



Lewis Windol Carter

November 15, 1945 - January 19, 2026

Lewis Carter, affectionately known as Uncle Billy, was born on November 15, 1945, in Decatur, Georgia, to the late Ossie and Maude (Usher) Carter. He was the youngest of ten children—five boys and five girls—and from the very beginning, he was surrounded by love, faith, and strong family bonds.

Lewis was a true cornerstone of his community—deeply cherished, widely respected, and sincerely celebrated. He gave his life to Christ at an early age and united with Friendship Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. Later in life, he joined Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Lilburn, Georgia, where he faithfully served as a devoted member of the Usher Board.

He attended Hamilton High School in Scottdale, Georgia, and was a proud graduate of the Class of 1964.

In 1968, Lewis began his career with Ford Motor Company, where he quickly earned a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and dependability. After 30 years of loyal and dedicated service, he retired in 1998, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and respect.

On July 6, 1985, Lewis was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Vanessa Malcome. Their marriage, rooted in love, commitment, and faith, remained a beautiful testament to devotion throughout the years. To this

union, one son was born, Jonquil.

Lewis was a master craftsman whose hands were never idle. Whether restoring an engine or tending to his beloved garden, he poured passion and care into everything he touched. He found peace, purpose, and joy in the outdoors, leaving a lasting mark through both his work and his quiet presence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ossie and Maude Carter; his brothers, Sylvester, Robert, Ralph, and Peter; and his sisters, Lula, Pearl, Geneva, and Catherine.

Lewis leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 40 years, Vanessa Carter; five children, Jairus, Lori, Courtney, Innie, and Jonquil; three grandchildren, Andrew, Madison, and Zoey; one sister, Clara Solomon; two special nieces, Alice (Cal) and Deon (Bae Bae); and a host of loving nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and dear friends.

To all who knew him, Lewis was the very definition of faithfulness, a quality that shaped his character and guided his life. His unwavering kindness, gentle patience, and tireless dedication to his family, church, and community were powerful testimonies, lived out faithfully every single day.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 4 PM - 8 PM, here at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Flat Shoals Chapel, 4347 Flat Sholas Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034.

The Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026, at 11 AM, Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 4700 Church Street, NW, Lilburn, Georgia 30048, with repast to follow.

The burial will be held after the repast at Washington Memorial Gardens, 700 Jordan Lane, Decatur, GA 30033.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5686186>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service - Attend Live or via Livestream

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Salem Missionary Baptist Church
4700 Church Street Northwest
Lilburn, GA 30048-3801

<https://vimeo.com/event/5686186>

Burial

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Washington Memorial Gardens
700 Jordan Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-5731

Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up in the Washington Park Community, we were a close net community. To the Carter Family I sent my deepest condolences to you. May you find peace and comfort in the Lord. Davina Edwards-Lunsford



Davina Edwards-Lunsford - January 30 at 04:31 PM

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“ Ernestine Edwards purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Lewis Windol Carter.



Ernestine Edwards - January 29 at 05:53 PM

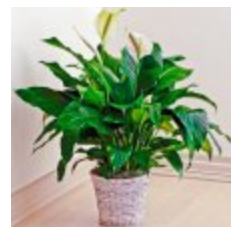
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“ My condolences to Vanessa and family, I have known Wendell since 4th grade, at Robert Shaw Elementary school, our friendship goes back a long way, he will be missed, you all stay strong, as we keep you in our prayers, Patricia Dean Washington, class of 1964 Hamilton High School

Patricia Washington - January 29 at 03:44 PM

FS

“ From East Metro EMT Services purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Lewis Windol Carter.



From East Metro EMT Services - January 28 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family. We are so sorry for your loss. The Lee Family*



The Lee Family - January 24 at 04:53 PM

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“ *Vanessa and family:*

Please accept our sincere condolences as God strengthens you; he is with you and is helping you as you go through this sad time. Do not be afraid and remember, no more pain and suffering for Lewis!



On behalf of the Hamilton High School Class of 1964

Mary Lucas - January 22 at 09:56 PM