



LaCretia A. Carter

October 25, 1936 - March 23, 2025

LaCretia Ann Carter was born in Cabool, MO, on October 25, 1936, to Mae Bell Fry Beeler and Henry Beeler. She departed this world on March 23, 2025, at Ozarks Health Center in West Plains, surrounded by family and friends. She was 88 years old.

LaCretia grew up in St. Louis, MO, and married Paul Ray McElroy in 1950, and had three children. Her two girls only lived for a few hours each. Cretia Rae was born first and then Paula Mae. She then married Claude Larrison and moved to Minnesota, where she met cherished friends like Mark Gulbrandson who graduated with her son. After living in Minnesota, she moved to Colorado and enjoyed camping and outdoor living. In Colorado, she would meet her granddaughters, Brittany and Natalie. LaCretia was a born again Christian and attended the Pomona Christian Church where she met her cherished friends, Willie and Phoebe Hendricks and their children, Nicholas, Kaitlyn, Noah, and Blake. She greatly enjoyed serving her community as a member of The Rebeccas and The Lions Club. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

LaCretia was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Mae; her children, Paul, Paula, and Cretia McElroy; her three sisters, three brothers, as well as several nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her sister, Connie Beeler; her granddaughters, Brittany Hatley (Daniel), Natalie Patterson (Patrick); her great grandchildren, Ellie and Gabriel Mac; her nephew, David Zacheis (McElroy) and wife, Nikki; she is further survived by several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, friends, and neighbors.

A memorial service for LaCretia will be held Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at Pomona Christian Church with Pastor Marcus Allen officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pomona Christian Church
5040 County Road 1390
Pomona, MO 65789

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Creaky - you are no longer shackled to this earthly body, with its hurts and pains. You are free. Much love to all.

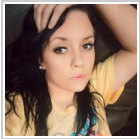
amanda harrison - March 29, 2025 at 09:26 AM

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“ Amanda Harrison purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of LaCretia A. Carter.



Amanda Harrison - March 29, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ I was the secretary at her dialysis clinic and it was a pleasure to know her. She was the most firm yet sweetest lady I've ever met. She will definitely be missed. Condolences to all who loved her.

Bethany Porter - March 28, 2025 at 07:04 PM

MG

“ Always called her my 2nd mom, she referred to me as a son. Amazing woman. Many memories when we both lived in Mn. RIP sweet lady.

Mark Gulbrandson - March 26, 2025 at 06:52 PM

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“ *Your loving niece, Judy Devoe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of LaCretia A. Carter.*



Your loving niece, Judy Devoe - March 25, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DM

“ *Carter and family, I'm sorry for the loss of your loved one.*

Dustin W Mahan - March 24, 2025 at 03:18 PM