

Obituary

Vernice Maxine Fisher Carter, also affectionately known as “Max” was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma on December 13, 1930 to Robert and Irma Jean Brooks-Davis. She was one of seven children, including Robert, Jr., James, Vivian, Donald, Patricia, and Gerald. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Robert and James and her beloved sister Vivian. Growing up in Sapulpa, her family valued hard work, education, and love for one another. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized along with her sister Vivian on the same day. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Sapulpa in 1947 with honors, two years ahead of her peers. Maxine and Vivian began college together at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. They both excelled academically and were popular students on campus. Maxine was honored as Homecoming Queen at Lincoln. In addition, she was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 1949. She continued as an active member of her sorority for more than forty years. In college Maxine also forged a lifelong friendship with Laura Cosey Banks.

Maxine graduated from Lincoln University in 1951 with a B.S. degree in Music Education. She received her master’s degree in Music Education from Southern Illinois University. Maxine taught in the St. Louis Public School District for thirty-six years. She taught for nine years at Mitchell School, four years as the music specialist in Enright School, and twenty-three years at Northwest H.S. in St. Louis, where she was Department Chairperson of the Music Department, Band