

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 204 Space: E2

Find A Grave # 286257549

Name: **Williams, Beverly Graham Carter**

Birth date: October 6, 1946 Death date: July 28, 2025 Burial Date: August 19, 2025 Age: 78
b. Columbus, GA

Spouse: First spouse William Arthur Strehle; Second spouse Otis B. "OB" Williams (1934-2002) m. February 14, 1982

Children: Sean Michael Strehle (1971-); Christopher Andrew Strehle (1976-)

Parents: Charles Briscoe Carter and Elizabeth Humble Carter

Siblings: Charles Briscoe Carter

Residence: Milford, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next page

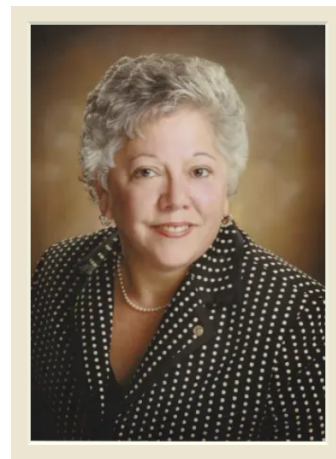
Service/occupation information: Social work, counseling, Dover City Council +
President of Council, only female Mayor of Dover, other civic organizations, DAR;
See obituary

Officiate: none; service held at Torbert's Chapel August 16, 2025

Lot Owner: Beverly Williams; E1, E2; June 6, 2002

Inscription:

Beverly Graham
Carter Williams
Oct 6, 1946 Jul 28, 2025
City Council Member
President & Mayor



Dimensions: H 12" W 24"

Style: plaque on granite base, flat on ground

No repairs needed



Inventory date: February 28, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

Obituary retrieved on August 17, 2025 from <https://www.torbertfuneral.com/obituaries>

Beverly Graham Carter Williams of Dover, Delaware passed away on July 28, 2025 at Delaware Hospice, Milford after a long illness.

Beverly was born October 6, 1946 in Columbus, Georgia to Charles Briscoe Carter and Elizabeth Humble Carter. Beverly grew up in the South finally moving to Delaware where she graduated from Seaford High School. She graduated from the University of Delaware majoring in History and Political Science. Many skills learned from The Debate Team would become very useful in her professional and political careers. Later she received her Master's Degree from Washington College.

Beverly married William Arthur Strehle and moved to Dover, DE and had son's Sean Michael Strehle in 1971 and Christopher Andrew Strehle in 1976.

On Valentine's Day 1982 Bev married OB Williams. It is from this marriage she acquired her famous "WOOPS" license plate which was known all throughout Dover. She and OB had a magical, fun, life of wild adventures. Beverly was a constant caretaker of OB after he suffered a stroke.

A devoted grandmother known as "Grammy" she had two grandchildren Cody and Riley. She was extremely proud and excited to attend both of their College Graduations in person.

She began her career at Cecil County Department of Social Services in Elkton, MD with a caseload of Foster Care children. It was there where she became known to Mrs. Louise Gilliam who worked in the same office, but who was well known leader in the social work field particularly in Maryland and Delaware. She recognized Bev's natural talent and became her mentor and dear friend. In Dover, her enthusiasm and energy went into the plight of teenage kids and resulting in years of Aid in Dover and the 801 House, and service on more Social Services Agencies Boards than can be listed. She could be fierce to deal with, but her actions came from a heart dedicated to kids in need of a person to speak for their unheard needs. Bev certainly filled that role. With Gusto!

Any of Bev's friends could tell you an outrageous tale about her. But her professional life was a different world to her. She had a natural insight that was a perfect complement to her for years of social work and individual counseling. When she was challenged by a project or personality, she was No Joke.

Bev enter politics in Dover being elected to City Council in 2002 ending 14 years later. First as Council Member then becoming City Council President. In Dover's long history Bev was the first and to this day only female Mayor. She was also the first woman to be asked to join the Dover Rotary Club. She serviced on the Boards of Academy of Dover, Modern Maturity, and AAUW as treasurer.

