

Celina Butler Carter was born May 25, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Joseph Etienne Butler and Josephine Grammar Butler. On Sunday May 25, 2025 (her 98th Birthday) she was welcomed to heavenly peace and tranquility.

Celina was united in Holy Matrimony to Sidney Carter, Jr. From this union, they were blessed with two children, Vyonne Carter-Johnson and Sidney Carter III.

Celina had a long and illustrious career in church ministries. As a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, she worked faithfully in the following: Served 3 terms as Senior Warden. She was the first female to serve as Senior Warden in the State of Louisiana. She served a 2-year term as Treasurer. She was a Licensed Lay Reader (known today as a Worship Leader and Lector) and later served as a Chalice Bearer (known today as a Eucharist Minister). She served a 3-year term on the Executive Episcopal Governing Board of the Diocese of Louisiana. She also served as vice-chair of the Episcopal Community Center Governing Board, president of the Association of Catholic Charities of Foster Grandparents and on the Board of Advocacy Center of Elderly and Disabled, Commission on Ministry for Older Adults, Church Women United, and she was active in the Cursillo Movement. She was an avid bridge player. She achieved the rank of Life Master.

As a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, she relocated to Houston, TX on September 5, 2005, after Hurricane Katrina. In 2006, she transferred her membership of 44 years from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, New Orleans to Grace Episcopal Church, Houston.

As a member of Grace Episcopal Church, Celina served on the Altar Guild, The Daughters of the King, as Vice-President, Circle of Care as Co-Chair and as a Counter. Celina was a great ambassador for Jesus as she greeted all who attended Grace with a warm welcome. She also made sure to involve all who attended with ministries at Grace. She embodied the tenets of the Daughters of the King: prayer, service, and evangelism.

We ask that on May 25, you also pray, serve, and promote the good work of Jesus Christ. Remember Celina on this day. Celina wrote on topics of interest to her, contemplative prayer, Juneteenth, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.