



## Elma Irene Carter

January 16, 1924 - December 5, 2020

Elma was born January 16, 1924 to James Monroe Dotson and Erma Elma Lollace Dotson in Bentonville, Arkansas.

She enjoyed being a member of the Calvary Baptist Church community for several years.

Active in bowling, she participated with her friends and teammates for over 50 years, as well as holding State and Local League offices. She was also a member of the National 600 Club.

Having a talent for math, she worked as a bookkeeper for the family automotive repair business then retired from Coca Cola as a bookkeeper for the maintenance department.

Preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Russell Carter, her parents, brothers James Dotson, her sisters Thelma Ward and husband Jack, and Beulah McBroom and husband Homer. Elma is survived by her son, Garry Carter and wife Cathy, grandchildren Joshua, Zoe, Matthew and Thomas, great grandchildren Aiden and Lincoln Carter, and her brother Dewey.

Elma will always be remembered as the loving and giving soul. She was also a loyal friend, aunt, mother, and wife. Her world will miss her greatly.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in the name of Cory Welch, her departed nephew: <https://on.cff.org/2IEcpu0>

Arrangements are under the direction of Moore's Chapel.

To sign an online guestbook, visit <http://www.moorefuneralchapel.com>.

# Comments

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“ Elma was a very special Christian to us. We had a lot of fun together at various fellowship events. Elma was always happy and enjoyed being with her Calvary Baptist family members. She always liked to set in a certain place at Worship services. If she was not in her seat she was dearly missed. Elma was a model to all of us as she never showed worry or stress. She enjoyed her home. She dearly loved her Son Gary and going to spend time with him and family. We will truly miss her. Bill and Myrtle Taylor

**Bill and Myrtle Taylor** - December 11, 2020 at 06:36 PM

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“ Gary I am sad to know that Elma is gone I loved to go to her and your dads to visit and had a good time with them she is the last of my dads cousins on the Dotson side.

Joy Sue (Dotson) Simkins

**Joy Sue Simkins** - December 10, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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“ Gary, Cathy, and family,

Elma will be missed so much! She was always cheerful and smiling. What a wonderful long life she had. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come.

Love,  
Jackie and Randy Drake

**Jacqueline Kay Drake** - December 10, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ GARY CARTER: Your mom called us about 5 weeks ago to come & pickup some walnuts. So I took your mom some unsalted cashews and some peach jam that Ken had made. She was so glad that we came. We had a good visit with her. She looked good and was getting around very well. She had finally eaten all the candy that the Forever Young had given her a surprise 96th birthday party for her. She lived a good life. Her nephew was a helpful blessing to her. He helped her so much.

We will miss your mom dearly. She was such a dear lady. We would ask her if she was coming to Church and she would say that she was planning on it but for some months she wasn't able to come.

Kenneth & Margrete Thomasson  
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**Kenneth & Marrete Thomasson** - December 10, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Garry and family: We're so sorry for your loss. Elma was a fine lady and a true Christian. She was like another mom to us and we loved her. We will miss her so much.

**linda thomas** - December 10, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Garry.  
I am so sad to learn of your moms passing. She was such a sweet lady. She was always so nice to me and all your friends growing up. I saw her a few months ago. She looked great and was getting around great! We sat and talked for a few hours. She was so proud of you, and your children ! Her eyes lite up just talking about you. We talked about your athletic trophies from high school and your dads bowling trophies.  
I know this is such a sad time. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Mary Zaccanti Bassett** - December 10, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ Elma was a wonderful friend. We were bowling teammates for many years. Our trips to State and National Tournaments are filled with happy memories. We were like sisters. I will always cherish the memories we made together. Love to my friend forever. .Wanda Loman

**Wanda Loman** - December 10, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Elma has been a special friend of mine since I first met her when I was asked to bowl as a sub on a team (Tom's Peanuts) at Ozark Lanes in the fall of 1961 and ended up being on the team as a member along with Wanda Loman, Joan Johnson, and Mary Conrad. We had so much fun bowling every Monday night, bowling in city tournaments, state, and national tournaments all over the country with the first one being in Memphis in 1953 where our team was scheduled to bowl at midnight. Elma was the best bowler so she was always our "anchor" person. She also was a "coach" for the rest of us when we "were not on our game." I have a picture of her, Joan, and I in the red bowling shirts we wore when bowling in Florida and what fun we all had taking in Disneyworld.. Even after she stopped bowling, I have stayed in touch with her from time to time. I am reminded that "it's the friends we meet along the way that make this journey in life so special." Elma Carter was one of those friends and I consider her friendship as a special one. I shall forever remember her. (Marjorie Niblock)

**Marjorie Niblock** - December 10, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ I miss my Aunt Elma so much, she was always good to me and I loved talking to her about family genealogy. I miss her so much. Love, you niece, Vicki Ward Franklin

**Vicki G. Franklin** - January 24 at 02:21 PM