

## Doll Carter: principled civic leadership

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Lenora "Doll" Carter, publisher of Houston Forward Times newspaper, and treasure of National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) – the Black Press of America, died early this month at her home in Houston, TX.

"I am deeply saddened at the unfortunate passing of my good friend and 'sister in the struggle,' Lenora "Doll" Carter," said John B. Smith, Sr., publisher of the Atlanta Inquirer newspaper and former NNPA chairman. "Lenora championed African American achievement, overall and she personified distinctive grace, character and style as a 'chaplain for the common good'. As treasurer of our newspaper federation, Lenora was an exemplary steward."

Carter was general manger and advertising director of the Forward Times when her husband publisher Julius Carter died in 1971. During the next 30 years, she led the newspaper to become the South's largest independently owned publication serving people of color. Under her leadership, the newspaper won numerous award and she was named NNPA's Publisher of the Year.

Born in Corrigan ,TX and raised in McNary, AZ, Carter studied business administration at Arizona State University. As a publisher and business executive, Carter was a board member of Greater Houston Partnership, Houston League of Business, Riverside National Bank, Riverside General Hospital, UNCF/ Houston, Houston Society for Performing Arts, and other charitable organizations.