



## Lydia M. (Robinson) Carter

July 16, 1928 - November 19, 2019

Lydia M. (Robinson) Carter 91, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday morning surrounded by her children. Lydia (Lee) was born in Bridgeport, CT. She was the oldest of 5 children and would often share stories of life growing up during the depression. In 1947 Lee (who was crowned Ms. Bridgeport) was a finalist for Ms. Connecticut. In the late 40's Lee moved to NYC where she studied dance and acting and would often run into other aspiring actors like Anthony Quinn. While in NYC, Lee worked for legendary Big Band leaders the Dorsey Brothers. In 1952 She married Lawrence native James Carter. They moved to Lawrence, MA. in 1960 and were married for 38 years (until Jim's passing in 1990). Together they raised 8 children. Lee was an active member of the former Assumption Parish/Church on Lawrence St. assisting with their Holiday festivals and events. In the 60's, Lee worked for (the former) Western Electric in North Andover. In the 70's, she switched careers and became an educator, working as a Teacher's aide at the Lawlor School in Lawrence. Lee left the Public School System to work in the Detective Office at Rockingham Park. In 1981 she ran for Lawrence School Committee. Between 1983 and 1985 Lee worked for local radio stations WCCM and WCGY and was recognized as Employee of the Year in 1984. Lee was proud of her heritage which included both Indian and members of the Revolutionary War (DAR). In addition to spending time with her family she enjoyed bingo as well as trips to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun.

Lydia (Lee) is predeceased by her husband James R. Carter Jr. (1990) and two sons; Nick (1986) and Gary (2001). She is survived by her daughters; Denise (McFarland), Joanne (Flanagan), Kathy (Gorgizian), Maureen (Lundergan), her sons; James and Richard Carter, her son-in-laws; Mick Flanagan and Robert Lundergan and her daughter-in-laws; Nilda (Lopez) Carter and Roxanne (Stys) Carter.

Lee leaves behind a loving family of 16 Grandchildren; Jon, Kim, Noreen, Josh, Jason, Michael, Alison, Kyle, Matthew, Amanda, Shae, Julia, Victoria, Braeden, Alejandro and Mason, 17 Great Grandchildren, 2 Great Great Grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her brothers; Howard (Ted) and Richard (Ricky) Robinson and her sister Trudy Clark (predeceased by her sister Shirley).

During her final years Lee was cared for by her loving daughter Kathy.

Lee will be remembered for her unconditional love and support of her family, always encouraging them with loving advice. She was kind, considerate and always positive. Her laugh was infectious, her smile would warm your heart and her sense of humor would keep you laughing for hours.

Relatives and friends may call on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. Her funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Saint Mary's Church in Lawrence, MA. Her burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence, MA. For online condolences and other information please visit us at [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## Immaculate Conception Cemetery

29 Barker Street  
Lawrence, MA, 01841

# Events

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**NOV 21** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. -  
Lawrence  
122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA, US, 01841

**NOV 22** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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Saint Mary's of the Assumption Church  
Lawrence, MA, US

# Comments

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“ The 1st Christmas that I worked at WCCM/WCGY, the bosses passed out a company gift to the full time employees. Because I was only part-time, I didn't receive a gift. Jimi mentioned that to his mother and Lee was nice enough to give me the gift that she received.

I don't really remember what the gift was - it may have been a key chain or other company swag. But her gift made me feel like I was part of the work family at the radio station.

Later that week, I heard that the same thing happened to another new employee. I felt bad giving away Lee's gift but felt that she would have wanted that person to also feel included. I remember he was very appreciative and that small action made him feel like he belonged.

I'm sure over her lifetime Lee's acts of kindness touched countless lives. I will always remember what she did for me.

Dave Pekarski

Dave Pekarski - November 22, 2019 at 12:13 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia M. (Robinson) Carter.



November 21, 2019 at 12:53 PM

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“ My sincere condolences and love to the family. What a sweet , wonderful and interesting woman. (A bit sassy too) .When ever I'd see her, she was always smiling and laughing.

I would especially like to thank her for the gift of my non biological sister & BFF Denise. ( I know you're shaking your head And chuckling right now Dee but your mom is smiling). May she Rest In Peace . Love and respect.

sharon - November 21, 2019 at 09:11 AM

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“ Denise McFarland sent a virtual gift in memory of Lydia M. (Robinson) Carter



**Denise McFarland** - November 21, 2019 at 03:38 AM

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“ Maureen - I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. No matter how long we have them, we only have one Mom. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Nancy Carroll

**Nancy Carroll** - November 20, 2019 at 02:28 PM

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“ A light from our household is gone. A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled. God gave us a beautiful Mother - a mother who never grew old, and always there with a helping hand. Help us now to accept His plan. We miss you now, our hearts are sore as time goes by, we miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can take our mother's place. May the choirs of Angels receive you and may you have rest and peace everlasting. Until we meet again. Loving you always. -Kathy

**Kathy Gorgizian- daughter** - November 20, 2019 at 01:51 PM

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“ To all my cousins and family, sending condolences to all and much love and prayers. You are all in my thoughts. God bless Auntie Lydia, she was such a sweetheart I truly enjoyed spending time with her at dad's last birthday party. She reminds me so much of our grandma! Please let me know if you need anything!  
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Love, Laura (Robinson) Keller



**laura keller** - November 20, 2019 at 09:20 AM

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“ To Kathy; you have dedicated the past 4 years of your life to taking care of mom 24/7. I know how much that meant to her, cause she told me every time we talked. I miss her terribly, but I know that she is without pain now & back with dad, nick & gary. I also needed you to know that to me - you are an angel. Love from your big sister, Denise.



**Denise McFarland** - November 20, 2019 at 05:17 AM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lydia M. (Robinson) Carter.



November 19, 2019 at 10:38 PM

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“ Jim and Nelda Victoria Aj so sorry for the passing of your Mom and Grandmother please except my condolences Love Margie Corliss

**Margie Corliss** - November 19, 2019 at 09:03 PM