



Gerald Calvin Carter

March 3, 1959 - September 26, 2023

On Tuesday, March 3, 1959, in Charlotte, NC, Gerald Calvin Carter was born to Barbara and Haywood Carter, Jr. Gerald was the eldest of five siblings, who were all raised by their loving parents, Barbara, and Leonard Howard.

As a child, Gerald was shy and had a slight stutter. His uncle Billy Talbert saw the genius in Gerald and sent him to a private school in 1965. Then, from 1974-1977, Gerald attended Independence Senior High School.

Gerald was a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Society, Student Council Executive Committee, and the newspaper.

Gerald graduated number thirty-three out of approximately seven hundred and forty-two students and was classified number one amongst his African American peers.

The next stop for Gerald on his journey called life was at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. While in college Gerald was the lead actor in plays, a published poet, and became a distinguished, dedicated, and intricate member of the Nu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Spring '78).

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting (1981), then

began his career at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as an intern.

Gerald's dearest stop on his journey was when he met his forever flower of thirty-six years, Renee Grimsley. Gerald and Renee made their holy union on August 15, 1987, and became the Carters.

Shortly after their union, the Carters moved to Atlanta, GA, where they began their family. Gerald and Renee brought two sons and a beautiful daughter into the world.

Gerald instilled many values in his children. Gerald's journey shaped him into an extraordinary man. As a family man, a father, an Alpha brother, a Christian, a role model, a former president of Panola Mill and Meadowbrook Glen Homeowner's Associations, a coach to many boys who grew into men, a devoted friend, and a community leader.

Gerald began a path to changing not only his life, but many others. He left an impact on many lives that will last forever.

Gerald retired from the IRS in 2021, a place where he enjoyed working for forty years. Retirement was a time in Gerald's life when he was at peace. He could spend it with his forever flower, Renee, family, and loved ones. During his retirement, he was able to spend more time doing the activities he loved, such as gardening, attending sporting events (Falcons, Hawks, and Braves), traveling with family and friends, and critiquing movies.

On Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 10:25 p.m., Gerald's journey called life came to an end at Grady Health System. Gerald was preceded in death by his fathers, Haywood Carter Jr. and Leonard Howard; grandparents, Sylvester (Katherine) Talbert, Ernest (Sue) Howard, and Haywood (Minnie) Carter, Sr.

Gerald will live forever through the many stories he shared and the memories he made with those who crossed his path.

Gerald leaves loved ones whom he cherished to carry on his legacy: his forever flower of 36 years, Renee; two outstanding sons, Julian and Matthew; one awesome and precious daughter, Jessica; a beloved Mother, Barbara Bailey; three wonderful sisters, Sharon(Mendel) Mackey, Kathy Carter, Tonya(Jeffrey) Krider, one treasured brother, Paul(Willie Rose-deceased) Howard, a sweet sister in law, Gloria McKinnie Lashley, Brothers-in-Law, Bernard(Cecelia) McKinnie, Michael(Tonia) McKinnie, an adored Mother-in-law, Elnora(Willie Earl–deceased)Grimsley, father-in-law, Caleb(Marvia) McKinnie, one cherished uncle, Johnny (Julie)Carter, two beloved aunts, Dr. Doris (Eddie-deceased) Ward, Carol Williams, many loved nieces, nephews, a host of relatives, and friends.

Gerald touched a multitude of lives in so many ways! Gerald will live on forever through memories, prayers, and legendary stories cherished by his loved ones. Gone but not forgotten!

<https://vimeo.com/event/3754700>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

OCT 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Gerald Calvin Carter in memory of Gerald Calvin Carter* ”



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - September 30, 2023 at 10:01 AM

TH

Renee & Family My Deepest Condolences.

*Gerald was a friend for life. We loved playing tennis together through high school and college.
And in life Gerald was steady and dependable. Always checking in on others.
Even though we did not see each other much later in our lives, when we did our friendship fit like a hand in glove; never missing a beat.
Truly a Friend for Live Was He.*

*Love always,
Tammy Haygood*

Tammy Haygood - October 07, 2023 at 02:57 PM

RH

Praise God! Very uplifting Celebration of Life for Gerald 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Rita Hector - October 07, 2023 at 04:58 PM



I went to school with Gerald Carter from the sixth grade to the 10th grade. He was a wonderful person and we got along because my name was Gerald also. One thing about Gerald, Carter he was never judge mental. He excepted people for who they were. We were close, I moved to Atlanta in 82 and I think he moved to Atlanta in 83. I met his wonderful wife . He will be greatly missed. I just found out and I'm pretty much devastated but I know he's in a better place.

