



Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter

August 13, 1952 - August 23, 2024

Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter, daughter of the late Jerome Ray and the late Esther M. Colbert, was born Wednesday, August 13, 1952, in Harrisburg, PA.

Educated in the Steelton-Highspire School District, Lena's employment history included Global Health and Home Care Services, Russell's Roller Bar which was a family business and retirement from Hershey Foods after twenty-seven years of service. In addition to being an avid bingo player, Lena devoted some of her leisure time to playing piddy pat and going to the casinos. And, without a doubt, she was known to make the best chicken salad ever which she graciously shared with others. Most importantly, she cherished time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lena was united in Christian fellowship with Full Harvest Ministries where she served with Nursing Home Outreach, the Food Bank Ministry and as Church Mother.

While at her home in Harrisburg, PA, on Friday, August 23, 2024, Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter completed her earthly journey at seventy-two years of age.

Lena's loving spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of her husband, Avery

Lyle Carter Sr.; her daughters, Teresa R. Hunt and Tonya M. Benton Freeman; and her son, Vernon J. Benton (Glenda Phillips), all of Harrisburg, PA; stepsons, Corey Vire (Robin) of Vancouver, WA, and Avery L. Carter Jr. of Harrisburg; stepdaughter, Shareese Cowan, Harrisburg; her siblings, Rosalind Taylor (Richard) of Florence, AZ, Richard Hailey (Vicky) of Atlanta, GA, Samuel Colbert, Amanda Colbert and Terance Colbert (Patricia), all of Harrisburg; step-siblings, Tamara Colbert Myers, Harrisburg, Carlton Colbert (Elaine) of Slidell, LA, Dona Lee Madden and Norma Burnett, both of Steelton, PA; along with fourteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, other family members and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bayada Home Health Care, 750 E. Park Drive, Ste. 106, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

SEP 9. 8:30 AM (ET)

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Viewing

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter



Wallace Funeral Directors - September 09, 2024 at 10:04 AM

TB

“ Lena,
We were neighbors on the Westside/Christian Street in Steelton throughout our childhood. We roller skated, played hid-n-seek, and ring around the rosie among other childhood games. Our Westside memories are forever. My brother Lonnie and sister ChiChi and I are saddened by your home going. Healing thoughts and prayers to your family as they navigate the process of healing.

Tondelaya (Toni) Baylor-Ayewoh

Tondelaya Baylor-Ayewoh - September 19, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter.



September 12, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CC

“ Carlton D Colbert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter.

Carlton D Colbert - September 12, 2024 at 11:42 AM

RH

“ Randy Huber lit a candle in memory of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter



Randy Huber - September 09, 2024 at 08:28 PM

RH

“ I was blessed to have known Lena when we were both youngsters attending Steel High. We were in the same homeroom for several years and had many classes together in junior high. She was as nice as she was pretty and I enjoyed being in her company always. Rejoice in Paradise my friend. 🙏
We shall see one another one day when I too am called Home. My sincere condolences to Lena's family and all who knew and loved her. I know she touched many, many hearts and souls in her 72 years. Pay her loving kindness forward, speak of her often and keep her memory alive.

God bless you all 🙏
Randy Huber SHHS class of 1970

Randy Huber - September 09, 2024 at 08:26 PM

AR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. You all are in my prayers.*
Angela Robinson

Angela Robinson - September 09, 2024 at 10:37 AM

RO

“ *Our deepest sympathies. Robin, Bri & Caden Vire*



Robin - September 08, 2024 at 09:04 PM

CJ

“ *Claudette Duncan And George Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter*



Claudette Duncan and George Johnson - September 08, 2024 at 08:49 PM

TB

“ *Really enjoyed your mom. She kept us laughing. God has her now get your rest much love to the family*

Tamara Boyd-Lawson

Tamara Boyd-Lawson - September 08, 2024 at 08:25 PM

CV

“ Corey Vire purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter.



Corey Vire - September 07, 2024 at 11:22 AM

CV

“ Corey Vire planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter.

Corey Vire - September 07, 2024 at 11:22 AM

P.

“ Patricia . purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter.



Patricia . - September 06, 2024 at 07:30 PM

P.

“ Patricia . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter.

