



Candy Gladys Carter

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Candy Gladys Carter was born on December 2, 1954, in Limestone, Maine, to Strawther Carter, Sr., and Gladys Johnson Carter. Though her parents hailed from Newport, Rhode Island, Candy's early years unfolded during her father's duties at Presque Isle Air Force Base in Presque Isle, Maine. She was often questioned about this, but Candy was not a nickname; it was her given name.

After living in England, France, and Benicia, CA, Candy's journey led her to San Diego for her final year of high school, culminating in her graduation from Point Loma High School. Her pursuit of education extended to business college, propelling her into a successful career as an esteemed Administrative Assistant. This reputation followed her wherever she worked.

In 1978, Candy embraced her most treasured role as the devoted mother of her son, Miguel Dimitri Nauta. She found endless joy in being his mother. Their bond was unbreakable. She said Miguel was "her love, her friend, and her unwavering support."

Family and friends held high places in Candy's heart. Among her siblings – brother Strawther Carter, Jr., and sisters Novanna Hunt, Claudia Thompson, and Garnet Jackson – Candy enjoyed kinship, friendship, and lifelong companionship. Candy often said that she had several "best friends." A chance encounter at a trolley station led to enduring friendships with Joyce Berghuis and her sister Jeanette Bochniak, forming a lasting relationship with them and their family.

Inheriting her mother's talent, Candy's skills as a seamstress were unmatched. Although both were highly talented, her mother insisted that Candy was the gifted one. Candy crafted designer-quality clothing and home accessories. Sister, nieces, and great-nieces were the happy recipients of beautifully fashioned clothing. Candy said she enjoyed "messing with flowers and plants." Her messing with plants produced beautiful, healthy plants for herself and her friends. She was the one who could keep that delicate store-bought orchid alive after the first blooming. Candy was also a marvelous baker. For many years, she made her mother's beloved melt-in-your-mouth



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homemade rolls for family gatherings. Her lemon pie, flan, and birthday cakes were mouth-watering.

She was a dedicated and enthusiastic Star Trek fan, a true Trekkie. She owned an extensive collection of Star Trek movies and paraphernalia. She developed an avid interest in Korean customs and traditions late in life. She was a fan of K-pop culture, Korean art, and Korean novels or K-dramas. To better understand the culture, she enrolled in a Korean language course.

Candy was preceded in death by her parents. She left behind a legacy of love and warmth cherished by her son Miguel; brother Strawther Carter, Jr.; sisters Novanna Hunt, Claudia Thompson, and Garnet Jackson; nieces Monique Hunt, Teri Thompson, and Dawn Jackson; nephews Rossmon (Chisoni) Hunt, Marcus Thompson, Chris Carter, and Dominic Carter; and cousin Roslyn Brown. She also left a multitude of "best friends," Monica Alfaro, Joyce Berghuis, Jeanette Bochniak, Lydia Gonzales, Jennifer Hamilton, Jennifer Jenkins, Jordana Koja-Volk, Karina Lewis, and Roxanne Ware, whose presence enriched her life.

We take comfort in envisioning our mother, Gladys, welcoming Candy with open arms at the gates of heaven. We imagine that the two of them are now most likely busy making designer robes for the angels.




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Inurnment

 **Thursday**, June 13, 2024

 2:00 PM PT

 **Greenwood Memorial Park**
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113





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Ric And Martha Frianela posted:

Sending our Love and condolences In these difficult times sincerely the Frianela family (SONY)

June 13 at 7:03 AM



Crystal & Toni sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Carter family.



June 13 at 6:51 AM



Aguilar Family posted:

Sending healing prayers and comfort during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathies from the Aguilar family.

June 13 at 3:58 AM



Keir, Tyla, Xian, & Quin sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Carter family.



June 12 at 12:42 PM



Keir, Tyla, Xian, & Quin planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Candy.



June 12 at 12:42 PM



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Leslie posted:

I'm so sorry to hear that my friend is no longer on this Earth, but simultaneously comforted to know she is at peace. Back in the day, Candy was our Miramar walk leader -- we referred to her as "Cap'n Carter" because she could always find the right words to motivate us after a long day of work to shake it off, get out into nature, and move! I can remember many times when I did not want to go all of the way around the lake -- but Cap'n Carter would buck me up and keep me going. Thanks for being my motivation buddy, Cap'n Carter. I will be thinking of you whenever I need to overcome an obstacle. Memories of your friendship and leadership will keep me going all the way! Leslie

June 11 at 1:31 PM



Melissa Keleher Johnson, North Carolina sent an Arrive in Style to the Carter family.



June 10 at 7:24 AM



Cathy, Bonnie, Kiki, Caren, And Jasmine sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Carter family.



June 9 at 4:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Carter family.



June 7 at 5:07 AM



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Novanna Hunt posted:

My mother brought Candy home from the hospital when I was 12, and I instantly adored her. I loved caring for her, meticulously combing her hair, dressing her up, and proudly showing her off. In my eyes, she was a living doll. She captivated me so much that I told people she was my child when I took her for a stroll in her stroller. Our mother quickly put a stop to that. Candy, my baby doll, became a quiet example of strength beyond measure. She was my sister and friend, loving, thoughtful, fun, and generous. We shared laughter, tears, memories, and love. I loved her for all her life, and I will miss her for the rest of my life.

June 6 at 7:19 AM



From The Thompson Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Carter family.



June 6 at 5:18 AM



From The Thompson Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Candy.



June 6 at 5:18 AM



Jennifer Hamilton posted:

Candy, a.k.a. Candy Crush, will always be the most amazing woman I have ever met. She would always think of me as Over the Top Silly because I just loved making her giggle. She would say "oh my gosh Jennifer you're just to much; and I would say "yeah but you're just Crushing It!" I will always love you Candy! Now be Joyous in heaven and plant MANY Midnight Bloomers and sew many coats and handbags. We always ended our text messages like this: Me: Love you Doll! Candy: Okay my lady, love you too.

June 5 at 5:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Candy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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