

Carole Henderson Tyson Obituary



Carole Henderson Tyson, Ph.D., a diplomat, professor, and mother, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2025, following a long illness with dementia and, more recently, cancer. Born August 29, 1942, she was the daughter of Jacob R. and Freddye S. Henderson, founders of Henderson Travel Service, the first fully accredited, Black-owned travel agency in the U.S.

A lifelong learner and educator, Carole held degrees from Tufts, Howard, and Harvard. Carole pursued advanced French studies at universities in France and Senegal, later teaching at UC-Berkeley and Howard University. She had a distinguished 20-year career with USAID, directing economic development programs in Senegal, Lesotho, and Jamaica, and was involved in numerous international organizations, including co-founding the International School of Dakar. She is survived by her two sons, two sisters, sisters-in-law, four grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

A Service is scheduled for Friday, November 7, at Shiloh Baptist Church. 10 a.m. Family Visitation. 11 a.m. Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations for causes in Senegal and Jamaica.

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