

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

*“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”*



### *Acknowledgments*

The Matthew family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the support, and prayers during this difficult time. The calls, texts, and profound outpouring of love, has been extremely meaningful and uplifting. Through our cherished memories, **CAROL** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate her life by living with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath and share our lives with our loved ones.

*Arrangements Entrusted to:*

  
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## *A Celebration of Life*



*Dr. Carol Jean Lewis Matthew*

SUNRISE: JANUARY 17, 1932 - SUNSET: JULY 19, 2024

### *Graveside Service*

Saturday August 3, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

**CYPRESS HILLS CEMETERY**

833 Jamaica Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11208

**REVEREND KEITH DENNIS, Officiating**

# Order of Service

INVOCATION ..... REV. KEITH DENNIS

## SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 23 ..... DR. LAURA MATTHEW THOMPSON

NEW TESTAMENT: 1THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18 ..... DR. DAYNA BOWEN MATTHEW

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... REV. KEITH DENNIS

REFLECTIONS ..... DR. THOMAS LEWIS MATTHEW

MICHAEL CECIL MATTHEW

FAMILY & FRIENDS

(3 MINUTES PLEASE)

OBITUARY ..... EDWARD ALAN MATTHEW

EULOGY ..... REV. KEITH DENNIS

COMMITTAL & BENECTION ..... REV. KEITH DENNIS

CLOSING SELECTION ..... "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

# Obituary

OF DR. CAROL JEAN LEWIS MATTHEW

**DR. CAROL L. MATTHEW** passed away peacefully on July 19, 2024, in Atlanta. The family matriarch was born on January 17, 1932, in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the second child of Dr. Edward S. Lewis and Mary M. Lewis. Her father, an Urban League executive, moved the family from Morgan Park Maryland to Harlem, New York. Carol attended Music and Art High School and earned a B.A in Child Study at Sarah Lawrence College. She began her master's degree in social work at Columbia University and completed her MSW at Simmons College, in Boston.

Carol married Dr. Thomas William Matthew, who was training in neurological surgery at Boston Veterans Medical Center. To this union five children were born: Laura Jean, Thomas Lewis, Diane Alison, Edward Alan, and Michael Cecil.

Carol's life passion, which was to help and advocate for others, led her to study social work. In 1967, Carol started a social work department at the Interfaith Hospital in Jamaica, Queens, a hospital her husband co-founded to bring medical care to an underserved community.

For 25 years she was an educator, and counselor at the City College SEEK Program. She earned her doctorate in Social Work at Columbia University.

After her husband's death in 1996, Carol continued to work and live in New York City where she led a life rich with friendships and community engagement. In 2004, she retired to Atlanta with her companion Elwood, "Skip" Green. She was predeceased by her father in 1985, husband in 1996, mother in 1997, brother Raphael Lewis in 2013, and Elwood in 2020. Dr Carol Matthew, like her mother Mary Lewis, was an AKA Soror. A founding member of the Ins and Outs club in NYC, she served as a board member of Northside Center for Child Development and was the President of the Harlem Rotary Club. In Atlanta, she was a member of the Airport Rotary, volunteered at Family Life Ministry, food pantry, a member at East Point Presbyterian Church., and an Elder at College Park Presbyterian Church. Since 2019, she has been a member of Ben Hill United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her five children: her daughters, Laura Matthew-Thompson, and her grandsons Jason R. Roop and Robert N. Thompson; and Diane A. Matthew; her sons, Thomas Lewis Matthew (Dayna) and her grandchildren S. Griffin Mueller (Mark Benjamin Mueller), Marion Lewis Matthew, and Thomas William Matthew, II; Edward (Lena) and her grandchildren Alan Washington, Deneice Washington Bushell (Victor) , Mahalia Beck, Edward Matthew (Ylva) Asia Matthew- Onabanjo ( Baba Femi), Ashley (Gerald) and Michael Cecil, and her grandson, Michael Cecil Matthew, Jr.; and 10 great-grandchildren together with host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends to cherish her memory.