



## Beulah Stowe Carey

June 10, 1924 - June 7, 2024

Life for Mrs. Beulah Lorraine Stowe Carey began June 10, 1924 in Lincolnton, North Carolina. Beulah was born to Peter Stowe and Cora Yarborough. She was eternally grateful for her earthly father, Papa Peter, whose personified heroic acts in the Big Flood in the early 1900s in North Carolina are still remembered and honored. Beulah was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia since she was three weeks old.

Beulah married the love of her life, Richard Carey, Jr., in 1942. From this union, she mothered five children (LaSharon, Richard III, Reginald Sr., Lottie, and Katura) whom she nurtured, motivated, and inspired to become all that they could become. Beulah was a proud graduate of I.C. Norcom High School and loved learning so much that she decided to start undergraduate studies at Norfolk State College at the ripe age of 35 years old. Little did she know then that she would receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Norfolk State College, a Master's degree in education from the University of Maine, and further doctoral studies from Hampton Institute and Nova University in Fort Lauderdale. She was an outstanding educator and assistant principal for 27 years with Portsmouth Public School System.

Beulah was a scholar, a civil rights advocate, an avid reader, and a world traveler. Beulah gave all credit to her husband and children for their help and faithfulness in home affairs while she studied and traveled extensively to

several countries including Ghana, Russia, Italy, England, Spain, Haiti, Jamaica – just to mention a few. She was proud to work on behalf of her church and many community organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Norfolk Alumnae Chapter, Diamond Life Member), The Links Incorporated of Portsmouth, the African American Historical Society of Portsmouth, Cooperating Hampton Roads Organizations for Minorities in Engineering (CHROME), Order of the Eastern Star (Truxton Chapter, No. 63), the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP, Life Time Member), and the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE).

Her family always celebrated her fearless willingness to try new things because she followed God who makes all things new. We recall a good-naturedness with which every new opportunity, every crisis was met as she pursued her dreams starting as a secretary, teacher of all, mentor as a principal, resource specialist, and pure lover of education in Portsmouth Public Schools.

Beulah was a lady of enthusiasm, action, and zeal for the promotion of education in every way and yet she is fast to sum all accomplishments in five amazing words – “TO GOD BE THE GLORY.” Throughout her life, Beulah often recalled stories of her “Papa”, her earthly hero, who instilled in her many powerful attributes such as a Christian life, fortitude, hard work, justice, tenacity, perseverance, and determination. She has modeled these attributes to her family, friends, and all of mankind. Left to cherish Beulah’s memory is her daughter Lottie Short (Harry),

grandchildren Rhonda Cuffey (Sonnie), Rosalind Henderson, Reginald Carey, Jr., Bryan Carey (Bridgett), Devona Carey-Leary (Jorvelle), Larry Harvey, Jr., Titus Harvey, Sr. (Nicole), and Petra Harvey, and a host of great and great-great grandchildren. Beulah was predeceased by her husband, Richard

Carey, Jr., and four children LaSharon, Richard III (Marian), Reginald Sr. (Velvoria), and Katura (Larry).

A viewing will be held at JT Fisher Funeral Home on Friday, June 14th from 3pm to 5pm. An Omega Omega Service (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.) will be held after the viewing at 5pm. A homegoing celebration will be conducted on Saturday, June 15th at 10:30am at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, located at 2714 Frederick Blvd, Portsmouth, VA 23704, with the burial immediately following at Roosevelt Memorial Park in Chesapeake, VA. Special thanks to the nurses and staff of Mayfair House for Assisted Living for their compassionate care.

# Cemetery Details

## Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road  
Chesapeake, Va

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Wake Service

JUN 14. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUN **15**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
2714 Frederick Blvd  
Portsmouth, VA 23704-6818  
(757) 399-7182

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Williams Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beulah Stowe Carey.*



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**The Williams Family** - June 15, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ *In our family it was hard to get a minute alone with Aunt Beulah. There were always billions of cousins running around (not to mention her own grandchildren). But somehow, all she needed was a couple of minutes to make you feel special. I admired her so much for being a black woman who travelled the world extensively and thoroughly researched our family's history...what a gift! The last time I saw Aunt Beulah, she was having a hard time getting around, but she immediately knew who I was and got caught up on the last ten years of my life pretty quickly. But I had a surprise for her. I had become a school principal. When I teasingly asked if she could guess what my new job was, she guessed right away. Somehow without even seeing me for years, she was able to see what I couldn't even see for myself. I pray I can bless these generations yet to come with the same gift. Missing you for just a little while, Aunt Beulah.... Angie Stowe Yarbrough*

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**Angie Yarbrough** - June 13, 2024 at 11:57 PM

YO

“ Your friends from Fairfax County OFC.  
purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family  
of Beulah Stowe Carey.



