

## *Remembering Our Beloved Matriarch*

On November 27, 1938, Carrie Mae Heidelberg entered the world in one of the busiest travel hubs on the Eastern Seaboard New York, New York. Carrie, the eldest of nine children, had no way of knowing that this was the beginning of her travel itinerary. Nevertheless, during her 87 years of life she fearlessly embraced the wisdom required to navigate through life's many challenges --- then emerge victoriously. On December 15, 2025, Carrie graciously submitted to the will of The Father and entered into her rest. Her parents Chris Heidelberg and Carrie Mae Rogers both preceded her in death.

Carrie began her education in New York, but shortly thereafter, her father relocated the children to Baltimore, Maryland. Although the move brought hardships for Carrie and her siblings, they endured and continued to thrive. As the eldest child, Carrie often had to care for her younger siblings. Her new-found responsibilities required a level of authority which helped to shape her character as well as her future.

At 18 years old, Carrie met John Edward Jones. They planned to marry; However, those plans were eclipsed when John met with a premature demise. He passed away before the birth of his son, John Edward Jones Jr. A short time thereafter, Carrie met and married Charles Goines Sr. To this union five children were born; Carrie, Karen, Charles Jr., Renee and Joanne. Her experience as caregiver for her younger siblings proved very useful as Carrie set about the business of ordering her household. Carrie and Charles raised their children together and assisted with raising several grandchildren. Ma-Ma & Pop-Pop were inseparable until 1998, when Charles Sr. passed away suddenly due to a health condition.

Carrie was a staunch disciplinarian who taught her children diction, conduct, etiquette, responsibility, accountability and strength of character. They lived by the Golden Rule, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. She took no tea for the fever, ensuring that her children internalized and practiced every lesson. Although she didn't complete her education, Carrie consistently reinforced the value of education. Her persistence paid off as four of her six children graduated from high school and three opted to serve in the military.

Carrie embarked upon her spiritual journey in the early 1970's. Her quest led her to The Lord Jesus Christ. She joined her mother at Tree of Life Bible Church --- under the leadership of Pastor Lassiter E. Basket. Carrie insisted that the entire family join the church to ensure a unified Christian experience. Shortly after joining the church, she encouraged her children to start singing. Together with a few friends, they became known as The Goines Specials. What began as a means to bring musical support to the worship service became a pathway for her children to perform at various youth and church functions. Carrie took great pride in her children's singing ability, but most of all she appreciated the anointing on their lives. Always a fierce protector, she made sure that no one took advantage of their talent.

In 1976, the entire family transitioned to Temple of God Pentecostal Church. They remained there until the untimely passing of the pastor, Bishop Charles Stencil. Having laid a

firm Christian foundation for her children, Carrie released them to find their own way in The Lord. In 1985, Carrie joined Redeemed Tabernacle, under the pastorate of Bishop Douglas Williams and Lady Gloria Williams. There, she served on the Pastor's Aide Committee and the Usher Board --- No matter the task, she always put her best foot forward. Carrie was still a faithful steward in this ministry at the time of her transition.

Carrie spent most of her life as a domestic engineer. The work was sometimes demanding and involved long hours. Nevertheless, she stayed focused just like a captain at the helm of a ship. Realizing that a stable home environment coupled with good home training and a strong Christian foundation created a formula for rearing healthy well-rounded children, Carrie opted to enter the realm of Foster Care. Having endured the pain of separation from her siblings as a child, Carrie always volunteered to take children who also had siblings. One foster child, who became an active part of the family, Veronica Richardson Hall remains a beautiful reminder that all children need is love and a sense of belonging.

Carrie loved to travel. When her children were young, the family traveled by car up and down the East Coast to visit family. However, as soon as everyone reached their teen years, she began traveling with friends. She earned the nickname 'Getta Goines' because she was always going on a little get-a-way here or there. She traveled by bus to New York City to attend shows at Radio City Music Hall. She traveled to Dutch Wonderland in Pennsylvania on numerous shopping sprees. ---- Even traveling by train fed her sense of adventure. Later.... She traveled by plane, because it was exhilarating to fly from one place to another in a short period of time

We cannot close this chapter of Carrie's life with our own words, so we'll use hers instead. "As I traveled this road called life, I experienced some things, endured some things, learned some things, and enjoyed some things. All of it worked together to make the best of me. I spent my time teaching and training my children to be the best that they could be, and to embrace their differences. I even took time to take pleasure in traveling to a few places .... For a short period of time, my travel buddy Liz joined me along the way. Liz and I were an inseparable duo. I'm grateful for all the excursions we enjoyed together --- most especially when we were resting on our laurels.

Carrie Mae Heidelberg Goines will be honored and remembered for being a gallant lady who had no problem sharing her opinion with others, whether they asked for it or not. Her no-nonsense approach became characteristically expected and revered amongst those who knew and loved her. We will always remember Carrie for the caring, strong, independent, highly opinionated, no-nonsense but fun-loving and highly principled Matriarch she was. To God be the glory for her sojourn among us.

Treasured memories of Carrie will forever be etched upon the hearts of her children: Karen Laws (Dennis); Charles Goines Jr.; Renee Halmon (Frank) Veronica Richardson Hall, Jeanne Goines McLean; 2 children: John Edward Jones Jr., and Carrie Goines preceded her in death; Brothers: Chris Anthony Heidelberg and Balam King, one sister: Gwendolyn Putney; 5 Siblings: Daisy Jones, James Heidelberg, Lillie Mae McCoy, Ruth Bogler, and Herman Rogers, all preceded her in death. Grandchildren: Michael Perkins, Samantha Louis Spell, Marcus Cooper; Chandrice Eaton Blandin (preceded her in death) Thea Angelique Goines (Lionel); Justin Wade Mathis; Arletthia Marie Stokes (David); Adam Hargrove; Frank Halmon III, Tirzah Halmon, Rhea Elise Halmon (Aaron) and Joshua Halmon; Nicole Renee Lawson, Danielle Teresa McLean, LaToya McLean, Chante McLean Mack, Dana McLean, Henry McLean and Charles Montel Goines; 43 Great grand-children two great great granddaughters and a host of nieces, nephews; relatives and friends; One special and dear friend Renita Chilton.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*The Family of*

**MOTHER *CARRIE MAE HEIDELBERG GOINES***

*wishes to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to all of our family and friends. In difficult times such as these we are reminded how much your caring compassion and friendship means to us. Your kindness in remembering our loved one with your presence and condolence expressions is greatly appreciated. Your thoughtfulness, generosity and support will never be forgotten.*

*Special thanks to Gilchrist Home Hospice for the attentive care you administered to our loved one.*

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**INTERMENT**

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**EVENING**

*Carrie Mae Heidelberg Goines*

**FAMILY VISITATION & INTERMENT**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
Hari P. Close Funeral Chapel  
5126 Belair Road Baltimore, MD 21206

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**

11:00 AM Friday, January 9, 2026  
City of Hope International Worship Center  
7180 Troy Hill Drive #M; Elkridge MD 21075  
Bishop Joseph McCargo, Officiating

