



## Mrs. Willette Taylor Carter

June 2, 1928 - May 30, 2024

Dear Loved ones,

I would like to share my amazing life while here with you. On June 2, 1928, a child prodigy was born to Shepard and Doretha Taylor in Pearl (Pearson), Mississippi. My musical talents were recognized at an early age. I performed my first song, "Take Me Through Dear Lord," at Sweet Rest Church of Christ Holiness at the age of three. I accepted Christ at an early age and became active in the music ministry at Mount Elam M.B. Church.

My journey of earning a high school diploma was nontraditional but rewarding. I attended New Hymn High School in Pinola, Mississippi. As a student, I provided leadership in organizing music for the chapel services and was granted free tuition to attend classes. Later, I enrolled in high school classes through Tougaloo College and American College to receive my high school diploma.

In 1947, I married Earnest Carter, Jr., and to this union, five children were born: Linda Diane (Wilson), Barbara Faye, Sandra Kaye (Willie), Michael Wayne (Patsy), and Earnest Lee III. I will meet Earnest Jr. and Earnest III at Heaven's Gate. I loved the Lord, and following my marriage, I joined Sandhill M.B. Church, where I became the first woman to play the piano and direct the church's choir.

With a humble spirit, I shared my God-given talent by providing music for Sandhill's worship service, special programs, weddings, and funerals, as well as teaching songs and conducting the church choirs. I also provided music for worship services at local churches, as well as for vocal ensembles, choirs, and various special events in the neighboring communities. My musical capabilities and sincere devotion were so extraordinary that I became known as the "Piano Lady from Sandhill."

My educational pursuits continued, and I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Jackson State University. This was a major milestone in my life as I believed that having an education was essential in life.

I loved my family dearly and treasured the family gatherings, especially spending time with my eleven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson. I cherished my daily phone calls with my sister Annette and brother Willie.

My wonderful family friends, let the fruit of the Holy Spirit be at the center of your lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

I love you all and always hold on to God's unchanging hands.

Willette Carter

# Cemetery Details

## Sandhill M. B. Church Cemetery

1197 Greenfield Circle  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Homegoing Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sandhill M. B. Church  
1197 Greenfield Circle  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Tribute Wall



“ Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Willette Taylor Carter



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - June 07, 2024 at 04:02 PM

CA

This TRIBUTE is absolutely beautiful. I was extremely pleased to see the video clip of Tee Willette, “The Piano Lady of Sandhill” included - “often imitated BUT never duplicated.”

☐ Another library closed.

Carolyn Anderson - June 09, 2024 at 11:43 AM

AJ

“ May the God of comfort give the family comfort at this most difficult time. 🙏 Praying for the family. Ann Jones and family.

Audrey Jones - June 12, 2024 at 07:10 PM



“ Phyllis Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



Phyllis Jenkins - June 10, 2024 at 02:33 PM

DJ

“ *Delphine Jenkins-Davs lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Delphine Jenkins-Davs** - June 08, 2024 at 01:41 AM

KT

“ *Im sorry for your lost love one trust in our lord Jesus Christ my prayers are with u from your cousin kris thames*

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**Kris thames** - June 07, 2024 at 10:37 PM

IP

“ *Condolences to the Carter family.*



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**Ivon Prewitt** - June 07, 2024 at 09:23 PM

SS

“ *Shauna Stapleton lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Shauna Stapleton** - June 07, 2024 at 07:53 PM

SS

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Tee Willette.*

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**Shauna Stapleton** - June 07, 2024 at 07:50 PM

VV

“ Venie buckhaulter vbuckhaulter@yahoo.com  
lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



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**Venie buckhaulter vbuckhaulter@yahoo.com** - June 07, 2024 at 09:03 AM

BT

“ Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of  
Willette Carter



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**Bessie Taylor** - June 07, 2024 at 04:48 AM

DJ

“ Debbie L. Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Willette Carter



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**Debbie L. Jenkins** - June 06, 2024 at 11:25 PM

GS

“ Glendora Singleton lit a candle in memory of  
Willette Carter



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**Glendora Singleton** - June 06, 2024 at 09:55 PM

RJ

“ *Ralph & Daisy Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Willette Carter*



Ralph & Daisy Johnson - June 06, 2024 at 03:28 PM

CA

“ *Cathy Alexande sent a virtual gift in memory of Willette Carter*



Cathy Alexande - June 06, 2024 at 09:19 AM

CB

“ *Cathy Smith Bragg lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



Cathy Smith Bragg - June 05, 2024 at 05:13 PM

KB

“ *Kym Batton lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



Kym Batton - June 05, 2024 at 04:20 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Buckhaultler lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