Gerald Surratt - March 08, 2024 at 01:18 AM

JM

“ *Jahleel Mackey sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Calvin Carter*



jahleel mackey - December 13, 2023 at 12:25 PM

AT

“ *We're praying for the family's peace and comfort. I worked with Gerald twice over the years. Gerald always had a story to share which usually expressed his great love for his wife and children. He told me he loved to host his family and friends in his home. Lastly, Gerald took great care of his Mom and always shared insightful stories of the love in his childhood home. Gerald, we joked about your nine lives. It's not over. You're one of your family 's angels now. May the light you shined continue to show others how to really live.*

A. Thomas - October 09, 2023 at 11:44 AM

SD

“ Renee and Family,
I was in shock when I heard of Gerald's passing. We've known each other from the time we were freshman at WCU. I give Gearld all the credit for my career, because he took the co-op job first with IRS-CI, and came back to campus and told me that was the job for me. And that's how I started my long career until retirement 10 years ago. I'm forever grateful for our friendship.
Gerald was a loving and kind Husband, Father and Friend. You will be deeply missed my friend.
Renee, you and your family are in our prayers.
Susan Dukes

Susan Dukes - October 07, 2023 at 10:25 PM

NR

“ Natalie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

Natalie R. - October 07, 2023 at 08:34 PM

CW

“ Carol W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

Carol W. - October 07, 2023 at 06:07 PM

MR

“ To The Carter Family, you have my Deepest and Dearest Condolences. I will continue to keep you all lifted up in prayer.

Mr. Gerald was such a Drum Major in my life and family who will be truly missed.

Our paths crossed when I began working in Examination for the IRS in the 90's.

He was truly an inspiration who displayed compassion for helping others to better understand what motivates life!

He was not only a great friend, but a great brother in Christ, and a So-So Comedian with a dry sense of humor filled with "Truth"!

I will miss the social media clips where we send some funny and some serious ones.

I'm going to really, really miss you my Brother in Christ. As I share tears, this won't be a goodbye, but a farewell.

However, may your spirit soar on the back of the wind to its final resting place surrounded by a cascade of beautiful flowers and a lovely waterfall.

Love, Marilyn Russell, and Family

Marilyn Russell - October 07, 2023 at 03:18 AM

KY

“ Gearld was kne of the first people i met when i set foot on the campus of WCU. He was very supportive of a young brother not knowing what to expect in that world of college. We became great friends even until his death. He will be missed here jn the mountains of Western North Carolina. Rest bro. Mucb live

Kevin young - October 06, 2023 at 11:02 PM

BP

“ Brandon P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

Brandon P. - October 06, 2023 at 08:07 PM

VR

“ My deepest sympathies and prayers to the family. I pray for comfort and peace for all that knew him. May his soul rest in God's comforting arms.



Veronica Richardson - October 06, 2023 at 08:06 PM

JB

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the Carter family! We have known Gerald and family for over 20 years as our neighbor! He has shown through his leadership and involvement in our HOA, that he had always put others first. We have had some very good conversations over the years and will miss his insight and empathetic nature. Gerald will be greatly missed! May you rest in peace and may God sustain your family in this time of loss! The Boards Family

Jackie T. Boards - October 06, 2023 at 07:35 PM

TF

“ The Frink Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



The Frink Family - October 06, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.*



October 06, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.*



October 06, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I met Gerald while working at the IRS Kroger Center Building. Talking with him when we first met I learned he was from Charlotte, NC and I was from Morganton, NC about 45 minutes away from each other, Gerald also attended the same college as one of my High school classmates. It was always a pleasure talking with Gerald, he was always had a warming smile and very kind.*

Janice Hunter

Janice Hunter - October 06, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ After meeting Gerald at the Peachtree Summit Building, Gerald was like the big brother I never had. I will cherish the many work lunches, laughs, and conversations but more so the friendship that we had. When I relocated from Atlanta, he always made a way or set aside time even for a quick chat, which is so important. Even as of a few weeks ago we realized we were both in the Charlotte area visiting at the same time and had just missed each other. He also made me feel welcome as part of his family in the times in which I had the honor of being invited over, meeting Renee, Jessica, Julian, and Matthew. I am really going to miss my brother, our conversations and laughs. At this time I send my heartfelt prayers and condolences. I will miss you bro. Much love.

