



William A. Carter

September 3, 1931 - April 5, 2023

Frankfort- Dr. William A. Carter (Billy), age 91, passed away on April 5, 2023, at his home in Ashwood Place, Frankfort, Kentucky. Dr. Carter was born in Sturgis, Kentucky, on September 3, 1931, to the late Milton and Leota Carter. He retired from full-time pastoral ministry in 1998 after serving as pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky. He continued serving several churches on staff and as an interim pastor well into retirement. He held degrees from Georgetown College, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary, where he earned his doctorate in ministry. Dr. Carter pastored eight churches in Indiana and Kentucky throughout his 50 years of pastoral ministry. During his career, he served on various committees for the Indiana and Kentucky Baptist State Conventions. He treasured his experience as a professor teaching African American pastors in Evansville, Indiana, through The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary extension program in the 60s.

His favorite title was “pastor,” which he earned through a shepherding style of leadership with deep affection for those he served. The ever-present smile he carried and his incredible sense of humor were trademarks of his outlook on life. He loved history and amassed an extensive collection of presidential biographies. For nearly 20 years he wrote a weekly column, “Between You and Me,” for his hometown newspaper, the Sturgis News, Sturgis, Kentucky.

Early in his ministry he coached high school basketball in Daviess County and continued coaching little league and softball teams throughout his ministry. He was a lifelong Kentucky Wildcat fan and wore his blue every Saturday. He loved to play basketball, softball, and volleyball. As an avid sports fan, he attended local high school and college football and basketball games into his late 80s. His favorite times were spent with family and close friends on vacations to the beach and mountains.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Lynn. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Anna Lou, and his daughter, Tracy Morford (Tom), his son Monty, grandchildren Logan Morford (Kristin), Casey Carter (Jayma), and Sarah Carter as well as his beloved great-grandgirls, Nollynn, Gentry, Auburn, Guinevere, and Linden.

His celebration of life service will be held at Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, with Rev. Todd Lester officiating on Tuesday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will precede the service from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Carter family requests that instead of flowers contributions be made to Bluegrass Care Navigators (Hospice), 643 Teton Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, or Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church ("Missions"), 480 Duckers Road, Midway, Kentucky, 40347. The family would also like to extend its gratitude to the staff and friends at Ashwood Place, Frankfort, Kentucky, Bluegrass Care Navigators, and his Baptist Healthcare team.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church
495 Duckers Rd
Midway, KY 40347

Celebration of Life

APR 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church
495 Duckers Rd
Midway, KY 40347

Tribute Wall



“ *William A. Carter*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *What a wonderful example he was to the world. A godly man with a heart of gold. Bill and Ann are a great team. Bill will be missed dearly. Heaven has gained a precious soul and we have lost a great mentor. ❤️❤️❤️*



Louis and Dorothy Lockett - April 11, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *I love this family. Pastor Carter baptized me, and Monty was my youth minister. So many fond memories. Much love and prayers.*

Sara Garner - April 08, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ *We have so many precious memories of time spent with Pastor Carter. We treasure the memories of time spent with him, his wonderful sermons and his big smile! We mourn his passing but know we will see him again in heaven! Tom and Leslie Thompson*

Leslie and Tom Thompson - April 07, 2023 at 09:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I enjoyed my time working with him at Stanford Baptist and it was good to see you all not too long ago when you visited SBC Stuart Underwood*

Stuart Underwood - April 07, 2023 at 05:56 PM

DE

“ Tracy & I have been best friends since 4th grade. We remain friends to this day. Tom has been a wonderful addition to our friendship. As a young child, I spent many hours in the Carter home. Our family were members at Oak Hill Baptist church in Evansville. Tracy led me to the Lord & Rev. Carter was the pastor who baptized me. Their beautiful family made sure I have the blessed assurance of eternal life for which I am forever grateful. Jack & I are saddened to hear of Rev. Carter's passing & lift up prayers for the entire family. Our love to all.

Deb Ellis - April 07, 2023 at 02:14 PM



Debbie, how beautiful, thank you.

W.A. Carter - April 08, 2023 at 07:17 AM

JS

“ I know Pastor Carter touched many lives. Altho never meeting him, his beautiful daughter Tracy and son in law Tom are our dear friends. And they have lived and shared his love and joy with us and many others for years. Our prayers and thoughts and love are with you all. Cherish the sweet memories.

John & Brenda Stanko - April 07, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ Wonderful man of God. I loved his laughter and joy.

Tim Leadingham - April 07, 2023 at 09:48 AM



Thanks Tim, he loved you so.

W.A. Carter - April 07, 2023 at 11:43 AM

RB

“ *Ralph Burnside lit a candle in memory of William A. Carter*



ralph burnside - April 07, 2023 at 07:57 AM

RC

We always Loved Dr Carter and his humor. I still remember his sermon on C & E Christians.

Rick Cobb - April 07, 2023 at 11:39 AM



Brother, thanks so much old friend

W.A. Carter - April 07, 2023 at 11:43 AM



Rick, that was one of my favorites

W.A. Carter - April 07, 2023 at 11:44 AM

JW

Sorry to learn about Bro. Carter's passing. He was a great man of God. I pray for his wife, Ann. She is a lovely lady. Blessings to the entire family.

Joy Winters - April 11, 2023 at 11:11 AM

RH

Monty & Family- We're so sorry to hear of your dad's passing!

As our pastor, your father had such an impact on our lives when we were single and a young married couple. His solid Biblical teaching helped ground me and laid a foundation for my relationship with Jesus. You dad was always cheerful, very accepting, empathetic and an excellent teacher. I do remember some times when he would rightly have some "righteous indignation" over something bad going on in our culture or maybe within the church. He had a way of being very honest, forthright, and gracious.

I will be forever grateful that God sovereignly allowed us to be among the flock at First Southern/Fall Creek. We started our family there and learned as Christian toddlers how to walk with God.

We can celebrate that your dad is experiencing the reward for his faith in the literal presence of Jesus Christ the Lord! Hallelujah!

Your dad will be missed by many who are thankful to have known him. I hope you'll find peace knowing your dad lived a great life while on earth, loving and serving the Lord and that someday you'll be reunited in glory.

Blessings to you friend!

Rob & Shelley Hendrix

Rob & Shelley Hendrix - April 16, 2023 at 08:45 PM