



## *Local Women Of Leadership Past and Present*

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### **CARSON MCCULLERS**

**NOVELIST**

**PLAYWRIGHT**

**POET**

**2/19/1917 - 9/29/1967**

Carson McCullers was an American novelist, short-story writer, playwright, essayist, and poet. Her first novel, *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*, explores the spiritual isolation of misfits and outcasts in a small town of the Southern United States. Her other novels have similar themes and most are set in the deep South. McCullers suffered from strokes that began in her youth. By the age of 31 her left side was entirely paralyzed. She lived the last twenty years of her life in Nyack, New York, where she died on September 29, 1967, at the age of 50, after a brain hemorrhage. She is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.