointed out that most staffers have served as a volunteer parent, preschool assistant, teacher or as part of the administrative staff.

"Many of the children come from a second generation of parents who were also students at the school," Carter added.

Because the school's colors are red and black, the principal said, students are required to wear all red as part of their uniform.

Red and black stand for the African American community, according to Carter.

Black represents the blackness of the West Side and the cultural gift of the Black man. "Red stands for the struggle, blood, sweat and the courage it has taken to rebuild this community," Carter added.

The required uniform colors for the children "helps keep us



Ruth Carter, principal of Fifth City Preschool, 3411 W. 5th Ave., watches over some of her clients while reading school literature. (Defender photo by Walter S. Mitchell III)

together and it gives us pride in what we do," she said.

"Fifth City also represents a symbol called the Iron Man," Carter said, noting that the piece of art is carved out of iron to resemble a man and helps to demonstrate pride.

The school represents four curricula for teaching: basic, relational, developmental and imaginal.

Explaining, Carter said the "basic represents teaching the children about reading, writing and language, and relational is a curriculum for teaching the child how to relate to his or her family and community."

She said developmental education "has to do with each child's creativity and helping to build that child's mind." Imaginal is a curriculum known for teaching the children "about their limited possibilities and the mystery part of life."

Besides Carter, the school management team includes Betty Veal, Anna Coor and Joyce Jor-

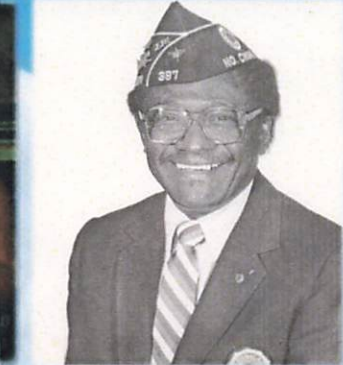
dan. Fifth City also has other staff members, in addition to the board of directors, advisory board and consultants.

According to Carter, the school was ranked as one of the top 16 preschools in the nation in the early 70s.

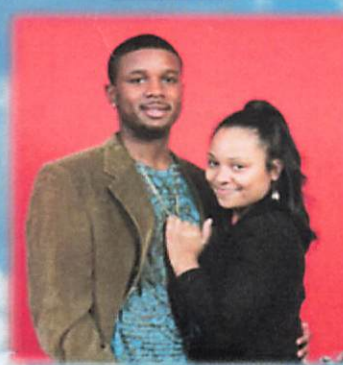
The school receives financial and other support from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Harris Foundation, McCormick Trust, United Way, Kraft, Albert Pic Jr. Fund, Northern Trust, the Ecumenical Institution, the Fifth City Reformation Corp. and other private and individual donors.

Carter says a program such as theirs, "is a program which is needed in our community because some of the children come from families who are struggling.

Our Precious Memories



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My Love,
Words cannot express
how I feel. You were my
friend, my lover, my eve-
rything. You were my
love. I will carry you in
my heart for eternity.
You were beautiful
inside and out. So Sleep
well my love,
Love, Mr. Jones

Granny what do you say to someone who has always been there through good times and bad times. To someone who has been the greatest role model. Teaching us about self respect, dignity and loyalty. Who taught us to be independent and stand on our own.

Granny what do we say to someone who has taught us to love one another in spite of our differences. You taught us to be God fearing and to stand on his word.

Granny what do we say to someone who has lots of Grands and Great-Grands but always seemed to make each and everyone of us feel so special like we was the only one to exist.

Granny what do we say to someone who always saw the best in people when they didn't see it themselves. A women who was the foundation, the anchor, and the back bone of the family.

We say we love you, all your teaching, hard work and family dedication will not be in vain, but God loves you best, living the right way, we will meet again inside the heavenly gates. Where there will be no more dieing, sorrow or pain. Until then, you will greatly be missed.

Love, your grandchildren, Aki, Latrice, Michael, Crystal, Monica, Lil Tony & Antonio



Ruth Carter, the Iron Women (God Fearing Women)



Our mother the Iron Women, she was the first Impressive Woman we knew. She amazed us every day with her strength, courage and her wisdom. We will forever be grateful for the influence she has had on our lives, the lessons she taught, the many sacrifices she made for us and this community in which she loved so much. She loved everyone unconditional and supported this community her entire life. If she saw you struggling she'd pick you up and carry you across, she was truly an iron woman.

This woman of iron her name id Ruth Carter, her heart was only 20 percent functional, yet if the 5th City Pre School was in imamate danger, she would have used all 20 percent trying to make it to those kids and teachers to save their lives. She was truly a unique woman, one of a kind, our mother who will forever live in you hearts and through our children. She gave hope and inspiration. She embodied our core values as she led by example. A mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother.

But the most important thing that she taught us is that God is God all by himself. And whenever we get weak just call on the name of Jesus, and look to the hills which cometh our help because all our help come from the Lord. Sit down servant and rest a little while. Momma, you have done a extranomacal job and we thank you, we can't thank you enough, job well done, Rest In Peace.

Your Children, Denise, James, Regina and Michael



Our Tributes

Dear Granny,

Granny we thank you for the foundation you laid and for blessing us with our dad. You have been an ear when the waves of life crashed against us and you have taught us many lessons in love, loyalty, and hard work. Our hearts were broken the day God called you home, but we knew God needed you more. For us, it was just too soon. We rejoice for you life and our time with you. You will forever remain in our hearts. We miss you!!

Love, Tiffany, Darnell, Tinelle, Lil Mike, Kyle, Kahari and your Great-grand Children



What can I say about my grandmother. Kind neutering, warm, loving and gentle. These are all the things that you've shown me, and I will always remember your warm smile. Thank you for always having open arms to me and my family. Thank you for excepting me for me.

*We will forever & always love and miss you,
Your grand children Tiffany, and great grand children*



Pallbearers

*Terry Carter
Michael Townsend
Darnell Usry
Aki Moore
Joe Gathings
James Johnson*



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