Along the way she mastered many skills and could fix just about anything. She enjoyed arts and crafts especially making things with her computer. She became very good at making jewelry. She was a history and movie buff and wicked smart.

Bev was a fierce competitor in all her activities. A consummate bridge player, she quickly bid the highest possible. All of the other players not nearly as skilled would seek advice from her on how to bid aggressively. Until her passing she played Mahjong, Canasta, and Poker on a daily basis. Her two Poker groups were male dominated and she loved beating "the boys". Her Mahjong and Canasta groups would often complain that she changed the rules, yelled the loudest, or win the argument at all costs with Love and Laughter. Along with her Yorkie Poo "Yo-Yo" these game groups held a special place in her heart and loved them!

Beverly's family was early American and she was a member of the Mayflower Society and Daughters of the American Revolution. At birth she had a Daughters of the American Revolution bracelet soldered on her wrist, she wore the bracelet until passing. This bracelet now 250 years old was passed to her from Great Aunt Belle and now will continue in her family being passed on to her granddaughter Riley.

Beverly is survived by her brother Charles Briscoe Carter, her son's Sean Strehle and Chris Strehle, and her grandchildren Cody G Strehle and Riley P Minner.

Services will be held at Torbert Funeral Home 1145 E. Lebanon Rd. Dover, DE 19901 August 16, 2025 at 2pm. A visitation will be held one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or American Cancer Society.

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CITY Waynesboro COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA 68 019512

FULL NAME OF GROOM William Arthur Strehle CLERK'S NO. 44

PRESENT NAME OF BRIDE Beverly Graham Carter MAIDEN NAME Beverly Graham Carter

AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED
21	W	Single	None
21	W	Single	None

OCCUPATION Student INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS University of Delaware OCCUPATION Student INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS University of Delaware

BIRTHPLACE Columbus, Georgia BIRTHPLACE Lensdale, Penna.

FATHER'S FULL NAME Charles Briscoe Carter FATHER'S FULL NAME Walter Phander Strehle

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Elizabeth Humble MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Esther Scheid

RESIDENCE: CITY OR COUNTY Waynesboro, Virginia RESIDENCE: CITY OR COUNTY Hatfield, Penna.

Proposed Date of Marriage June 11, 1968 Proposed Place of Marriage Waynesboro

Given under my hand this 26th day of April, 1968.
Barney A. Jordan, Clerk of Circuit Court.

CERTIFICATE OF DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE

I, James R. Black, a minister of the Methodist U.S. Church, in the county, city, or town of Waynesboro, Virginia, under authority of this license I joined together in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond in the county or city of Waynesboro, year 1968, which authorizes me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 11 day of June, 1968.
Address of celebrant Waynesboro, Virginia James R. Black (Person who performs ceremony sign here.)



Mrs. William Arthur Strehle (Alwood Studio)

Strehle-Carter Wedding

Miss Beverly Graham Carter, groom is a senior at the University of Delaware and is a member of Theta Chi social fraternity. The ceremony was held at the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Strehle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briscoe Carter of 1021 Hawthorne Ln. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phander Strehle of Hatfield, Pa.

The Rev. James Black officiated and Mr. David Blanchard provided traditional wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a street-length dress of white linen and a veil of white linen and tulle. She carried a bouquet of white daisies and baby breath.

Miss Claire Schulteis of Wilmington, Del., was the maid of honor. Mr. Harry W. Werner of Landsdowne, Pa., was the best man.

The mother of the bride wore a pale blue ensemble of embroidered silk organza with white accessories. The groom's mother wore a cornflower blue ensemble of silk shantung complemented by beige accessories.

After a reception at the General Wayne Motor Inn, the couple left for a short honeymoon in Fredericksburg. The couple will make their home in Newark, Del.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Delaware. The