Shawn Eddinfield - October 05, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Carter Family. I met Gerald early on in his career as a Revenue Agent and found him to be a very kindhearted young man. He maintained this demeanor throughout his esteemed career. May God’s comforting spirit surround his wife, children and the many IRS friends that grieve. Gerald will be greatly missed.



Wanda Edmondson - October 04, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 04, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 04, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 04, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

October 04, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 04, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 04, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 04, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 04, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Gerard and Lea Phillips purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



Gerard and Lea Phillips - October 03, 2023 at 06:37 PM

DC

“ DEACON ANTHONY TAYLOR WAKE
CHAPEL CHURC lit a candle in memory of
Gerald Calvin Carter



DEACON ANTHONY TAYLOR WAKE CHAPEL CHURC - October 03, 2023 at
01:01 AM

TB

“ The IRS Lunch Bunch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

The IRS Lunch Bunch - October 02, 2023 at 02:46 PM

TB

“ The IRS Lunch Bunch purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



The IRS Lunch Bunch - October 02, 2023 at 02:46 PM

QW

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family of my fraternal brother Gerald Carter. Gerald was one of the first people I met when I moved to Atlanta. His humor always created a positive vibe to be around. You will be greatly missed my brother. RIP

Quentin Williams - October 02, 2023 at 02:30 PM

PJ

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family. I have so many fond memories of Gerald especially hanging out at those Luxury Resorts at the Beach.. I'm going to miss him very much. He would go out of his way to help anyone that he knew.. I'm sorry but I could go on for hours about this great man however I better stop right here.. You will be greatly missed, Paul Jones

Paul Jones - October 02, 2023 at 01:44 PM

SM

💕💕💕 My brother really loved you too. Anyways asking about you. Thank you so much for your kindest words in remembrance of My Big Brother. Traveling Well With The Ancestors now❤️☐

Sharon Carter Mackey - October 03, 2023 at 12:16 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 02, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

October 02, 2023 at 11:35 AM

KD

“ Sending my sincere condolences to you and your family Renee. I have very fond memories of when we were neighbors years ago. I watched you and Gerald grow your family with wonderful boys. After moving away and time passing he always stayed in touch asking about my son and grandkids and I'd also see him at the Falcon games. Our last conversation was talking about our retirement from IRS and my new grand baby born last year. 🥹 my prayers are with the entire family. 🙏 Kathy Davis

Kathy Davis - October 02, 2023 at 09:39 AM

AB

“ Greg was a great coworker and friend. He will be missed. Our condolences to his family and friends at this sad time. Alton Berger and family.

Alton Lamount Berger - October 02, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 01, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



October 01, 2023 at 01:57 PM

TS

“ I met Gerald in 1993 when I became a union representative in Georgia. We always had lively conversations around life and what was happening on the job. He was ALWAYS easy talking and calm and I always appreciated the easy low toned conversations. 🙏🙏🙏

Terry Scott - October 01, 2023 at 01:01 PM

DC

My Revenue Agent Brother kept me laughing hysterically EVERY time we had a conversation! So shocked and to hear his transition, but to be absent from the body used to be present with the Lord may his soul R.I.P. 💔🙏🙏

Debra Chandler - October 01, 2023 at 07:21 PM

DC

*is to be present...

Debra Chandler - October 01, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

October 01, 2023 at 07:45 AM

LC

“ Cousin Renée Carter and family, we extend our deepest condolences to you all. May God continue to bless you all with His love, peace, and comfort you. And in due time, He will restore your joy! Allow the joy of the Lord be your strength. Reminder, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. With all of our love, Cousins Claudia Prince, David Prince, LaVerne Prince Cofield, Chenille Prince, and Tommy Prince. 🙏🙏



LaVerne Prince Cofield - September 30, 2023 at 11:26 PM

JT

“ I met Gerald in my office building and it was not long before he became one of my closest friends with his caring nature and funny sense of humor. In his easy way, he shared his family and I easily fell in love with Renee, Matt and Jessica (never got to meet Julian), and it felt like I knew his mom, sisters and brother when he shared stories of them. I will cherish all the laughs, especially ones he gave me the day before he went to be with the lord...he called to cheer me up because my dad was in the hospital. Keep on laughing my friend💜

Jackie Thompson - September 30, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

September 30, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



September 30, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.

