



## Pastor Carmen Lavell Everett

September 9, 1960 - June 4, 2022

On June 4, 2022 Pastor Carmen L. Thorogood Johnson Everett peacefully transitioned from this world into God's welcoming arms. She has reunited with loved ones and joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses of which the bible speaks.

Pastor Everett was born on September 9, 1960, and was raised in both Portsmouth and Chesapeake, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Luvenia Earl. She was the 2nd eldest of seven children. She loved growing up with her large family and enjoyed spending time in service to God, committing her life to Christ as an adolescent. Her mother, Luvenia, a woman of legendary faith in God, influenced Pastor Everett's life in many ways, especially in her Christian walk. As a child, she attended Zion Baptist Church and was most recently, a longtime member of Grove Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia, under the leadership of Dr. Melvin O. Marriner, Senior Pastor.

Pastor Everett was educated in both the Portsmouth and Chesapeake Public School Systems. She graduated from Deep Creek High School and attended Norfolk State University for two years, where she majored in Mass Communications. She met and married her college sweetheart, during her time at NSU. To the union two children were born (Erica and Eric). After dissolving her first marriage, she later remarried and became a devoted

military wife. To this union were added two children, twins (Louis and Lavell). After the second marriage ended, Pastor Everett spent her remaining years focused on her family and the calling God placed upon her life to positively impact the lives of young people.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend who doted on her family, and was happiest when surrounded by them. She was also a career woman. She spent 25 years as a Quality Control Analyst and Prayer Counselor at the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach, Virginia. It was during these years that Pastor Everett began facing declining health challenges.

Many find it hard to believe that she experienced a number of life-threatening health events: two cerebral hemorrhages, three strokes and breast cancer and more. Yet, miraculously, Pastor Everett overcame and survived these unimaginable diagnoses. At times, she questioned why she had been afflicted with so many illnesses, until, one day, God revealed to her that He needed an experienced soldier, one willing to share a message of healing, restoration, and hope to others. Pastor Everett's suffering would not be in vain, but instead, would become a catalyst to bear witness to God's deep and abiding love.

Following her third stroke, God cleared the path for Pastor Everett's retirement, which opened the doors of time and the space necessary for God's next move in her life. After having experienced God's healing and restoration many times over, she spread the message of God's love and healing power throughout Virginia and many other states as a guest speaker. She was an overcomer with a testimony – a walking witness of strength to those who chose to believe.

In 2000, she was ordained as an Evangelist by the late Prophet Lonnie

Morrison of Dominion Christian Center of New York, New York. In 2004, she was ordained Pastor of Nehemiah Restoration International Worship Ministries by Apostle Patricia Williams of the Full Gospel Tabernacle Ministries Worldwide, Inc. She was a gifted speaker and an anointed Pastor. Sickness would not keep her down. She went on to launch “Life Changing Conversations, LLC,” an organization that helps men, women, and children develop skills that improve their quality of life. In 2014, she partnered with the City of Norfolk, Virginia’s Parks & Recreation to establish “Young Ladies with a Purpose through Life-Changing Conversations” at the Berkley and Campostella Recreation Centers. Pastor Everett led weekly small group life-skills training workshops where young women’s lives were transformed. While bridging the gap between lay ministries and traditional ministries, these workshops were the genesis of Pastor Everett’s mentoring program. In 2015 she commenced service to Norfolk State University as Life Coach/Mentor for the Golden Key International Honor Society, the world’s largest collegiate honor society for graduate and undergraduate students. She was also inducted into the organization as an honorary member. She had the distinct honor of mentoring some of NSU’s most talented students, who looked to she and faculty advisors of the organization, for guidance both in life and career development. She also shared her personal faith with students and it resulted in many lives being transformed.

