

Stray Bullet Kills Pastor's Wife During Bible Study at Alabama Church

The wife of an Alabama pastor died last week after a stray bullet struck and killed her during a church Bible study, but her family is already offering grace and forgiveness to the person responsible.

Grace Carter, 65, was killed Tuesday while inside Everlasting Life Holiness Church in Prichard, Alabama, after a stray bullet entered through a door and struck her chest, WKRG-TV reported.

A 26-year-old woman named Kaillyn Christine Howard Harris was arrested and charged over the deadly incident. Harris, who turned herself in, expressed remorse after her arrest and sought forgiveness.

"I'm sorry, and I didn't intend to do this. Anybody who knows me know I got a good heart," she reportedly said. "And I ain't intend to do this. Can y'all please forgive me?"

Carter is the wife of Cecil Carter Sr., a pastor-elect at a separate church called Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church. The preacher, who said his wife sometimes attends Everlasting Life Holiness Church, expressed shock and pain over the tragic loss.

But he said he's remaining strong for his family.

"Sweetheart I love you as always ... right now my heart is empty because she's not by my side, but I know that she's there spiritually," Carter told WALA-TV. "Right now, I'm getting strength from knowing that God is able and knowing that my wife is in a better place with the Lord, and no doubt about it

that she loved the Lord.”

Dee Carter, the victim’s daughter, also expressed deep pain over the death. But she offered forgiveness before police arrested a suspect in the killing. Carter said her mother would have asked God to forgive the perpetrator.

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