CELEBRATING

THE LIFE OF



STEVIE WILLIAM *Carter*

SUNRISE
February 4, 1963

SUNSET
September 30, 2026

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

1240 Mt. Calvary Church Road
Louisville, Mississippi 39339

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PROGRAM GUIDE	Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Carter
PROCESSIONAL	Pastoral Leadership, Family and Friends
READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES	
Old Testament	Pastor Michael Taylor
New Testament	Pastor Michael Taylor
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Pastor Leon Yowk
SOLO SELECTION	Doris Jones
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT	Pastor Charles Townsel
EXPRESSIONS	
Our Father - Stevie W. Carter's Children	
John Walton	Childhood Friend
Sherman Sampson	Childhood Friend
Greg Carter	Cousin

Please limit expressions to 3 minutes.

READING OF OBITUARY	Terry A. Carter
SIBLING TRIBUTE	Terry A. Carter
SOLO SELECTION	Evangelist Dorothy Harding
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Carter
EULOGY	Rev. Christen B. Carter House of Prayer, Saginaw, Michigan Pastor Charles Townsel (Assisting)
RECESSIONAL	Musicians
REPAST	Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Obituary
Stevie William Carter

Stevie William Carter was born on February 4, 1963, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Hoover Carter and Claudine Carter. The sixth of eight children, Stevie was born and raised in Saginaw, where the foundation of his love for family, entrepreneurship, and people began.

He attended Ricker Elementary and Ricker Junior High School and graduated from Buena Vista High School. Following high school, Stevie attended Jackson State University before joining the United States Army in 1982. During his military service, he was stationed in Germany, where he served for several years.

Upon returning home from the United States Army, Stevie continued working in the family businesses, including Sunoco Gas Station, Fish King, and Carter's Carwash. His entrepreneurial spirit also led him to create an entertainment business with his brother, Chris Carter (deceased), and cousin Gregory Carter.

In 1992, Stevie married Dedra Owen. From their union came five children: Stephon Carter, Christen B. Carter, Dorah Carter, Michael H.I Carter, and Terrance J. Carter. Stevie also embraced Rashad A. Kareem, Dedra's son before their marriage, as his own, loving him as a son and making him an important part of his family.

Following his divorce, Stevie relocated to Mississippi, beginning a new chapter in both his personal and professional life. In Mississippi, Stevie established a successful career in automobile sales, working for several dealerships, including Cadillac and Toyota.

Over the years, Stevie developed extensive knowledge of the automobile industry and became an accomplished auto sales professional. His natural ability to connect with people served him well throughout his career. More than simply selling automobiles, Stevie understood people—an ability that helped him build relationships and earn the trust of those he encountered throughout his professional life. He remained in the automobile industry until his retirement in 2024.

Stevie was a devoted family man. He was absolutely, unequivocally crazy about his children and wanted nothing but the very best for each of them. That same love extended to his grandchildren, who brought another dimension of joy to his life. His genuine love and devotion to his children and grandchildren were at the heart of who he was.

Stevie was also a magnet for people. He genuinely enjoyed building and maintaining relationships, and many of the friendships he developed throughout his life endured for decades. People were drawn to his playful, jokester personality, his devilish smile, and his ability to make people feel comfortable and welcome in his home and in his presence.

On September 30, 2026, Stevie was abruptly called home at the age of 63 to enter eternal peace.

Stevie leaves to cherish his memory his children, Stephon Carter, Christen B. Carter, Dorah Carter, Michael H.I Carter, Terrance J. Carter, and Rashad A. Kareem; his three grandchildren, Serenity Vivian Lee Carter, Amari Kingston Lee Carter, and Himalaya Carter; his mother, Claudine Carter-Hayes of Philadelphia, Mississippi; and his siblings, Carolyn A. Carter of Austin, Texas; Terry A. Carter of Chicago, Illinois; Bryan A. Carter and Sabrina of Saginaw, Michigan; Yolandia Carter-Gilmore and Monroe of Pontiac, Michigan; and Marshall Carter of Chicago, Illinois.

Stevie was preceded in death by his father, Hoover L. Carter, and his two brothers, Christopher Carter of Saginaw, Michigan, and Hoover D. Carter of California.

He also leaves to cherish his memory a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, treasured friends, and all those whose lives were touched by his warmth, humor, generosity, and unmistakable presence.

Good People
Good Times
Great Stories
That's Steve!

A True Family Man

Steve Carter

FATHER • ENTREPRENEUR • VETERAN • FRIEND • LEGEND

"Laughter makes life lighter. Family makes life richer."

SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR

- Part-owner of Sunoco Gas Station
- Part-owner of Fish King
- Part-owner of Carter's Carwash

FUELING COMMUNITY FOOD OPPORTUNITY JOBS LEGACY



Building businesses. Creating opportunities. Taking care of people.

FISH KING SEAFOOD

Carter's CARWASH



Same Man. Big Heart. Bigger Stories.

Life is better when you can laugh at yourself and enjoy the ride.

MILITARY SERVICE



- Proudly served in the U.S. Army for a few years.
- Discipline. Honor. Service.
- Always a Soldier.

U.S. ARMY



Once a Soldier... Always a Proud American.

AUTO SALES EXPERT

- Spent many years as a sales representative for various car dealerships, including Cadillac.
- People. Cars. Relationships.
- He knew how to close the deal!

Cadillac



FAMILY & HEART

- Devoted father of 5 children.
- Always the jokester of the family.
- Deeply caring with a massive heart for the people he loves.
- Holds a special place in his heart for his late brother, **Chris Carter**, whom he misses dearly and still weeps for.
- Believes in the power of family.

In Loving Memory
Chris Carter
"Always in my heart, never forgotten."



5 Children. A Lifetime of Love. Family Is Everything.

A LOVE FOR FINE CARS

- Deep appreciation for fine cars.
- Currently drives a **Lexus**.
- A longtime love for BMW.



Life's a beautiful ride!



LEISURE & THE GOOD LIFE

- Loves gathering family and friends together for backyard barbecues and fish frys.
- Enjoys playing pool — especially sinking the 8-ball.
- Unwinds with a few beers and a good cigar.
- Retirement is his new name, and he wears it well!
- Sleeping has officially become his favorite new hobby!



Barbecue. Fish Fry. Pool. Beer. Cigar. Family. Peace.

HEALTH & WELLNESS CHECK-UP CHECKLIST



- **Sleep Study** – Evaluate quality of rest and address his new hobby of sleeping.
- **Heart Health** – Routine cardiovascular screening to keep his heart strong.
- **Smoking Cessation** – Discuss his cigar habit and its long-term impacts.

Stay Healthy. More Good Days Ahead!

WORDS TO LIVE BY

- "Work Hard"
- "Take Care of Your Family"
- "Enjoy Life"
- "Keep People Laughing"
- "A Good Cigar Makes Things Better"
- "Retirement Looks Good on Me!"

Same Jokes. New Adventures.



HONORING HIS JOURNEY.
CELEBRATING HIS LIFE.

STEVE CARTER

A REMARKABLE MAN. A LASTING IMPACT.

FAMILY TODAY.
FOREVER TOMORROW.

CHERISHED FAMILY MEMORIES

A life filled with love, laughter & family





































REMEMBERING STEVIE

In Their Own Words

Remembering My Cousin Stevie

There are two things I admired about you: how much you cared for family and how you always called us in the morning. I am going to miss everything about you!

— Danny Calloway, Cousin

Stevie Has Caused Us To Pause

His abrupt departure has made us aware of the time we waste. We should mend fences while we can. Love enough to change!

— Sister Lorrine Brown

My Hero, My Mentor, My Advisor, My Dad

Dad, I will always think of you as my hero, my mentor, my advisor, and my dad! I will carry your lessons, your memories, and the love you gave me for the rest of my life!

— Terrance “T.J.” Carter, Son

I Just Lost My Brother and Friend

Over the last two years, Stevie and I grew closer, building a deeper relationship not only as siblings but as friends. I am heartbroken knowing that he is no longer here with us.

Stevie would often send me text messages with old-school songs we grew up listening to. Those songs brought back so many wonderful memories. Our conversations about family and politics were deep, meaningful, and sometimes spirited. I will miss those moments more than words can express.

Farewell, Stevie. I didn't just lose my brother. I lost my friend.

With all my love, Your Sister, Terry

Acknowledgments

The family of Stevie William Carter wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for every act of kindness, love, and support shown to us during this difficult time.

Your prayers, messages, phone calls, visits, and gestures of sympathy have provided comfort and strength. We are deeply grateful to our church family, extended relatives, friends, and the community for standing with us and honoring Stevie·s life and legacy.

May God bless each of you.

With sincere gratitude and love, The Carter Family

PALLBEARERS

Active Pallbearers

John Walton

Sherman Sampson

Jim Dawkins

Danny Callaway

Henry Lee Triplet

Greg Carter

Honorary Pallbearers

Branden A. Gregory

Shirley Eicelberger

Lonzeo E. Lyons

Carl Eicelberger

Curtis Worthy

With gratitude for their service and support