Patricia . - September 06, 2024 at 07:30 PM

TF

“ *The Chisolm & Patterson Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter.*



The Chisolm & Patterson Families - September 06, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CM

“ *Deepest Condolences 🙏 Celeste Middleton*



Celeste E Middleton - September 04, 2024 at 10:16 PM

VW

“ *Veronica R. Waters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter.*



Veronica R. Waters - September 04, 2024 at 12:06 PM

SC

“ *To the Carter Family,*

Sending deepest condolences and prayers from the Westside.

Stacy Scott

Scott - September 04, 2024 at 09:43 AM

GF

Our sympathies to the family of Lena. Time will heal your hearts as you think about the good memories and knowing she no longer has to deal with earthly pain. R.I.P.

*Love and prayers,
James & Gladys Handy
& Family*

Gladys Freeman-Handy - September 04, 2024 at 11:44 PM

BB

“ *Sincere condolences to the family and friends. May God continue to shine upon you with wonderful happy memories of Lena.* ”

Barbara B. Barksdale - September 03, 2024 at 06:15 PM

DE

“ *A good friend, extended family, and all around good person you will be missed and loved. God needed you more and your job on earth is done.* ”



Denisha Epps - September 02, 2024 at 05:41 AM

TK

“ *Only yesterday I was thinking about her chicken salad as I was making some. I just can't believe it.* ”

tina kaylor - August 31, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TM

“ Ms. Lena was always so welcoming. As a child, on Watson St., I stayed many nights with Tonya and Teresa. Ms. Lena always made me feel comfortable and at home, even though I only lived right down the street. I am sending love and light to the family and Tonya, as someone stated before... energy DOES NOT die. Mourn for the person she was on Earth, rejoice for the light she has become in spirit. 💜 🕯️

Tara (Griffin) McHugh - August 31, 2024 at 11:22 AM

NI

“ RIP Ms.LENA U WILL SURELY BE MISSED REMEMBER GETTING TO KNOW U WHEN U BABYSITTED MY NIECE FOR MY MOTHER LUV U AVERY TONYA AND TERESA

Nicole - August 31, 2024 at 09:28 AM

ST

“ To the Carter Family,
Mark & I would like to send our deepest condolences and prayers. May God continue to watch over you all during this time. RIP & RIH Lena
Sil & Mark Thompson



SILVIA & MARK THOMPSON - August 30, 2024 at 05:01 PM

CW

“ Carol Warren lit a candle in memory of Lena Renea Hailey Benton Carter



Carol Warren - August 30, 2024 at 04:17 PM

JC

“ Lena and I started at as client and caregiver. We then proceeded to become friends almost as sisters she said Made me feel good. I could really talk to her and her to me we laughed, eat out lol too much and shopped way too much 🛍️🛍️. But her heart was gold and she shared whatever she had. With a unselfish heart. Lena God loved you as you him. And he called his child back home. To absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 🙏 Sleep well my friend. Loving you 💕💕💕

Joy Clark - August 30, 2024 at 02:55 PM

JS

“ Ms. Lena the bingo world is going to miss you, and I miss you my friend, until we meet again beautiful❤️ Jackie from bingo

Jackie S - August 30, 2024 at 01:14 PM

Jesse
Bowman

“ I remember Lena well, from "back in the day" growing up in Steelton, and living on Lincoln Street. My heartfelt condolences to the Family and close friend of Lena. May God Almighty Bless and keep her near.

Jesse Bowman - August 30, 2024 at 12:59 PM

GC

“ Sending sincere condolences and prayers 🙏 to the family precious memories of Lena are of you are forever embedded in my heart this is not goodbye my friend I'll just say goodnight sleep in peace till we meet you again 💔



Georgia Chisolm - August 30, 2024 at 10:59 AM

AP

I will always love you forever I will never forget the bond we shared and I know you're going through the those heavenly gates see you when I get there I will never ever ever forget you

Angel Preston - August 30, 2024 at 02:37 PM

EA

“ *RIP Lena*



Elaine Anderson - August 30, 2024 at 09:36 AM

RB

“ *Peace and love to Ms Lena. My cousin Tonya Benton, remember energy never dies. Your mommy and uncle Chippy will always be with you.*



Ra'Sheenya Benton - August 30, 2024 at 06:58 AM

DS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Rest in peace Lena.*



David Seay - August 29, 2024 at 07:36 PM

MH

Miss working with Lena what a wonderful Lady we had great times RIP Lena

Marlin Haldeman - September 04, 2024 at 05:02 AM



R I P Blessing to the Family

Squire Family

squire - September 07, 2024 at 02:11 PM