Her larger-than-life, convivial personality, unchallenged sense of style, elegance, panache and awesome sense of humor and infectious laugh will be greatly missed. Her charitable heart and generous spirit will always be with those of us who loved and knew her best. Those who remain should know she loved each and every one of us more than we’ll ever know. Her absence from our physical presence did not mean we were absent from her heart. And we were certainly always in her prayers. She simply chose to spend her final days in peace with her children and grandchildren and a few others. She exercised

her God-given right to transition in the manner in which she felt best, whilst allowing each of us, her loved ones, fellow believers and friends, to remember her as she was: beautiful, glamorous and unapologetically direct and honest. Her unwavering love for us all will last throughout eternity. Her love is boundless. Her love is never-ending, just like God's love.

Pastor Everett was preceded in death by both of her parents. She leaves to mourn and to cherish fond memories, her children Erica Alexis Johnson Jones, Eric Nathaniel Johnson, Jr., Lavell Bianca Everett and Louis Brandon Everett; her siblings Keith Thorogood, Sharon Joyner, Dr. Micheal Thorogood, Ronald Earl, Donald Earl and Professor Eleanor Earl; her five grandchildren, Zariah Alexandria Johnson, Zamir Alexander Johnson, Isaiah Brandon Johnson, Nadiya Cianna, Johnson Riley and Aubriella Faith Locklear, and a host of wonderful aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor Carmen Lavell Everett



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 27, 2022 at 07:25 PM



*Isaiah 43:10*

*English Standard Version*

10 “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord,  
“and my servant whom I have chosen,  
that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.

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**Honey Monroe** - September 09, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Pastor Carmen Lavell Everett

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 16, 2022 at 10:52 AM

AJ

“ *The Service was wonderful today. May Carmen's Light shine bright in the present of and in praise to God! Her memory will continue to shine bright in the hearts of everyone her beautiful spirit touched.*

*Respectfully,*

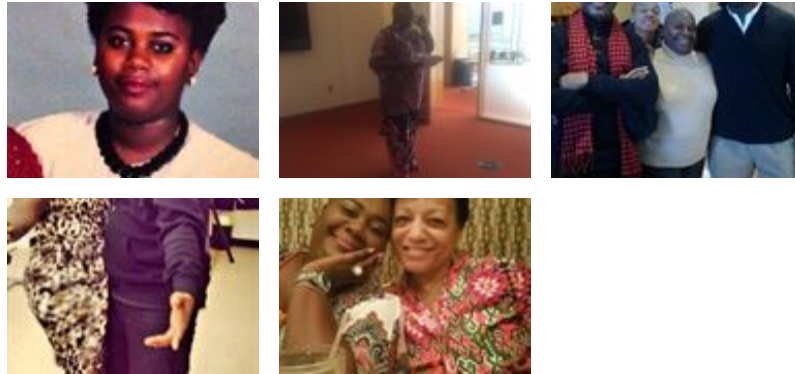
*Archie Jr, Joy, Zion, Journey, and Jonah*

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**Archie Earl Jr.** - June 16, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ *32 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 16, 2022 at 08:32 AM

DE

*So sorry to hear of the passing of Carmen. She was a true woman of God. I know she's in Heaven with the Lord and all our family & friends who've died in the Lord. Be encouraged Family.*

*David & Loretta Earl.*

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**David & Loretta Earl** - June 16, 2022 at 01:17 PM

EH

“ *Eric and Donna Hickson purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Pastor Carmen Lavell Everett.*



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**Eric and Donna Hickson** - June 15, 2022 at 12:17 PM

LJ

“ Lisa Marie, Boris, Aunt Evelyn, Jeffrey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Carmen Lavell Everett.



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Lisa Marie, Boris, Aunt Evelyn, Jeffrey - June 15, 2022 at 09:59 AM

TF

“ THE MITCHELL FAMILY purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pastor Carmen Lavell Everett.



