



Ms. Tracy Denise Carter

October 25, 1963 - May 7, 2019

****NOTE: Service Times & Location Listed Below***

Tracy Denise Carter was born October 25, 1963 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. From a young age, Tracy was well-reserved and lovingly known as a bookworm amongst her family and peers. Tracy took a strong interest in academics and was very studious. She was also a natural-born planner. By age 8, she obtained her own bank account and started saving right away. Tracy was her father's twin. She shared Leroy's blunt demeanor and his tough as nails persona; also taking pride in being both logical and financially responsible. It was no surprise, for Tracy, priorities were paramount. Tracy was extremely intelligent, reliable, trustworthy, and the best confidant you could find. It is well known she preferred gaining knowledge above all else. When Tracy was not busy studying, she enjoyed social activities such as swimming, skating, hitting the highway in her car, spending time with loved ones, and believe it or not--- the occasional dance battle. Tracy Denise loved reading history books or romance novels and drinking Vernor's ginger ale or hot green tea. She relished in a variety of different cultural experiences such as eating authentic Indian or Mexican food, speaking Spanish, and performing Latin dance. Tracy loved watching the Travel Channel and the Food Network. Whenever time permitted, Tracy liked being in the kitchen. She would put her culinary skills to the test, preparing flavorful dishes such as jambalaya, specialty nachos, a variety of appetizers, and even desserts.

In 1985, Tracy became a mother for the first time. Strong-willed like her father, Tracy chose to deliver her own baby, refusing to wait until the physician entered back into the room. Tracy remained focused and career-driven her entire life. She would obtain an Associate of Science, graduate with highest honors, and become a member of Phi Theta Kappa while at Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC). Tracy also graduated from Grand Rapids Educational Center (GREC) after successfully completing the Medical Assistant program. She went on to acquire multiple Bachelor's and Master's of Science degrees from Western Michigan University (WMU) in Interdisciplinary Science and Holistic Health, graduating with highest honors in all areas of study. As a member of the National Honors Society, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Sigma Alpha Lambda, and a recurring name on Western's Dean's List; Tracy was recruited by WMU to be a student ambassador. Tracy's thirst for knowledge and accomplishment never ceased. She decided to become certified as an insurance agent. Tracy studied and passed the exam to get her license.

Tracy worked for several medical facilities, including the Family Health Center, and was a Medical Assistant instructor at Ross Medical Educational Center. In addition, Tracy served at Christian Life Center (Stones Church) in the Children's Ministry and the Medical Response Team. Tracy's ultimate goal was to be a physician. She passed her Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and planned to further her education to become a holistic physician. This pursuit was derailed in December 2014 as she was diagnosed with stage 4, terminal cancer of the appendix. An inspiration to those around her, Tracy held steadfast, battling the c-word without restraint for as long as she could. Sadly, on May 7, 2019, Tracy transitioned peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by her loved ones.

Preceding Tracy in death are her grandparents: Looney and Maxie

Weatherspoon, and Austin and Gwendolyn Garrison; Aunts: Ruthie Mae (Goodie) Williams and Beatrice (Beanie) Garrison; Uncles: George Garrison, Elmer Weatherspoon, Albert Weatherspoon, Joe Weatherspoon, and Charlie Weatherspoon; Sister-in-law: Liz Weatherspoon; and many other extended family members.

Tracy Carter is survived today by her parents: Leroy (Loudy) and Margaret Weatherspoon; Siblings: Felicia (Jeffery) Townsend, Leroy Weatherspoon Jr, Jeanette (James) Mattox, Kevin Carter, and Michael Carter; Her loving children: Amber Scott, Jaren Scott, and Michael Leroy Carter; and her only grandchild: Adriel Francisco Zabala. Tracy is also held dearly by her lifelong friend: Gregory Scott; and special cousins: Sherry (Stan) Coffee-Ezell and Ajah (Justin) Gipson; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Stones Church
1225 W. Paterson Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

MAY 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stones Church
1225 W. Paterson Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Lakeysha Pratt*



lakeydha Pratt - May 30, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ *Bari Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Bari Brown - May 25, 2019 at 11:00 PM

WF

“ Our deepest condolences.
The Fields Family



Wendy Fields - May 24, 2019 at 05:34 AM

CB

“ Crystal Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Tracy Denise Carter



Crystal Bell - May 22, 2019 at 11:10 AM

CB

“ Carter & Witherspoon family, so sorry for your loss. My condolences
to all of you. Just found about Tracy today 🙏

Crystal Bell - May 22, 2019 at 11:06 AM

ES

“ Ethel Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Tracy Denise Carter



Ethel Smith - May 19, 2019 at 08:07 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Earline Fields - May 18, 2019 at 06:29 PM

