



## Carolyn E. Fugett

September 10, 1925 - February 7, 2023

Carolyn Edith Cooper Fugett, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and Matriarch to the Community at Large who had a special way of making everyone feel they were her favorite, departed this world of natural causes on February 7, 2023, at the age of 97.

A lifelong resident of Maryland, Carolyn successfully balanced the demands of raising a family in West Baltimore while working at least five days a week and finding time to work with community organizations. And she always relied on her faith in God and the Church.

Born on September 10, 1925, in East Baltimore to the late Samuel J. and Savilla Cole Cooper, Carolyn was briefly married at an early age to the late Clinton Lewis. Their son, Reginald F. Lewis, would become one of the most successful lawyers, entrepreneurs, and philanthropists of his generation. In 1951, Carolyn married Jean S. Fugett, Sr. Together they raised and educated six children. Her family grew to include thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Carolyn made Education a family priority, demanding that her husband and children finish their college education. One child earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, another a Master of Arts, one a Doctor of Education Degree, and three Juris Doctorate Degrees.

Carolyn had the ear of many politicians over the years, working with Governor William Donald Schaefer to select a site for a museum at Pratt and President Streets that would be built and then named after her son Reginald F. Lewis. She also supported City Councilwoman Agnes Welch in improving conditions

in the Rosemont Community where they both lived.

Carolyn's motto, and the title of her autobiography, was "Just Do." Carolyn was no stranger to hard work and always managed to put her family first. She enjoyed taking care of grandchildren, cooking, gardening, and collecting art and historical artifacts. Over many years Carolyn created what she lovingly referred to as our "heritage trail", a blend of historical artifacts and images that paint a picture of her family's history and historical contributions spanning from segregation to integration.

A devout Catholic, Carolyn was a confidant to Cardinals, served on various boards associated with Catholic Charities, and was a member of Saint Edward Roman Catholic Church. She was also former president of her Parish Council and member of the church's Sodality. Carolyn was active in West Baltimore's Rosemont community as an organizer, served on the Wilmer Eye Institute Board, was a loyal Baltimore Colts football fan, and was called "Mom" by many who were fortunate enough to know her.

Carolyn Fugett was pre-deceased by husband Jean S. Fugett, Sr.; son Reginald F. Lewis, Esquire; sister Charlotte Sullivan; and brothers Samuel Cooper, Jr., Robert Cooper, and Donald Cooper. Carolyn is survived by her brother James Cooper (Delores); sisters Doris Hill and Beverly Cooper; children Jean S. Fugett, Jr., Esquire (Carlotta), Anthony S. Fugett (Trittye), Rosalyn F. Wiley, Ed.D. (Elliott), Joseph M. Fugett, Sharon F. Sands, Esquire (Anthony); daughter-in-law Loida Nicolas Lewis, Esquire; thirteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Carolyn's Celebration of Life will include a Viewing on Sunday, February 19th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at March Life Tribute Center, 5616 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD 21244 and a Viewing on Monday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 11 a.m. at Saint Edwards Roman Catholic Church, 901 Poplar Grove Street, Baltimore, MD 21216.

Final interment will be at New Cathedral Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, send contributions to:

The Carolyn E. Fugett Charitable Fund

Online: <https://bcf.org/fugett>

By Mail:

Make check payable to:

Baltimore Community Foundation

11 E. Mt. Royal Ave.

Baltimore, MD 21202

Please indicate that check is for The Carolyn E. Fugett Charitable Fund

# Cemetery Details

## New Cathedral Cemetery

4300 Old Federick Rd  
Baltimore, MD 21229

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 19. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Rd  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Wake

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Edward Catholic Church  
901 Poplar Grove Street  
Balto., MD 21217

## Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Edward Catholic Church  
901 Poplar Grove Street  
Balto., MD 21217



# Tribute Wall

EH

“ Was sad to hear of the passing of Miss Carolyn. That’s what we called her in the 1950’s growing up in Baltimore on Mosher street. She raised 6 kids all of whom became successful in life. She was a good friend of my mom Florence Henson and the two of them were not only mothers of their own children but surrogate moms to all of the neighborhood kids as well. Condolences to her family.

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**Ed Henson** - March 01, 2023 at 04:47 AM

LB

“ Carolyn Fugett was a thoughtful, caring and giving lady. My mother Laura Phillips loved her so very much. She will be missed. God rest her soul.

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**Laura Phillips Byrd** - February 18, 2023 at 07:31 PM

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“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one, Mrs. Carolyn Fugett. She inspired many by the way she lived.

We thank Mrs. Fugett and her family for the positive influence they have had on the youth/children of St. Edward Roman Catholic Church. As former principal of the church's Religious Education Program for over 40 years, along with Sr. Anita Smith, OSF, we were extremely grateful for the generosity shared with our youth/children. Mrs. Fugett was always a good steward, assisting by providing financial contributions to our programs and trips. This enhanced the opportunities that many of our youth/children would not have experienced without the funding.

You have touched so many lives and we are so grateful for all you and your family have done over the years.

Lovingly submitted,  
Dr. CreSaundra Sills & Sr. Anita Smith, OSF

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**CreSaundra Sills** - February 18, 2023 at 12:44 PM

DS

“ Derea Smith lit a candle in memory of Carolyn E. Fugett



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**Derea Smith** - February 18, 2023 at 07:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn E. Fugett.



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February 17, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Carolyn E. Fugett.



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February 17, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn E. Fugett.



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February 17, 2023 at 11:54 AM

CO

“ Sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved matriarch.

Take comfort in knowing that she lived a good, LONG life, and raised a beautiful family that has only grown more beautiful as the generations have gone on. Her spirit lives on in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and they all continue to make her proud.

Mrs. Fugett is now at peace and reunited with her husband and son Reginald.

Sending many gentle hugs and prayers to your family, and holding you all “in the light.”

Love,  
The Comotto Family



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Comotto - February 16, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Carolyn E. Fugett.



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February 16, 2023 at 09:41 AM

HM

“ *Helene Grady & Staff of Budget & Mgmt. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn E. Fugett.*



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**Helene Grady & Staff of Budget & Mgmt.** - February 15, 2023  
at 05:04 PM

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*11 E. Mt. Royal Ave.*

*Baltimore, MD 21202*

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**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown)** - February 15, 2023 at 11:33 AM

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“ We the March Family and 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.

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - February 13, 2023 at 12:10 PM

PH

“ Peggy J Hager purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Carolyn E. Fugett.



Peggy J Hager - February 13, 2023 at 11:59 AM

KS

“ Kim Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn E. Fugett



Kim Stevenson - February 11, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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We praise Almighty God for a wonderful person in Ms. Carolyn E. Fugett. May she rest in Holy peace. Positive Youth Expressions, Inc. 1001 N. Dukeland Street, Baltimore, MD 21216.

Dr. Denise L. Folks - February 16, 2023 at 09:05 AM