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THE MITCHELL FAMILY - June 14, 2022 at 08:59 PM

OW

“ Truly saddened and touched to learn of the passing of such a gifted and great woman of God. Pastor Everett and I met many years ago while we both were serving at CBN. Even after my time there, she has preached for me and vice versa, I've had the privilege of doing likewise for her. We talked and laughed, and expounded on the Word of God. Ooooh, the tunes of testimony we shared so that the other would know God is a healer. What a class act she was. We both loved a good shoe lol and something to wear to church! Over the course of the last year or two I had lost contact and was always asking of The Lord to let me reconnect. Surely I want to extend my gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the time here on Earth. Praying for all of her family! She is resting in the bosom of The Lord! Thank God for you Pastor Carmen L. Everett. I'm still holding on this side!

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Overseer D. Emanuel Williams - June 14, 2022 at 04:57 PM

UE

“ We are deeply sorry to hear about the passing of our niece, Carmen. She was a wonderful person and a truly born again child and minister of God. We know that she has gone on to Glory to be with God. May God continue to bless and strengthen the entire family, during this time of loss. (Uncle Archie & Aunt Doris)

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**Uncle Archie and Aunt Doris Earl** - June 14, 2022 at 09:24 AM

JR

“ Carmen, My beloved and dear cousin always has let her Light shine. From a child she had the charisma and candidness to speak truth unapologetically to inspire a positive change in our lives. Carmen never succumb to being a victim because she always had the blessed assurance of victory. I am really going to miss you Cuz. I know that you took our Love into Eternity with you and that you are alive and living abundantly whole and well. Peace and Blessings, Love Your Cousin Jeffrey.

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**Jeffrey Roberts** - June 13, 2022 at 06:13 PM

CY

“ Wow, what can I say? Carmen and I had so many life and ministry experiences that we shared. I remember I used to joke her about her not keeping ALL of her shoes in boxes. So, one Sunday she came to church with one black shoe and one navy blue in the same style. Needless to say, she drove back home to rectify the blunder. She had a larger-than-life personality. She loved the Lord and took every opportunity to share Him. She was always the life of any party. We traveled and shared a huge part of our lives for over 25 years. I served with her in children's ministry for over 15 years. We quickly became like sisters. I'll always remember the joking and having a blast at the house on Diamond. Ma'am, you are now with Daddy. No more world trials or struggles. Father, bless her family who's left to cherish her memories. Much love y'all

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**Cathy Y** - June 13, 2022 at 12:26 AM

MC

“ You will be missed my good friend and classmate. My condolences to the family.

*Michael Cassell*

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**Michael Cassell** - June 11, 2022 at 12:26 PM

CB

“ I remember taking this picture of you at church one Sunday & telling you how pretty you looked.  
Get your rest Queen !! You will be missed. Praying peace & comfort for the family.



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**Cheryl Bellamy** - June 09, 2022 at 09:54 PM

MJ

“ Carmen and I met during the many years that we worked together at the Christian Broadcasting Network. We shared many great times, conversation and laughter together. She was a very unique and spiritual Woman who loved her God. Her beauty within reflected on the outside to all those who knew her. My heart is saddened to hear of her "Transition" however Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints and to be absent from the body is to be Present with the Lord! Rest Well my Sister!

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**Mary Jones** - June 08, 2022 at 09:59 AM

OG

*I extend my sincerest heartfelt condolences and prayers for the family of Carmen Everett an awesome amazing mighty woman of God who I had the opportunity to work with at Christian Broadcast Network. I am saddened to hear of her transition but if anyone made it in surely she did! Rest In Heavenly Peace Carmen mighty warrior woman of God survivor lover of God and people just to name a few take your rest! Job Well Done Servant  
Elder Ophelia Joyner Green  
Virginia Beach, VA 🙏*

**Ophelia Joyner Green** - June 13, 2022 at 03:50 PM

MC

“ *Carmen and I worked at the Christian Broadcasting Network for several years. We had many joyous times together in fellowship and worship. We were friends. We shared the joys of life, such as motherhood and celebrating victories of life with each other. God bless you, Family. We will keep you in prayer. Love and blessings to you. Marian R. Cain*

**Marian Cain** - June 07, 2022 at 12:58 PM

MO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Morris** - June 06, 2022 at 11:37 PM