



George Frank Carder, III

June 10, 1951 - November 17, 2022

George Frank Carder III, a true Southern gentleman, passed away Thursday, November 17, 2022, at his home in Searcy, AR. He was born to George “Frank” Carder, Jr. and Mary Jane Carder on June 10, 1951, the treasured blessing of their union. Brought home to a little rock house on Arch Street and raised two blocks away, George truly appreciated all the joys that Searcy had to offer.

Mr. Carder graduated from Searcy Public Schools where he was elected Class President for the Class of 1969. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Business from Hendrix College in 1973. While at Hendrix, he was a member of the varsity cross-country team. A lifelong learner, he later went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law in 2004 and a Master of Business Administration from Harding University in 2006. In his professional career, he was a graduate of the Institute of Politics and Government and General Motors University-College of Dealership Management.

His diversified career included banking, real estate, the automobile business, and law. Mr. Carder enjoyed his time in banking including positions with First National Bank, National Bank of Commerce of Memphis, Central Arkansas Mortgage and White County Guaranty Savings and Loan. In 1979, he joined Carder Buick-Olds Company, Inc. as the General Manager and later the

Dealer. His father and grandfather preceded him as the Buick Dealer at the oldest continuously-owned Buick Dealership west of the Mississippi. During his tenure, he served as the Director and later Regional Vice President of the Arkansas Automobile Dealers Association. He also proudly served as the President of Carder Investments, Inc., a commercial real estate investment company, and as a former Secretary-Treasurer of Searcy Aviation where he was also a pilot.

In 2004, Mr. Carder opened Carder Law Firm where he proudly represented his clients or, in his words, “helped his friends” with his beloved boxer Juris Prudence by his side. He served as the President of the White County Bar Association (2010) and was recognized as the “Best Attorney” by the Daily Citizen. He also served as a Little Rock Air Force Base Honorary Commander for the 19th Airlift Wing JAG and an Arkansas Oil and Gas Commissioner.

Mr. Carder was actively involved in the community. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Searcy. Mr. Carder was the embodiment of the Rotary 4 Way Test and was devoted to his club having served as President (1983) and a Paul Harris Fellow (1984). He served as the Director of the Searcy Public Schools Education Foundation and a Director of the White County Community Foundation. He also enjoyed serving as a broadcaster for the K.B. Rand golf tournament, but his real gift was telling a joke that would bring a smile to his friends.

Mr. Carder was an avid basketball enthusiast, lover of Southern food, and embracer of tradition. If one ever inquired as to his favorite season, he would quickly say “basketball” and the tunes of the Temptations served as the soundtrack for his life. Mr. Carder actively served with the Arkansas Amateur Athletic Union coaching the Carder Buick AAU basketball teams into national prominence but was most proud of the young men he mentored and called friends. He was truly one of the good ones.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Lee Carder; his children George Frank "Beau" Carder IV of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Casey Carder Rockwell (Eric) of Little Rock, Arkansas, Casey Lee Hawkins (Cody) of Georgetown, Texas, and Steven "Blaine" Jones (Wendy) of Phoenix, Arizona; and five beautiful grandchildren, Whitfield Carder, Elliott Claire, and Sutton Reynolds Rockwell all of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Emily Nicole and Anderson "Troy" Jones of Phoenix, Arizona.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022 from 5:00pm-8:00pm with memorial services to be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 10:00am at Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. Interment will follow at Oakgrove Cemetery in Searcy.

Mr. Carder has designated the First United Methodist Church of Searcy, the Rotary Club of Searcy, the Searcy Public Schools Education Foundation, or a charity of one's choice for memorials

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery

Moore St.
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
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Funeral Service

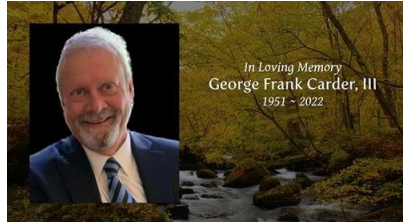
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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of George Frank Carder, III



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 22, 2022 at 03:22 PM

TB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of George's passing. He was part of our family for many years. My brother, Todd and I got to know him even more when my mother passed. He was a true gentleman. I hope that you find comfort in your fond memories of him. My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Love to you,

Terri Brannon

Terri Brannon - November 30, 2022 at 02:55 AM

RE

“ So sorry for your loss, to Georges family and numerous friends and Searcy High School Class of 69! He was always smiling and had a kind word for almost everyone! He will definitely be missed on this earth.