September 30, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.*



September 30, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *To Renee and the entire Carter Family. We were truly saddened to hear of Gerald's passing. We have so many memories of the times spent together in Charlotte. Gerald was a a great friend and will be truly missed. Please know that we will be praying for you and your family in the days and weeks to come.*

With Love,



Brenda and Michael Jones

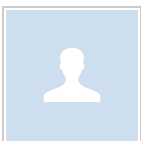
Brenda Jones - September 30, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.*



September 30, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Calvin Carter.*

September 30, 2023 at 08:38 AM

SW

“ Renee and family I am sorry for your loss. Gerald was a great, loving and considerate friend. We had some great times. Always there to lend a hand. He will surely be missed. Our prayers are with you and the family.

Solomon Walthour - September 30, 2023 at 06:29 AM

PT

“ Praying for you & kids. Will always remember our times on the Panola Mills HOA board and our New Year's Eve Meals. Good times!
Love you all,
Patrice & Roderick Tharpe & Tanesha
Bradshaw



Patrice Tharpe - September 29, 2023 at 08:40 PM

BR

“ Renee and family, I did not know Gerald but I know that you made sure Gerald was taken care of. There were many days during our conversations, you would say "Gerald this and Gerald that". My heart goes out to you all and may God continue to watch over you all doing this time. Belinda Raynor

Belinda A Raynor - September 29, 2023 at 08:11 PM

FF

“ From Jamal & The Wardlaw Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gerald Calvin Carter.



From Jamal & The Wardlaw Family - September 29, 2023 at 06:38 PM

LS

“ To the Carter family. I am praying for you as you grieve the loss of an excellent husband, father, and friend. Take the time to grieve and heal. Loretta Shelton

Loretta Shelton - September 29, 2023 at 06:26 PM

SE

“ While I did not have the pleasure of ever meeting Gerald, Sharon is one of my dearest friends. Form all the fond memories I have read here, coupled with Sharon's account of the part that Gerald played in her life, that the apple doesn't not fall far from the tree would be an accurate statement. Sleep well, Gerald...

Shervia Ervin - September 29, 2023 at 04:43 PM

NA

“ I'm truly sorry to hear about the loss of Gerald . His humor always brightened my day over the years we worked together , and when we were at the gym. He will be deeply missed. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.

naomi - September 29, 2023 at 04:29 PM

TG

A really great, kind, involved human being...our last conversation ended with Gerald having to end the call to see about a family member!!...Rest well until we finish our call Gerald 🙏

Tammy Grimes - September 29, 2023 at 04:47 PM

CF

Hi Sharon, I was saddened to hear about the transition for Gerald. I remember him from growing up in the neighborhood as a kid. Your "Big Brother" was always very kind and patient with all of your younger friends. Rest well now Gerald your mission and purpose have been served here. My prayers are with you Sharon, and the family. Cheryl (Kinard) Falzone

Cheryl K Falzone - September 30, 2023 at 05:33 PM

KE

I am so sad to hear about the loss of Gerald. Gerald and I grew up together in Charlotte NC and went to school together as well. I saw him a few years ago here in Charlotte at the CIAA and we made it a point to meet since we hadn't seen each other in years. He was a very kind, and smart man. He will be truly missed. Rest Easy Gerald in God's Arms. Cookie

Karen "Cookie" Eggleston - October 10, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *Extending prayers of God's comfort to Gerald's entire family! He was a funny, easy going and kind person to work with for many years! May peace be with all who loved and knew him!*



Piper Williams - September 29, 2023 at 04:21 PM

NA

“ *My cousin was a giving and loving person who loved his family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him. A light in this world, and memories of his life will continue to be a light in this world. Beautiful person!! Love, prayer and condolences to Renee and children, and our families.*

Natalie - September 29, 2023 at 03:38 PM

EJ

“ *My most sincere condolences and prayers are with the family. Gerald was surely one of the good guys. He always had something funny and smart to share. I am so thankful we chatted last Thursday on my birthday when he said, "I remember the 21st day of September " that's just how caring Gerald always was.*



Ethel Johnson - September 29, 2023 at 03:30 PM

RH

“Gerald was always a very helpful and loyal friend who gave assistance, support and guidance when needed. Thank you Renee and family for sharing him with us. Keeping you lifted in prayer

Rita Hector - September 29, 2023 at 03:09 PM

CC

Gerald was in the same home room with me at independence high school in charlotte.

cheri caudle - September 29, 2023 at 10:50 PM