



## Mrs. Johnnie June Carter

December 9, 2012

CARTER, Johnnie June, 82, of Wimauma, Florida, entered into eternal rest on December 9th, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband William Leonard Carter, Sr., and daughter Sonnet Carter. She is survived by her children Lynn Carter, Nita Carter-Lopez, Billy Carter, II. (Linda), and John Carter (Betty); grandchildren Lisa, Summer, Adam, Johnnie June, and Courtney; 4 great-grandsons; and many other loving family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, December 17th at 11:00 A.M. at Alafia Baptist Church, 222 Alafia Church Rd, Lithia, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Alafia Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a local Alzheimers and/or Dementia charity of your choice. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Alafia Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Alafia Baptist Church  
222 Alafia Church Road  
Lithia, FL

### Celebration of Life

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Johnnie June Carter



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - December 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

“ Mom was so proud of her life, family & friends. She loved telling stories of growing up in Wimauma, her Dad, Dr John Henry Harris, and her loving Mother, Nita Colding Harris. Sisters Joyce Henderson & Jo Harrell. How she would go camping in the Everglades with her family when she was a girl. How all her life she would meet someone & find out that they knew her Dad, Doc Harris of Wimauma. She even did a video on Youtube about him... so very proud of all her family & she wouldn't hesitate to tell you all about them.

Mom was playing the piano in her father's waiting room since she could reach the keyboard. She would entertain the patients waiting to get in to see her father (Dr. Harris) and never stopped since, it was a passion, at times a job, playing at big events & even Malio's in Tampa when she was younger.

Even in the last months, she could read music and play any song (if she heard the melody).

She loved volunteering to play the pipe organs at The Tampa Theater & in Lakeland, and would hold local & national meetings for CFTOS (Central Florida Theater Organ Society) at her home in Wimauma, where she had a music room (designed to look like Tampa Theater) & finally in her 70's, owned her own pipe organ. She was so proud of this that she named her home, Pipe Organ Paradise. She would stop people (anywhere she went) & invite them to come listen to it. We would try to get her to stop inviting strangers over & she would tell us .. "some people will never get the chance to see & listen to a pipe organ, unless I invite them" her enthusiasm was bigger than life. I am so thankful that she lived the later years of her life, living her dream, living in her Pipe Organ Paradise.

The other things I can think of is how she would always tell us, "I've loved you before you were born".. and "I love you sweetly".

*Before she lost most of her memory, she was always happy, loving the clouds, trees, especially the ones that would hang over the roads, the birds & whomever she was around... so very loving. She would always say her favorite color was "peachy" because that was the color of God's beautiful sunsets. When we would drive around, she would always pick out everything she could see that was "peachy" & tell us why, again, it was her favorite color.*

*I remember her always saying sweet dreams before bed.. When I was young and was sick or had some reason I couldn't sleep, she would softly stroke my face, softly stroking over my eyebrows to keep my eyes shut to help me sleep & feel safe. She always made all of us feel safe... we always knew she would be there for us no matter what the problems was. No matter what, no matter where, there is no one, that I know, with more loyalty to family than her, she would fight for you, go to the ends of the earth for you... and she was one would wouldn't stop until she got the results she was after.*

*When my father was dying from cancer, she brought him home to take care of, we would take turns around the clock & she would still get up & go to work. She kept him safe all the way to the end when he lost his battle & was ready to do that for my sister Sonnet when she battled the same cancer, but Sonnet never made it home from the hospital. That might have been the most devastating thing she ever had to endure, burying her daughter. I know she gave them all a big hug when they were able to meet again*

*For my Mother,*

*I hope we made her feel safe in this final part of her life.*

*And now there is no more pain or confusion... just meeting of loved ones lost & playing in a different pipe organ paradise.*

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**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 16, 2012 at 02:18 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Mattis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie June Carter*



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**Lisa Mattis** - December 15, 2012 at 04:18 PM

LM

“ *Granny June was such a strong and fearless woman. She is very much loved and adored by all those who knew her. She was a cornsertone and positive influnce in hundreds of lives while working at HeadStart. She loved life and lived it thoroughly. She was the backbone of the family that kept us all in touch with each other. She will be greatly missed by all. I love you Granny June.*

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**Lisa Mattis** - December 15, 2012 at 04:18 PM

SF

“ For almost 36 years, June has been the only friend I think of and refer to as my “best friend”. She took me under her wing, and saved me from all that was wrong with my life, helped me grow to the woman I am today...and at age 70, still growing! Because of her influence, I went on to raise my own to be smarter, stronger, women and they and I are eternally grateful!

Look at her wonderful smile! Know what it said to me all those many years ago? “Come on, come with me, you’ll be safe...you’ll be OK!” I’ve had cause to celebrate my life ever since June became my friend, my sister, my mom. I don’t know how you thank someone for saving your life, except to say: “June, I’ve loved you for years and that won’t stop now...we have a date, sometime in the future, when it is time for me to join you, and heaven will never be the same again!

*Bon Voyage dear friend!*

*Sandie Fuerst-Griffin*

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**Sandra Y. Fuerst-Griffin** - December 14, 2012 at 09:14 PM

RS

“ So sorry for your loss..June was a lovely lady and will be greatly missed!

*Nell Hewett and Family*



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**Rita Sumner** - December 13, 2012 at 06:20 PM

NC

*Thank you.*

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**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 16, 2012 at 11:03 AM

JO

“ We became family when your granddaughter and my son married & knew each other for such a short time..Rest in Peace Granny June My Love and deepest sympathy to the Carter Family JoAnn



JoAnn O'Rourke - December 13, 2012 at 05:00 PM

NC

Thank you JoAnn

Nita Carter-Lopez - December 14, 2012 at 08:19 AM



Thank you so much!

Summer Sewall - December 14, 2012 at 11:20 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie June Carter



Jennifer Martin - December 13, 2012 at 01:36 PM

NC

Thank you Jen... you pretty much grew up around Granny June & she loved you too.

Nita Carter-Lopez - December 14, 2012 at 08:20 AM



true story ! xoxo

Summer Sewall - December 14, 2012 at 11:20 AM

NC

“ 19 files added to the album *June & Family*



**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 13, 2012 at 09:53 AM

JS

“ *Jana & Timothy Sewall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie June Carter*



**Jana & Timothy Sewall** - December 13, 2012 at 07:29 AM



*Thank you Tim and Jana! Love ya!*

**Summer Sewall** - December 13, 2012 at 09:23 AM

NC

*Thanks Jana & Time.. love to you*

**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 14, 2012 at 08:21 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Summer Sewall** - December 12, 2012 at 07:09 PM

DD

“ *Dawn R. Dasher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie June Carter*



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**Dawn R. Dasher** - December 12, 2012 at 07:09 PM

NC

*Thank you so much*

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**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 14, 2012 at 08:23 AM



“ *Summer Sewall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie June Carter*



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**Summer Sewall** - December 12, 2012 at 07:05 PM

NC

*love you*

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**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 14, 2012 at 08:23 AM



“ *Barbara Luce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie June Carter*



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**barbara luce** - December 12, 2012 at 04:58 PM

NC

*Thank you Bobbi*

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**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 14, 2012 at 08:23 AM

NC

“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

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**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 12, 2012 at 04:48 PM

NC

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Nita Carter-Lopez** - December 12, 2012 at 04:24 PM