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**Your friends from Fairfax County OFC.** - June 13, 2024 at  
09:08 PM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 13, 2024 at 08:25 PM

JB

“ *Condolences to the Carey, Short and Cuffey Family from the Cuffey,  
Yeoman, Brown, White and Faltz Family!*

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**Joahn Brown** - June 13, 2024 at 05:33 PM

LF

“ Lauren, Ms. Dianne, & The Wagner Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Beulah Stowe Carey.



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**Lauren, Ms. Dianne, & The Wagner Family** - June 13, 2024 at 12:20 AM

WF

“ With sympathy, Lennie & Family purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of Beulah Stowe Carey.



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**With sympathy, Lennie & Family** - June 12, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Beulah Stowe Carey.



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June 12, 2024 at 07:51 PM

CP

“ Corshea, Levar and Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beulah Stowe Carey.

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**Corshea, Levar and Patrick** - June 12, 2024 at 07:51 PM

MW

“ To the family of Ms. Beulah Carey,

*It is with deep sympathy that I offer my condolences during this hour of transition for you. Mrs. Carey was one of my Sunday School teachers at Third Baptist Church during my pre-teen years. I remember that she taught with such zeal and she always found it fitting to share historical information with us. So, along with teaching the scriptures, she was also a major historian.*

*I will always be appreciative of her willingness to share of herself until the very end. Even in recent years, she found ways to assure that she was thinking about more than herself as she often sent messages by various persons about her concern and interests in what was going on "TODAY." She was really a jewel.*

*Let the works she's done speak for her...!*

*Cherish the pleasant memories and allow God to comfort and keep you now and in days to come.*

*With sincere sympathy,*

*Michael Williams  
(Third Baptist Church)*

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**Michael Williams** - June 12, 2024 at 01:31 PM

LG

“ To God be the Glory for such a wonderful Soul. I met Miss Beula through her daughters, Lottie and Keturah many years ago and was impressed with her tenacity and passion for life and others. Rest in Glory Miss Beula, you've earned your wings. Now you join that great cloud of witnesses we call, Ancestors.



Lynn Godfrey - June 12, 2024 at 01:10 PM

DL

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. I remember Mrs. Carey always offering to take us to plays, museums, parades, church events. I'm so thankful and blessed to have been in the presence of such a beautiful person. GOD Blessed us with Mrs. Carey ,placed her in our lives for she instilled so many good traits, morals, and appreciate for all the good in God's peoples. One thing I do remember is she always said "yes what's meant for you will be for you" we salute you and thank you for always being there for us.

Margaret Perry and family.  
May you rest in peace as you will never be forgotten.

Deles lewis - June 11, 2024 at 09:33 PM

LB

“ Mrs. Carey was my Sunday School teacher when I was a teenager. She was always kind, but never tolerated any foolishness. Mrs. Carey's daughter, Mrs. Short also taught at my high school during that time period.



Leigh Burton - June 11, 2024 at 01:58 PM

VD

“ My condolences to the family of Ms. Beulah Stowe Carey. May God give each of you strength to endure this time of sorrow. Know that His grace is sufficient in our weaknesses. God called his faithful servant home to a peaceful and blessed rest. God is Love 🙏



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**Valarie Dozier** - June 11, 2024 at 11:56 AM

YS

*My sincerest condolences to the Carey family despite its lateness. Mrs. Carey was my fifth grade teacher at Moffett Place in Portsmouth and taught me Social Studies and added to my love of reading and research. She gave me my first African American History assignment which introduced me to Mrs. Bertha Edwards, Reference Librarian. She was a good teacher and stern disciplinarian. I would occasionally visit her at her home on Graham Street or have a phone conversation as shared stories of life here and faraway and encouraged me to keep on keeping on!*

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**Yvette Simmons** - August 03, 2025 at 07:21 AM