



## Earlene Carter Wandrey

February 3, 1938 - April 9, 2016

Earlene Wandrey - Whitaker, 78, of Mooresville, NC, passed away at 9:50 p.m. Saturday, April 9th, 2016, at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, NC. She fought a valiant 11-year battle against cancer and participated in numerous medical studies and fundraising efforts to support cancer research. Earlene was born on Feb. 3, 1938, in Leland, Miss., the 9th child of 15 by Albert and Marie (Frazier) Carter. She was a successful business woman running a small chain of shoe stores in Central Ohio, before moving on to own a ladies consignment boutique in Westerville, OH. Before her passing, Earlene published her memoirs, "Walk in My Shoes." She loved traveling, gardening, and socializing with family and friends. Earlene is a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westerville OH, and St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mooresville, NC. Earlene is survived by her husband, Max Whitaker, two sons, David Wandrey (Susan) of Peoria, AZ and Richie Wandrey (Veronica) of Westerville, OH; three grandchildren Daniel, Luke and Alaina; brothers, John Carter Sr. of Chicago, Ernest Carter of Dallas, TX, and Cleo (Gloria) Carter of Bartonville, IL; one sister, Ruby White of Little Rock, AR, and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, and relatives. There will be no funeral services as per Earlene's wishes. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Gordon Hospice House, 2341 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625. The family would like to thank the staff at Gordon Hospice House for their loving care of Earlene.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Earlene Carter Wandrey*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Earlene Carter Wandrey*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Earlene Carter Wandrey*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I will always see your smiling face encouraging every one you met. What a joy to have known you in your physical presence. Even better that you are in the spirit world where there are no boundaries. Live on Earlene!*

**Elvah Donald** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ms. Wandrey-Whitaker was an awesome lady and I adopted her as my Grandmother. She was a gentle spirit and her presence commanded attention. Ms. Wandrey rest well. Max be blessed and know your best friend is watching over you.*

**Tewanoa Caviness** - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I am just hearing about this today. I am saddened by this news...My mentor and like a second mother. Rest well. Xoxo

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**Bayyinah Monk Nduaka** - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I just heard of Earlene's passing today. I always loved her energy and smiles when I would walk into her resale shop in Westerville. I ran into to her one night at Mudflats about 5 or 6 years and she started chatting to me like we had been long friends. I shared with her that I had recently become widowed. She said the most comforting words to me. She shared some of her story with me and told me that she was writing her memoir. We laughed and we cried together that night. And we danced together. My friends and I were able to meet up with her and Max several more times before she moved. The last time I saw Earlene was when I attended one of her book signings in Westerville. I am so blessed that I got to meet her. My deepest sympathy to Max and her family.

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**Sharon Andrews** - May 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs to you all.

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**Dave and Wanda Wells** - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ My deepest sympathy to the Whitaker family. Earlene was such a kind, strong and engaging person. I first met her at her store in Westerville, and she never forgot me. Always greeted me with a smile and warmly extended hand no matter where our paths crossed. What a courageous fighter. Westerville has missed her, and will always remember her fondly.

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**Linda Richer** - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I was just thinking about Earlene a week or so ago, wondering how she and Max were doing. God is good all the time, and now He can say to her, 'well done my Child". Sending prayers and thoughts.

Holly Seidl - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I remember meeting Earlene when she had the shoe store in Gold Circle Mall. I would just pop in to say hello, as she always had a smile on her face and was filled with excitement. A true gift to the Westerville community, and you will be missed. Condolences to her family, and may she rest in peace.

Carida McCalla - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Aunt Earlene, thanks for helping me to become the woman I am today. .You will truly be missed.

Michelle Sulcer - April 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Hi. Aunt Earlene so embodied my spirit and helped me in becoming the person that I am. She was a great aunt. Thank you for loving me. Lil' John.

Johnny Carter, Jr - April 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Earlene. It's been many years but I remember her energy.Prayers to the family

Lei San Liggins - April 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Earlene so generously shared her zest for life and her spirit will always be with many of us. I can see her smiling down upon all her family and friends from heaven. My condolences to Max, Richie and the rest of her family.*

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**Elaine Reid** - April 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *May God's peace and love hold fill you and know that Earlene is with God now and forever*

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**Gail Downs** - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM