



Carliss Spears Moore

February 5, 1923 - January 28, 2021

REMEMBERING CARLISS

A Beautiful Life has Come to an End

Mrs. Carliss Spears Moore, a life-long District of Columbia civic and community activist, died peacefully at her home in the Brookland neighborhood on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021. She was 97 years old.

A resident of Brookland since 1952, Mrs. Moore dedicated many years to the community. She represented Ward 5 on the Council on Aging and was active in many civic organizations, including the Brookland Civic Association, League of Women Voters, the Brookland Garden Club, and AARP Chapter 2414.

She was a life member of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA and never missed an opportunity to participate in senior trips and activities sponsored by the Turkey Thicket Community Center and the Evarts Senior Center. She took classes in handicrafts, millinery and interior decoration. She learned how to play bridge and pinnacle, which she played on a regular basis. She joined the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Mrs. Moore was a retired federal civil service employee. She began her civil service career with the Social Security Agency and later transferred to the

Civil Service Commission, where she retired after 26 years.

Upon her retirement, Mrs. Moore embarked on a second career as a volunteer. She joined the Urban Service Corps and was assigned to John Burroughs Elementary School, where she enjoyed working with children.

She volunteered at the Howard University Hospital gift shop for 20 years, as a life member of the Auxiliary of Howard University Hospital. Even in her 80s, Mrs. Moore was among the volunteers who delivered meals to the home-bound residents for the Meals on Wheels program at Providence Hospital. When she stopped delivering the meals, she began helping to package the meals for delivery.

Born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, Mrs. Moore moved with her parents, Henry and Lillian Spears, to the District at a very young age. She graduated from Cardoza High School and attended Howard University, where she would meet the love of her life and her future husband, Talmadge Moore. She would marry the man she affectionately called “Tommy” in 1946. They were married for 56 years.

Mrs. Moore believed strongly in family ties. She was the matriarch of the Moore family, the one who was always in touch with family members and friends, wherever they were located.

She was also a person of great faith. A life-long member of the Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian for 58 years, she was involved in a number of ministries, including the Social Ministries Committee.

Mrs. Moore also loved the outdoors and her garden. During each spring and summer, you could find her tending to her flowers and vegetable gardens. Colorful hanging baskets of flowers and potted plants adorned her front porch.

Each year she grew a tomato patch in the back yard that produced enough tomatoes to share with others for the entire summer and into the fall.

The Christmas holiday was her favorite time of the year. She was well known for her whiskey soaked fruit cake and chocolate chip cookies.

Among her favorite things: wearing a scarf at her neck, the color pink, celebrations of any kind, any type of candy, but especially jelly beans, chocolate anything, vanilla ice cream, pancakes and a fried seafood platter.

Carliss Spears Moore had a blessed life. It was a life well lived and well loved.

Mrs. Moore is survived by her daughter, Karen Moore Duncan; her son-in-law, Alonzo Duncan; a grandson, Eric Duncan; faithful family friend, Michelle Clark Mitchell, whom Mrs. Moore considered as a daughter, many loving and caring cousins including Vernelle Goodson, Kenny Goodson, Lori Goodson, and Lisa Goodson; and her devoted friend, Ernestine Brown.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Mrs. Moore was preceded in death by her brother James Spears, an uncle, Samuel Carter, and aunt, Josephine Blake.

The family wishes to especially thank Ms. Cynthia Jackson, who lovingly and professionally cared for Mrs. Moore for the past several years.

Mrs. Moore's warm and inviting spirit will be missed by family and friends who knew and loved her.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Carliss Spears Moore, Please Click the Link below.*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - February 02, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Carliss Spears Moore*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Dear Karen, Alonzo and Eric,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of bereavement. I am praying that God will continue to comfort you and give you strength through this difficult time. Also, I hope the great memories you shared with Mrs. Moore will bring you peace in the days to come.

With God's Blessings,

Cynthia Payne and Carl Payne II

Cynthia Payne - February 08, 2021 at 08:16 PM

CP

“ *The Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association would like to express our heartfelt condolences to Karen Duncan and the family and friends of Carliss Moore. Carliss Moore was a lovely and elegant lady. She was a neighbor and a friend and deeply committed to her community. We will miss her greatly. With love, Caroline Petti, President Emeritus, Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association*

Caroline Petti - February 08, 2021 at 05:38 PM

LS

“ *Cousin Karen and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing your mother, Cousin Carliss. I remember that she had such a sweet spirit and was always smiling during family gatherings at my Grandma Emma's house. I will be praying for you all during this time. Your cousin, Lisa Sipp*

Lisa Sipp - February 08, 2021 at 03:50 PM

KJ

“ *Kevin & Octavia Jackson purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carliss Spears Moore.*



Kevin & Octavia Jackson - February 07, 2021 at 10:44 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carliss Spears Moore.*



February 06, 2021 at 08:42 PM

MW

“*Mrs. Moore was an inspiration to us all. Her life was a true example of service to others. Having retired from the federal civil service after 26 years, Mrs. Moore spent the remaining years doing good for others and to others. She spent 20 years volunteering in the Howard University gift shop. While in her 80s, she delivered Meals on Wheels to home-bound residents. She leaves a legacy of service for us all. Truly her life was one that was well-lived and she was well-loved in return. An angel got her wings this day.*

Mary C Williams - February 05, 2021 at 04:01 PM

TW

“*Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me,
We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - February 02, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“*We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - February 01, 2021 at 02:55 PM