



Carissa Abdul-Malik

August 21, 1980 - May 17, 2025

Carissa Abdul-Malik was a bright and beautiful soul born on August 21, 1980 in Passaic, New Jersey to George and Ella Strickland. Her Father George Strickland preceded her in death. On May 17, 2025, Carissa gained her wings. From an early age, Carissa displayed a passion for dance and fashion. In pursuit of her passions, Carissa graduated from Clark Atlanta University with a bachelor's degree in business. Upon graduation, she pursued a career that fused her impeccable fashion sense with her strong business acumen. Of Carissa's many professional achievements, she owned and operated M2 boutique. She was also a fashion and business forerunner in Columbia, South Carolina. With her vision and tenacity, she played a key role in launching the inaugural Columbia, SC Fashion Week. In everything that Carissa did she was always teaching, mentoring, and guiding those around her. It was these natural born abilities that led her into the second half of her professional career as a fourth-grade teacher at University Meadows Elementary. Carissa immensely enjoyed her students and fellow colleagues. Likewise, all of them loved and supported her as she courageously battled cancer. Impressive career, yet, like so many, Carissa always dreamt of finding her one true love. It was on the campus of Clark Atlanta, at the tender age of eighteen, she unknowingly became friends with her true love, Muk! It would not be until after college graduation, at the 2006 Homecoming, that their paths would cross again. With a simple, "Do you remember me", Muk and Clo became a couple! With an adventurous romance, September 16, 2017, was described by

Carissa as the happiest day of her life, outside of giving birth to her boys. She and Muk tied the knot and began to live that love that people often dream of. In this life, Carissa knew love. Muk and her boys were and will always be the center of her world. Carissa left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her kindness, warmth, and unwavering spirit touched the lives of many, and her presence brought light and comfort wherever she went. Her absence will be profoundly felt by all who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memories a devoted husband Mahmoud Abdul-Malik (Muk); two sons David Williamson, Jr. and Yasir Abdul-Malik; her mother, Ella Strickland, five siblings George Strickland, Tawana Strickland, Dannellia Gladden-Green (Kelvin Green) Kelvin Funny (Shanise Funny), Monica Wilson (Kevin Wilson), two special brothers by bond, Robert Patty (Jazmin Vargas), Samuel Gonzalez (Elsa Gonzalez) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and students. Carissa was welcomed by her father, George Strickland, and sister Tijuana Funny who both preceded her in death. Carissa's boldness and energy for life will never be forgotten. Though her time with us was not enough, her legacy of love, fashion, dance, and education will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Rest in peace our dear Carissa. Your work here was well done.

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Memorial Gardens

1504 W. Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Mt Sinai Baptist Church
1243 West Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28208-7041
(704) 332-2163

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“*rs.Abdul-Malik was one of my teachers last year, she was always smiling , and whenever i needed to talk to someone she was always the person i could go to. i dismissed with her everyday and always had a time. i love and miss you so much. if i could go back i would !*

dynasty perkins - July 09, 2025 at 09:23 PM

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i love ms abdulmalik . rip never got too say goodbye

royce - March 21 at 02:23 AM



“*To the Husband, children and siblings of the Late Carissa Abdul-Malik a soul gone way to soon from her family and friends. May she rest in heavenly peace and to those who loved and cared or her find solace in that thought. Especially sending love and light to my neighbor and friend Ella let her know that she will always be in my heart and prayers. I pray that the Lord be with you all at this most difficult time. Madonna from The Madonna Funeral Home*

Lady Madonna - May 28, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“*Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carissa Abdul-Malik.*



May 24, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carissa Abdul-Malik.

May 24, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carissa Abdul-Malik.



May 23, 2025 at 02:18 PM

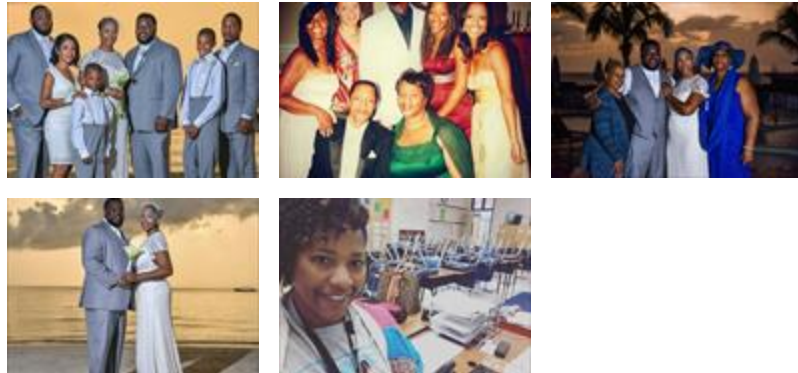


“ I had the pleasure of being Carissa's coworker. She was always very helpful when I needed her.

Toron - May 23, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - May 22, 2025 at 05:00 PM