

A portrait of an elderly Black woman with short, styled grey hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a red dress with a white floral pattern, a pearl necklace, and pearl earrings. The background is a dark, draped red fabric. The entire image is framed by a thin gold border.

C E L E B R A T I N G
T H E L I F E O F

Carla Edele Johnson Hill

SUNRISE: JUNE 25, 1955 - SUNSET: SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3320 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90018

Order Of Service

Rev. Dr. Ken Walden, Senior Pastor
Holman United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Philip Wood, Officiant

Pastor Lesa R. Smith, Eulogist

Gathering Music Melida Skeete Smith

Processional Family & Clergy

Greeting & Words of Grace Rev. Dr. Philip Wood

Prayer Rev. Dr. Philip Wood

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Psalm 23, Congregation

New Testament John 14:1-6; 25-27, Lori Malveaux

Music Selection “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” - UMH 159, Congregation

Remarks/Tribute:

Project NATEEN, Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles

Sheila Faulk

Toy Hightower

Acknowledgement by Family Jennifer Hill Hightower

Reading of Obituary “You and I” - Silent Reading

Musical Selection “I Shall Wear a Crown” - Jubilant Voices

Words of Comfort/Eulogy Pastor Lesa R. Smith

Commendation Pastor Lesa R. Smith

Benediction Rev. Dr. Philip Wood

Recessional “Going Up Yonder” - Jubilant Voices

Obituary

Carla Edele Johnson Hill was born June 25, 1955 in Los Angeles, CA, as the youngest of 4 children born to Levi and Bertha Johnson. She attended 24th St. Elementary School, Le Conte Middle School and graduated from Hollywood High School. She then went on to attend UCLA where she received a Bachelor's Degree in political science and later went on to receive her Master's degree in public administration from USC. In 1976, she met Thomas Hill III at Holman United Methodist Church and fell in love. In 1979, they married and relocated briefly to Boston before returning to Los Angeles, where he began his career as a United Methodist pastor.

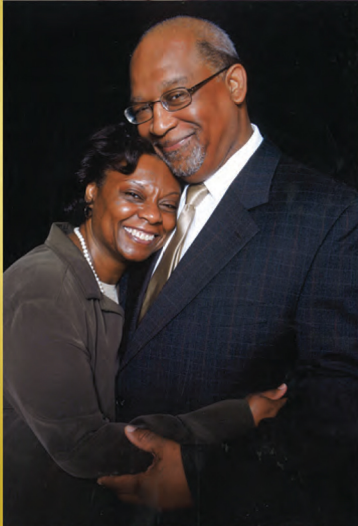
While exploring her passion for social justice within her community, in 1985, Carla began her career working with abused women and children, and was the first director of the Rosa Parks Sexual Assault Center, the first of its kind in South LA. From there she went to work for the King / Drew Rape Crisis Center until 1988 when she transitioned to the Drew Child Development Center. In 1996, she moved to Children's Hospital Los Angeles, working with pregnant adolescent teens through Project Nateen, a state and county funded program where she remained until she retired in June of 2021. During her tenure at Nateen, some of her favorite programs included, working with the young fathers, the Christmas programs they put together for the teens, and other large events as well as just working with the teen parents and their babies. Carla became known throughout the state and county as an advocate for teen parent issues.

As a woman devoted to her United Methodist faith, from 1982 to the present, Carla served on a variety of boards, agencies, and committees at the national, conference, and local levels. Her service included being one of the first inter-ethnic interns for the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society and the chair of the conference committee on Religion and Race. As a member of Holman United Methodist Church for 40 plus years, Carla has served on a wide variety of committees throughout the church including, but not limited to, the Young Adult Ministry, H.O.P.E., Nominations Committee, SPPRC, Co-Lay Leader, parent support groups, and Board of Trustees where she served as Chair.

During her spare time, Carla enjoyed growing fresh collard greens in her garden like her mother, brunches and dinners with friends, long phone calls, walks around her neighborhood, and watching UCLA sports, tennis, network television, and cooking shows.

Preceding her in death are her father Levi Sr., her mother Bertha, and her siblings Levi Jr. (Dougie), Andrea (Ameerah), and Margaret (Margie). Carla leaves behind a loving husband Thomas, two daughters Jennifer (Todd Hightower) and Rachel, a "little brother" nephew Joe Chase, a "little sister" niece Lori Malveaux (John Malveaux), and a host of other nephews, nieces, grandnieces, and grandnephews. She also leaves behind two grandcats Beckham and Melange.







Loving Tributes

For almost fifty years Carla and I shared our lives together. A whole lot of living passes by in that many years. Good things and bad things. Then there are things that are truly memorable. The births of Jennifer and Rachel, the death of our parents, other family members, and friends. The highs and lows of the times we lived and shared. There is a lot of living that covers those years, but at a moment like this it all passes by in a flash. I loved Carla for almost fifty years to the day. She was my everything.

- Thomas Hill

Mama,

Girl...Momma...Mom...Mommy...all the things I called you. Whew girl you really hurt me with this one, but I know you are no longer sick, and you are with Grandma, Granddaddy and all your siblings in heaven. What can I say, the last year has definitely been one of the toughest years of my life. Knowing there was nothing I could do to make you better really was hard for me, because I would've given anything to be able to see you happy and well again. I know sometimes you thought I was mad at the fact you were sick, and I would tell you I wasn't because I truly was not. I was hurt, but never upset at you. Little do you know the number of times I would just be in my car on my way home, in my room or in the bathroom and I would just break down because I was watching you decline and there was nothing I could do. I prayed about it, asked God to make you well, but apparently God needed you more, and I am okay with that. I want you to know I hope I made you proud and continue to make you proud. I know sometimes I was a true headache, and I did things my way but no matter what you still supported me. I'm going to miss our laughs, and the times we did argue, just because who am I going to argue with now...lol...I know, I know. You have been there for so many milestones, but I can't help to think about the milestones that you will miss. I'm going to miss seeing your face everyday coming to gossip or talk mess with you. You're finally at rest baby girl! I love you mommy and I'll forever miss you.

- Rachel Hill



Acknowledgments

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, and many other acts of kindness shown during this time.

Psalm 23



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.*



*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.*

Repast

Immediately following the Service:
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3740 Don Felipe Drive
Los Angeles, California 90008

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Los Angeles, CA 90043