



Carol Ann Walton

March 17, 1935 - April 19, 2021

Remembering Dr. Carol Walton - Educator, Administrator, Social Researcher, and founder of Multi-Ethnic Associates.

Carol Ann (Kara) Walton (86), a nationally renowned author, essayist, and education champion passed away quietly on April 19, 2021 while a patient at McClure Rehabilitation Center, in Oakland, California.

Kara was born Carol Ann Dozier, on March 17, 1935, to Wilbur Clarence Dozier and Carol Maunee Smitherman Dozier in Buffalo, New York. She was educated in Buffalo Public Schools and graduated from Fosdick-Masten High School, in Buffalo, New York. She then attended and worked her way through New York State University at Buffalo, New York, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. She specialized in Elementary Education and earned a permanent K-8 Teaching Certificate.

She soon married a young, but brilliant, musician named Ortiz Montaigne Walton, who played bass with the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra at that time. The family moved to Brookline Mass in 1957, when husband Ortiz was appointed as the first African American to play with The Boston Symphony Orchestra. While living in Boston, Kara completed her postgraduate work and was awarded a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from Suffolk University in Boston in 1963. Kara's next stop was Cairo, Egypt, United Arab Republic, where they lived for several years while Ortiz played

with the Cairo Symphony Orchestra.

Returning to the states, they moved to Berkeley, California where Kara completed requirements and presented her doctoral thesis in 1975 earning a PhD in Policy and Administration from The University of California at Berkeley. While the family enjoyed their second home, a lovely brownstone in Harlem, for several decades, and became a bi-coastal family, they remained in Berkeley for over 50 years.

Kara later completed a Post-Doctoral NIE Fellowship at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and in 1981 was nominated by Dr. Dolores E. Cross, President of The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation, for the position of Director, Harlem Extension Program and Director of Student Advisement. Kara later formed her own consulting firm, Multi-Ethnic Associates, in Berkeley, California, which she ran and enjoyed until she retired.

Kara's work entailed an analysis of experimental educational programs for various client educational entities. She possessed a particular talent in the development, administration, and policy concerns of innovative multicultural educational programs.

These programs included, but were not limited to, an art and music approach to delinquency prevention for Berkeley and Oakland youth.

She was predeceased by both of her parents, and later by her beloved husband Ortiz in July 2010. Kara is survived by her only child, Omar (Judy) Walton, of Berkeley, California; four sisters Chaplain Diana Smith, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Shirlee (Ronald) Stewart of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Judith (Derek) McDaniel of Cleveland, Ohio; Anne (Willie) Ware of Niagara Falls, New York; two brothers Dr. Richard K. Dozier, of Tallahassee, Florida; and William (Diane) Dozier of Cleveland, Ohio. She also leaves three grandchildren; Harmony Walton of Brooklyn, New York, Elon Walton of Austin, Texas, and Jahlil Walton of Berkeley, California. In addition, Kara will be mourned and remembered by several nephews and nieces, many cousins,

and a host of friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ My dearest Kara (Carol), Your ability to hold intriguing and thoughtful conversations, willingness to drive at times alone to my house for family gatherings, meet for long lingering lunches at Skates and other restaurants, and share your abundant wisdom with me and my girls over the years, will never ever be forgotten. Your suffering has ended and your new life has begun. Rest In Peace and Power. ❤️❤️❤️

Karen Castro (cousin) - April 27, 2021 at 11:50 PM

DS

Karen she loved you very much. She shared how much your last visit meant to her

Diana Smith - April 28, 2021 at 09:01 AM

OW

I love you forever Mom, thank you for always loving me and being there whenever I needed you. You always made sure that bring an only was never lonely because you always made time to be a friend. ❤️

omar walton - December 25, 2023 at 08:18 PM

SS

“ My dear sister , I know you are at peace and free of suffering . You will rest in the arms of our Lord and be United with our Mom . Love Shirlee

shirlee Stewart - April 27, 2021 at 11:09 AM

JM

“ Judith McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Ann Walton



Judith McDaniel - April 27, 2021 at 08:29 AM

TM

“ I will never forget when you came to North Carolina and made all of the cousins pancakes and your soft voice with kind words❤️ You always sent beautiful bday cards and tokens that got lost every year in the mail lol but you would call and say you were sorry but you would resend them❤️ Love you Aunt Kara RIP

TAMIKO MCNEILL - April 24, 2021 at 11:02 PM

DS

“ Diana Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Ann Walton



Diana Smith - April 24, 2021 at 10:11 PM

DS

“ My beloved sister ...I treasure every memory...every conversation...your laughter...your sweet sweet spirit ..my last time talking to you on Friday April 16th....never knowing it would be the last time...I have peace knowing death is not the end for the believer. ..good night Kara I will see you in the morning....love you more

Diana Smith - April 24, 2021 at 10:08 PM

TS

“ I remember my Auntie being the sweetest person to me, she had such a classy humble reserve. When we talked she always told me she loved me, that will be my greatest memory. ❤️ Rest in Peace Aunt Carol Ann

Tracey Sneed - April 24, 2021 at 06:49 PM