



Carlotta Bernice Cromwell

August 6, 1920 - July 20, 2015

Carlotta Bernice Gerald Cromwell was born on August 6, 1920 to Robert Edgar Gerald, Sr. and Rebecca Williams Gerald in Wilson, North Carolina. She attended public schools in Wilson and graduated from Darden High School. After graduating from Darden, Mother Cromwell enrolled in the Winston Salem State Teachers College where she graduated with a B.A. in Elementary Education. Her teaching career began in South Boston, VA where she was a Principal at a (one building Negro school) housed with 1st through 12th grade. After leaving South Boston, Mother Cromwell moved to Portsmouth, VA where she met a very handsome and loving man named Dileo L. Cromwell, Sr. On December 9, 1946, they were united in holy matrimony. September 11, 1951, they became the proud parents of a daughter, who they named Olliette. On July 28, 1953, they welcomed their second child, a son, who they named Dileo L. Cromwell, II. While her husband served in the United States Navy, she was hired as a schoolteacher in the Portsmouth Public School System where she served at Brighton Elementary School, Robert E. Lee Elementary School, and Douglas Park Elementary School before retiring after 32 years. In 1959, Mother Cromwell became the 1st Lady of the Little Zion Baptist Church where she and her husband served together for 17 years. After those 17 years, they saw a need for a change, and after prayer and direction from the Lord, they, along with a few other persons who believed in 8.

their vision, formed Trinity Baptist Church. In addition to being the 1st Lady and Founding

Mother of Trinity, she served as President of the Deaconess Ministry, served in the choir, the

Missionary Ministry and was a devout Vacation Bible School teacher. She served as the beloved 1st Lady of Trinity until the passing of her husband.

After Dr. Cromwell's passing, her son Dr. :

Dileo L. Cromwell, II along with his wife Debra became the new pastor of Trinity Baptist, which is now known as Trinity Faith Diamond. Mother Cromwell was very active outside of the church as well. She was a member of the XYZ's Club, the Chesapeake Garden Club, the Virginia Retired Teacher's Association, and the Virginia Association of Minister's Wives & Minister's Widows.

“BB” as she was affectionately known, was preceded in death by her father, Robert Edgar Gerald, Sr., her mother, Rebecca Williams Gerald, her brother, Robert Edgar Gerald, Jr., and her

husband, Dr. Dileo L. Cromwell, Sr. She leaves to carry on her legacy her daughter, Olliette De-

nise Cromwell Joyner (Ronnie), her son, Bishop Dileo L. Cromwell, II (Debra), her sister, Barbara

Ann Gerald-Gatling, her brother-in-law, James Edward Cromwell, her five grandchildren, Elder

Ronnie D. Joyner, II, Pastor Julian Leville Von Joyner (Trin'ea), Brandis Rebecca Cromwell-

Carter, Megan Antoinette "Toi" Cromwell-Corprew (Antwane), Youth Pastor Dileo L. "OJ" Crom-

well, III, her four great grandchildren, Jada & Janae Carter, Eli "Buddie" Cromwell Corprew,

Reynah Trin'ea Joyner, a God-Daughter, Gianne "Nae" Powell, a God-Son, Bishop Kim W. Brown, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends. We would like to thank Bell's Residential Adult Care Home in

Portsmouth, who cared for Mother Cromwell for a period of time, Sister Theresa Harrell Robertson, who she loved dearly and who took great care of our Mother. We would also like to thank the staff of Gentiva Hospice for their service, and Joan Jones whom she considered part of our family for opening her doors in her final days. "The Lord Is My Light And My Salvation, Whom Shall I Fear. " Psalms 27:1

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 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>

Service

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Faith Diamond
1023 Deep Creek Blvd.
Chesapeake, Va

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Carlotta Bernice Cromwell



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 23, 2015 at 02:46 PM

DJ

“ To the family of the late Mrs. Carlotta Cromwell, I will always remember your mother with love because she was my first grade teacher at Douglas Park Elementary School. Mrs. Cromwell was such a sharp dresser and beautiful woman of God that loved her students and tried to instill good values and qualities. She loved to drink ice water and always entrusted me with the task of getting it for her. I guarded that stainless cup as if my life depended on it because she loved and trusted me (what a jewel for a mother) I will always remember her charm and style. Thank you so very much Mrs. Cromwell for allowing me to be your student and cup bearer.

Sincerely yours,
Deaconess Pamela Johnson-Williams

Deaconess Pamela Johnson-Williams - July 29, 2015 at 04:54 PM

YH

“ YHenderson lit a candle in memory of
Carlotta Bernice Cromwell



YHenderson - July 25, 2015 at 10:50 AM

YH

“ YHenderson lit a candle in memory of
Carlotta Bernice Cromwell



YHenderson - July 25, 2015 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ Mrs. Willie Owens' Family purchased the Simply
Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carlotta
Bernice Cromwell.



Mrs. Willie Owens' Family - July 23, 2015 at 09:11 AM

VB

“ To Olliette & Ollieo
I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother! I will always treasure the memories I had with your family during my high school years with Olliette.

God Bless you all as you walk the last mile of the way with your Mother 🌹 🌹

*Verna Walton Bowden
Pooler, GA*

Verna Walton Bowden - July 22, 2015 at 06:48 PM

LS

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family, friends, colleagues and neighbors on the passing of the beloved Carlotta.*

LAMONT SIMMONS - July 22, 2015 at 06:29 PM

BC

“ *I am sorry to hear that your Mother has passed. She was my 1st grade teacher at Douglas Park Elementary School. She was the sweetest, most caring and kind Lady I've known. My Prayers go out to all of the Family.*

*Sincerely,
Barbara Cross-Jones
Hampton, Va.*

Barbara Cross-Jones - July 22, 2015 at 06:22 PM

JW

“ To my fellow Crestwood Bombers
Olleo,Debra ;Olliette , Ronnie ; May God
comfort you and the entire family at this time.



Jasper Walton - July 22, 2015 at 05:28 PM

PS

“ Praying for much comfort and peace for my
family at this time. May that same peace, that
only God can supply, cover and rest upon you
all during this time and the days to come! On
7/20/15, Heaven became just a bit brighter as
one of God's Angels entered in for her eternal rest.



*Pastor C.M. Carter, Sr. &
The New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Franklin*

Pastor C.M. Carter, Sr. - July 22, 2015 at 02:40 PM