



### **-With Gratitude-**

The family of Harold Jay Carter wishes to thank the community for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which has been extended during this time. *God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love.* BB's spirit lives in the hearts of all who loved him—and though he may have left our sight, his love will forever surround us. A special thanks to the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated for conducting the Omega Service.



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# IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Friday, July 18, 2025  
Calling Hours: 11:00am  
Services: 12:00p.m.  
Temple Emmanuel Seventh-  
Day Adventist Church  
108 W. Indianola Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio 44507

**HAROLD  
JAY CARTER**  
1953 - 2025

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## - Order of Celebration -



Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Garfield K. James
Sacred Text: Psalms 92	Sis. Debbie Hughes
Music Ministry	Labron Lucas
Tributes & Condolences	Tiffany Fields
<i>Life &amp; Legacy of Mr. BB</i>	Nikki (Fields) Posterli
Reflections & Expressions	<i>Please respect two minutes</i>
Music Ministry	Labron Lucas
Eulogy	Minister Gus Lawson
Committal & Benediction	Pastor Garfield K. James
Recession & Cortege to Belmont Park Cemetery	



*"I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."*

*Etienne de Grellet*

## The Life & Legacy of Harold Jay Carter

It is with heavy hearts yet with deep gratitude for a well-lived life that we recognize the passing of Harold Jay Carter, who entered eternal rest on June 22, 2025. Harold, affectionately known as "Mr. BB" to his family, was the benefactor of a multifaceted life that reflected devotion to family and humanity. He was born on May 12, 1953, to the union of Sarah Pearl Edwards Carter and James L. Carter in Youngstown. After graduating from South High, Harold furthered his education at Youngstown State University, where he became a founding brother of YSU's Omicron Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He earned the distinguished title of Sphinxman #9, known as the "Black Genesis," marking his integral role in establishing this brotherhood. Harold's adventurous spirit led him to travel to Africa, where he gathered artifacts reflecting his appreciation for his cultural heritage. Harold ventured to California, where he enjoyed a successful career at the Mattel Toy Company. His artistic talents flourished through as a commercial artist. After Mattel, he enjoyed a career with Konica Royal Copiers.

His professional accomplishments were only eclipsed by the warmth and generosity he extended to everyone around him. His commitment to community service was evident in his role as Assistant Park Director at Falls Playground, where he helped enrich the lives of local youth and families. Despite his California residence, he maintained strong ties to his Ohio roots, faithfully attending annual class reunions and making several trips home each year to visit his mother. Harold loved to chronicle events through photography and videography. He was always present and celebrated life to the fullest. He was the de facto family historian and recordkeeper of the family roots. His passions included fishing and collecting Marvel and DC comic books.

He is survived by his beloved siblings—Merriam Fields, James "Joe" Carter Jr., Emmanuel (Peggy) Carter, George Carter, Arthur Carter, Renwick "Pete" (Christine) Carter, Reginald Carter, Sarah Jane (Ralph) Harden and Mary Burke. He also leaves fond memories with his longtime companion Antoinette Bell and friends Rev. Gus Lawson and Jeffrey Gathwright. Harold's cherished nieces and nephews also carries forward his spirit of kindness and commitment to family.

As Harold crossed into eternity, he was reunited with his parents; siblings James Earl Carter and Twintella Turner; brother-in-law Rodney S. Fields Sr.; sister-in-law Quantrilla Carter, and former spouse Darlene Coward-Carter.