TF

“ The Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



The Fields Family - May 18, 2019 at 06:27 PM

CB

“ Claudia Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



claudia Barbee - May 17, 2019 at 09:25 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Dallas Boards and family - May 17, 2019 at 02:19 PM

AL

“ Angie L lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Angie L - May 17, 2019 at 09:08 AM

LA

“ Tracy you are loved and will truly be missed by so many. You greeted everyone with your warm smile and a heart that was so kind. I love and will miss you Tracy ❤️😘
Mom Weatherspoon my prayers are with you and your family.
Praying for y'all To Be Strong In The Lord and In The Power of His Might! ❤️

Lorraine Abbott - May 17, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - May 16, 2019 at 03:04 PM

OO

“ Ora O'Connell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Ora O'Connell - May 16, 2019 at 12:11 PM

JP

“ James And Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



James and Barbara Phillips - May 16, 2019 at 10:07 AM

HW

“ Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Helen Word - May 16, 2019 at 09:51 AM

JE

“ Jacqueline Ezell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Jacqueline Ezell - May 16, 2019 at 09:27 AM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss we were family from church, we send our condolences The Watkins Family

alisa watkins - May 16, 2019 at 08:36 AM

TW

“ Tammie W lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Tammie W - May 16, 2019 at 08:29 AM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Edith Gardner - May 15, 2019 at 10:39 PM

NM

“ Ms. Carter was such a wonderful person, and I loved working with her. She was loved and respected by her colleagues and students, and she left a lasting impression on everyone with whom she interacted. I'm so appreciative that I had the opportunity to call her my friend. She'll be greatly missed.

Nikki Martini - May 15, 2019 at 03:44 PM

MB

“ *Michael Lionel Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Michael Lionel Brown - May 15, 2019 at 11:17 AM

FM

“ *Fondly, Vicki Boody Mourer purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter.*



Fondly, Vicki Boody Mourer - May 15, 2019 at 10:23 AM

VM

“ *I worked with Tracy at Ross Medical. She was one of my most dependable, hard working instructors. She was a joy to work with and her students loved and respected her. It is a great loss and she will be missed.*



Vicki Boody Mourer - May 15, 2019 at 09:53 AM

TR

“ *Tracy Charleston-Blakes*



Tracy - May 14, 2019 at 04:24 PM

VI

“ *Vickyburns lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



vickyburns - May 14, 2019 at 08:42 AM

LH

“ *L Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



L Hill - May 13, 2019 at 10:49 PM

NH

“ *Nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Nanette Hickman - May 13, 2019 at 08:21 PM

BB

“ *Betty Blanks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Betty Blanks - May 13, 2019 at 07:27 PM

JW

“ *Jeanetta Walker*
Douglasville Ga



Jeanetta Walker - May 13, 2019 at 06:54 PM

FR

“ *Frank&BettyFord lit a candle in memory of*
Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Frank&BettyFord - May 13, 2019 at 04:20 PM

LP

“ *Lynn Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of*
Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Lynn Patterson - May 13, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ *Karest Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of*
Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Karest Brown - May 13, 2019 at 01:11 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Pauline Gardner - May 12, 2019 at 10:42 PM

AB

“ *Angela Buchanan-Tabron sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Angela Buchanan-Tabron - May 12, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ *Lenora Burnett Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Lenora Burnett Williams - May 12, 2019 at 07:32 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Carolyn Walker - May 12, 2019 at 04:38 PM

BB

“ *Bari Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Bari Brown - May 11, 2019 at 11:33 PM

TF

“ *The Gilleylen Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



The Gilleylen Family - May 11, 2019 at 09:46 PM

LL

“ *Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Lula Ligon - May 11, 2019 at 08:06 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra Hughes- Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Sandra Hughes- Johnson - May 11, 2019 at 07:58 AM

JH

“ Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Jerry Harris - May 11, 2019 at 01:49 AM

SW

“ Sidney Weatherspoon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Sidney Weatherspoon - May 10, 2019 at 10:12 PM

VA

“ Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Victor & Margo Anderson - May 10, 2019 at 07:03 PM

HF

“ Helen Brooks & Barbee Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Helen Brooks & Barbee Family - May 10, 2019 at 05:47 PM

RW

“ Cousins you are all in my prayers.



Remenyi Ann Williams - May 10, 2019 at 02:01 PM

MW

“ Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Minister Flora Walker - May 10, 2019 at 12:10 PM

KG

“ Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Karen Gray - May 10, 2019 at 11:56 AM

DB

“ Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - May 10, 2019 at 11:15 AM

FS

“ *Fannie Sheppard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Fannie Sheppard - May 10, 2019 at 10:27 AM

PM

“ *Patricia Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Patricia Moore - May 10, 2019 at 09:06 AM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy Denise Carter*



Selena Walker - May 10, 2019 at 07:40 AM

AW

Lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tracy D. Carter

Anthony and Lorraine Weatherspoon - May 13, 2019 at 06:38 PM