



## Carmen Anita Hightower

August 23, 1951 - October 11, 2025

In Loving Memory of Carmen Anita Hightower Sunrise: August 23, 1951 –  
Sunset: October 11, 2025

Carmen Anita Hightower, age 74, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2025, surrounded by her cherished family. A woman of grace, strength, and quiet compassion, Carmen left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Born in Elgin, Illinois, Carmen—affectionately known as Anita—carried the spirit of her roots wherever life took her. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Her home was a sanctuary of love, laughter, and soulful music, where Sunday dinners and Thanksgiving feasts brought generations together. She was the heart of the family—the glue that held everyone close.

Anita had a deep love for animals, especially her beloved dogs Rocky and Sheeba. She found joy in singing with The Women of the Cross and nurtured a lifelong passion for gardening, cultivating beauty both in her yard and in the lives around her.

Professionally, Carmen dedicated over thirty years as an accountant for the State of Connecticut, serving with diligence and integrity. Her legacy lives on in the values she instilled and the lives she uplifted.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Jackie Hightower, and her children:

Lawrence Good and his wife Maria, along with their children Jordan, Julian, and Jarrett

Anthony Good and his children Corey Armstrong and Anthony Good Jr.

Tracy Pedroso and her husband Alex Pedroso, and their children Rio and Alano

Chardonnay McWillie and Chaminade McWillie, her beloved niece and nephew whom she raised as her own She also leaves behind her sister Margaret Elizabeth Daniel; brother-in-law Jerry Adams; and nieces and nephews Charisse Daniel, Darrick Bass, and Mahogany Greer.

Carmen is preceded in death by her parents, William Joseph Stephens and Elizabeth Beatrice Stephens; her sister Emma Jean Adams; and nieces Veronica Bass and Christina Bass.

A homegoing service honoring Carmen's life and legacy will be held: Viewing: Monday, October 20, 2025, from 10:00–11:30 AM at The Lodge Community Chapel 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor, CT Burial: Mountainview Cemetery, 30 Mountain Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002

She has gone home to eternal peace, but her light remains with us—in every act of kindness, every shared memory, and every moment we choose love.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the family. Such wonderful memories growing up in Elgin, we were cousins, her father William was my mother Betty Stephens Browns brother. May she rest in peace as we remember what a gentle loving person she was*

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**Diane Brown** - October 14, 2025 at 09:29 PM

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*My Beloved Sister In Law Carmen Anita Hightower, The Sister to my Beloved late Wife Emma Jean Adams. You and Emma are joined together now in Eternal Peace, and I'm going to miss both of you very much. You were so kind and very easy to talk to and share with. Missing both of you!*

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**Jerry Adams** - October 18, 2025 at 01:35 PM