Barbara Buckhaultler - June 05, 2024 at 03:25 PM

LB

“ *Latunya Bragg lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



Latunya Bragg - June 05, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ *Over 30 years ago I had the pleasure to meet Mrs. Carter . Her presence was always filled with love and joy. My mom would load us up and head to Brandon. Before we could get out of the car we were met with a radiant smile. As we ate and played mom would go and pick items out of the garden. My mom and all of my nine siblings felt so special. Mrs. Carter gave us something more valuable than riches and that was her love. My condolences and prayers are with you all . We love you Angela Moore and Family*❤️



Angela Moore McCloud - June 05, 2024 at 10:14 AM

ST

“ My deepest sympathy to the Carter family and friends, Praying for comfort and strength 🙏🙏



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**Shirley Thomas** - June 05, 2024 at 10:08 AM

RJ

“ My condolences extended to the carter family.

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**rj coleman jr** - June 05, 2024 at 07:22 AM

JR

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Carter family. Put your trust in God during this difficult time. He's got you! Mrs. Willette is enjoying some much needed rest. She fought the good fight, and now she's enjoying her just reward.

*Jacquelyn Jones Robinson*

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**Jacquelyn Jones Robinson** - June 04, 2024 at 11:53 PM

SW

“ Condolences to the family. Prayers of comfort sent. The late Rev. John and Leola Baker and Wilson family

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**Sandra Wilson** - June 04, 2024 at 11:06 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Harper lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



Carolyn Harper - June 04, 2024 at 09:05 PM

RJ

“ Rebecca Johnson lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



Rebecca Johnson - June 04, 2024 at 08:23 PM

DR

“ Condolences to the Carter family.



Darlene Ross - June 04, 2024 at 08:00 PM

AC

“ Addie Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Willette Carter



Addie Carter - June 04, 2024 at 07:43 PM

RO

“ A beautiful soul has departed for heaven. May God bless and comfort the loved ones she leaves behind.

My deepest sympathy to the Carter/Taylor family and friends. My prayer is that God will comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏



Robbie - June 04, 2024 at 07:38 PM

BL

“ Praying for the Carter Family!!



Brenda Love - June 04, 2024 at 07:29 PM

ET

“ Evelyn Tillis sent a virtual gift in memory of Willette Carter



Evelyn Tillis - June 04, 2024 at 07:11 PM

GB

Condolences to the family and may the Lord continue to keep you in his grace.

Grace Brown - June 05, 2024 at 01:59 AM

EP

“ Sincere condolences to the Carter and Taylor family! Praying that the Lord provides your family with the comfort and strength to get through this difficult time!  
The Mangum and Palmer Family



Elnora Palmer - June 04, 2024 at 06:57 PM

EY

“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



Evelyn Young - June 04, 2024 at 06:56 PM

CS

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family of this Great Lady. She was a beautiful lady.



Carolyn keys Jenkins Stewart - June 04, 2024 at 06:46 PM

VJ

“ Vergie taylor jackson lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



Vergie taylor jackson - June 04, 2024 at 06:44 PM

AB

“ Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



Alexis Bilbro - June 04, 2024 at 06:03 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Anderson - June 04, 2024 at 04:53 PM

MM

“ Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



Mary McCoy - June 04, 2024 at 04:26 PM

MR

“ Myra Ransom lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter



Myra Ransom - June 04, 2024 at 04:11 PM



“ *Karma Jones lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Karma Jones** - June 04, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ *Jean Swayzer lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Jean Swayzer** - June 04, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Eddie Ainsworth** - June 04, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Eddie Ainsworth** - June 04, 2024 at 12:18 PM

NL

“ *Nancy Loney-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Nancy Loney-Taylor** - June 04, 2024 at 12:08 PM

DE

“ *Delois lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Delois** - June 04, 2024 at 11:53 AM

RJ

“ *Mrs.Carter was such a nice lady I remember how great she was playing the piano and organ at Rock pishah*  
*Ruby Taylor James*

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**Ruby Taylor James** - June 04, 2024 at 08:49 AM

DS

“ *Debra Scott lit a candle in memory of Willette Carter*



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**Debra Scott** - June 04, 2024 at 07:40 AM



“ Margaret Coleman& Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Willette Carter



Margaret Coleman& Family - June 03, 2024 at 09:00 PM



“ Carolyn Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Willette Carter



Carolyn Anderson - June 03, 2024 at 08:34 PM