



Clarence G. Carter

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Clarence Carter, legendary soul singer, songwriter, and entertainer known for timeless hits such as “Patches,” “Slip Away,” and the fan favorite “I Be Strokin’,” passed away peacefully at the age of 90.

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, Clarence Carter overcame blindness at an early age and went on to become one of the most recognizable voices in Southern soul and R&B music. With a career spanning more than six decades, his powerful vocals, storytelling ability, and unforgettable stage presence earned him fans across generations.

Clarence Carter’s music touched lives around the world and helped shape the sound of soul music for years to come. Whether performing heartfelt ballads or energetic crowd favorites, he brought joy, laughter, and emotion to every performance. Visitation, Wednesday, May 20, 2026 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory Celebration of Life Services Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 11:00 AM 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, Georgia 30034

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett and Son Funeral Home - Flat Shoals Location
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
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Celebration of Life

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Sincerest condolences Joyce, on the loss of your husband. May he rest in peace. From your former neighbors, Jerry and Dee.

Jerry ChrissJackson - June 10 at 04:42 PM

LC

“ I loved his music, brings back so many good memories of the passed. Like "Slip Away" !!!

Louise Coleman - June 01 at 11:45 AM

SY

“ Sylvia lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. Carter



Sylvia - May 28 at 11:31 PM

RM

“ My Condolences To The Family it was nice meeting you the times you would come back to visit your family in Montgomery Mrs Irene you mother and my good friend your sister Ruth RIP

Ricky Mencer - May 24 at 09:22 AM

MW

“ My mother and I always played your songs srokeb was the best we went out once a week played it first you will be missed

Margurette Weese - May 21 at 10:19 PM

MA

“ *Many Heartfelt Condolences To Clarence Carter Family: Clarence will be in your Hearts Forever. He will be Remembered and Deeply Missed by all family and friends who knew and loved him. May the God of all Comfort be with your family at this Difficult time: 2Cor 1:3,4 and Rev 21:4*

Maria A - May 21 at 02:37 PM

RJ

“ *Richard Johnson lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. Carter*



Richard Johnson - May 21 at 02:22 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Lacy Moore lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. Carter*



Pamela Lacy Moore - May 21 at 08:00 AM

AG

“ *Special condolences from Annie Louise Carter's grandson. I always wanted to meet you and the family. We never met, yet you are deeply missed. The love we have for you doesn't require a memory only an eternal connection*



Love, Sir Richmond Jacobs, Demetrius Jacobs, LaTonya Riley and Robert Littles III

Annie Louise Carter's grandchildren - May 20 at 08:41 AM

VD

“ *Velma D lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. Carter*



Velma D - May 19 at 04:13 PM

WW

“ *WM Cooney and WP Wesley purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Clarence G. Carter.*



WM Cooney and WP Wesley - May 19 at 01:52 PM

CC

“ *Deepest condolences to Sister Cheryl Jackson and the Carter family. We are deeply sorry for your loss and pray for your strength, peace, and understanding during this difficult time. Sent with love and remembrance from your PHAmily, Hendley Chapter No. 855, Order of Eastern Star.*

*God Bless,
WM Clarissa Cooney
WP Brandon Wesley*

Clarissa Cooney - May 19 at 12:23 PM



“ *Thank you Mr Clarence for being a part of our South Carolina family for over 50years . We will miss you ❤️🙏*
D. Frederick

Debra Pelzer - May 18 at 03:18 PM

IS

“ *I H Stokes lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. Carter*



I H Stokes - May 18 at 02:12 PM

IS

“ *Condolences to Mr. Carter's family. I still play his music.*

I H Stokes - May 18 at 02:11 PM

HL

“ *hilda linwood lit a candle. love you.*

hilda linwood - May 18 at 01:31 PM

WW

“ *Thank you Mr. Carter for sharing your God given talent with the world. Your contribution to music will never be forgotten by your true fans. Rest in paradise sir. Champ Whitley, Tar Heel, N.C.*

WILLIAM WHITLEY - May 17 at 10:13 PM

CG

“ *Prayers Always to the Family 🙏 Sheridan Heights n Brookview Community, Montgomery, Alabama Love Always. You will always be in our memories 🙏❤️*



Connie Gantt - May 17 at 02:59 PM

SB

“ *Shellen N Bryant lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. Carter*



Shellen N Bryant - May 16 at 12:04 PM

SB

“ He was such a joy to be in the company of. I got the privilege and pleasure to meet and spend time with him, Candi Staton, his brother Skitt, and the band often back in the days when they would perform at HARLEM CULB owned by uncle Joe and aunt Vie, in Ludiwici Ga. We stayed in touch and years later after I moved to Atlanta, he would invite my children and I to his home when he lived off Campbell Road and his recent home down off Flat Shoals Parkway as we would often go to eat at Piccadilly down on Candler Rd. He offered to teach my sons how to play various instruments and encouraged them into music as they often reflected upon. He truly was an amazing musician who was able to play most instruments, and a delightful great person to have in our lives. Sheila Nails

Shellen N Bryant - May 16 at 11:57 AM

CN

“ May the Almighty God grant the family strength and comfort during this difficult time.



Carolyn Nelson - May 15 at 07:43 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Barnett lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. Carter



Carolyn Barnett - May 15 at 07:18 PM

WS

One of my all-time favorites may God be with you clearence

Willie smith - May 16 at 11:43 AM

GG

“ *Gloria Gresham lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. Carter*



Gloria Gresham - May 15 at 04:11 PM

VW

“ *Virginia Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Clarence G. Carter*



Virginia Wilson - May 14 at 05:47 PM