



# Lelia Jo Ann Carter

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**A**fter a long battle with cancer, Lelia “Penny” Jo Ann Carter died on December 14, 2015 in Taylorsville, UT at the age of 70. She leaves behind her son, Christopher Wideman (married to Sarah Wideman), and her grandchildren Damoni, Layla and Mya Wideman. She is predeceased by her son, Sean Carter.

Lelia was born on December 9, 1945 in Lexington, VA, to her father Walter Dunn and her mother Denia Smith, who predeceased her. She grew up in a large family with four sisters and three brothers. When her son Christopher was young, they moved to Northern Virginia where they ultimately settled in Lake Ridge. She spent her career working for the State of Virginia, and even after her diagnosis of breast cancer, she remained dedicated to her work and completed two Bachelors degrees along the way in Business. She always maintained a will to fight, and was a brave, strong-willed woman, even throughout her final days of life. Lelia moved to Utah in August 2015 to spend her final months closer to her son and defied all odds in her final days by fighting longer than hospice had ever seen for someone in her condition.

Lelia spent much of her time dedicated to family history research and also enjoyed sewing and making jewelry. She was a Jehovah’s Witness and became more devout in her faith and participation over the course of her life. Lelia left a legacy of strength and determination that will be remembered by all who knew her.



## Tribute Wall

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GN

**Gregory Nowlin** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family! I got to know her well when married to Ed Carter. She was funny and a joy to be around. I remember her as a dedicated servant to Jehovah. May you be remembered during the resurrection. I will miss your kind and loving spirit. Gregory Nowlin

December 29 at 1:17 AM

CG

**Chanell Gaines** posted:

Ms. Lelia kept me laughing. No matter what she was going through, she always had a kind word and a smile for me. She was a wonderful woman. My condolences to her friends and family. She will surely be missed.

December 29 at 1:01 AM

JT

**Jaquetta Tyson** posted:

My condolences to the family, I am so honored to have connected with Penny a couple of months back. I never knew we were cousins until she informed me that her father was my uncle. I am so glad she shared that with me, and to find out that she is my cousin. She was a strong, beautiful and very blessed woman I remember her from a child but never knew I was her cousin. I am happy to know that I am kin to such a strong courageous woman. I am praying for you all.

December 28 at 4:26 PM

BM

**Barbara McClendon** posted:

Lelia Carter was a woman who spoke her mind. This is why we clicked and became friends after working together for years. She was a woman dedicated to her son, her religion and her work. She was strong to her convictions and was someone you could count on. She will be greatly missed. Barbara M.

December 28 at 3:21 PM

AW

**Addie H. White** lit a candle in honor of Lelia .

Please know my thoughts and prayers are being sent.

December 28 at 3:06 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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