Roberta Elliott - November 22, 2022 at 11:47 AM

EM

“ Ed and Amanda McZegle purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



Ed and Amanda McZegle - November 21, 2022 at 08:19 PM

EC

“ So sad to hear about George's. passing. I have known him since our days at Hendrix. It was always a pleasure to have in my Court as an able and zealous advocate . My prayers and sympathy to the family. Ed Clawson

Ed Clawson - November 21, 2022 at 07:09 PM

AM

“ This one really , really got to me. George was a dear friend and client of mine. We really understood each other. And appreciated each other. One of my favorite people to work with in my 36-year career. To his family - always remember what he taught you and keep his memory alive. Rest in Peace my friend. Andrew Meadors.

Andrew Meadors - November 21, 2022 at 05:57 PM

BM

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear our friend passed. George was a classmate and friend all our lives. We shared many laughs and he will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family. Bill and Denise Morton

Bill and Denise Morton - November 21, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 21, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 21, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 21, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Carder family. George was a good friend to me and every time he saw me he would always take time to visit with me. He will be truly missed.*

Tim Johnston - November 21, 2022 at 11:21 AM

LC

“ *Every time I hear the Temptations on the radio I think of George singing & doing his best white boy Jive !*

L E Lindsey in Camden - November 21, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 20, 2022 at 07:49 PM

DV

“ *Prayers and Love for the family, John O. Jr. And Lynda Bailey Searcy*



Dr. Joe Neel Scarsdale Jr. , V - November 20, 2022 at 04:13 PM

DV

“ *Was blessed to know you Dr. Joe Need Scarsdale Jr, Richmond, Virginia*



Dr. Joe Neel Scarsdale Jr. Richmond, V - November 20, 2022 at 04:09 PM

VI

“ Sharon, Casey and Beau: I wanted to put this on a personal card but their weren't enough characters. I'm so sorry. He is with Sally now. (Sally loved George too) George and I shared some wonderful memories. Cars, the Institute of Politics and Government, the Paul Riviere Campaign, the 1984 Summer Olympics to name a few. I know you will all miss his many talks and lectures as I will. (LOL) I will pray for all of you but more important, and I say this from experience, remember that as long as we remember George, he really isn't gone. Love to all Vincent Insalaco and Family

Vincent M Insalaco - November 20, 2022 at 04:04 PM

MW

“ Megan And Gene Weems lit a candle in memory of George Frank Carder, III



Megan and Gene Weems - November 20, 2022 at 04:00 PM

BF

“ Blessings Love Vincent & Insalaco Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



Blessings Love Vincent & Insalaco Family - November 20, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



November 20, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



November 20, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



November 20, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



November 20, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 20, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 20, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ *George was my friend long before I went to law school. I enjoyed working with him, and against him, in my law practice. It was also a joy to see George at Rotary events. One of my favorite wedding photos has George in it smiling as my wife-to-be walked down the aisle. He was a good and kind man who worked hard for his clients. Sara and I are very saddened by his passing and celebrate his life. We wish his family peace and comfort during this difficult time.*
Barrett and Sara Moore

Barrett Moore - November 20, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“ *My condolences to Sharon and the entire family. I have fond memories of the years we spent together in Rotary club. George was always a gracious friend and true gentleman. Mike Szabo*

Mike Szabo. - November 19, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 19, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *Susie and I would like to send our condolences to the Carter family George was a wonderful friend and one of the memories that I have of him was Senior week and we were in Heber springs and he got where did he needed to be home for some reason and me and him jumped in his Buick wildcat convertible and came down Joey mountain rather fast I would say but we made it home in time for whatever it was I did not know but George was always good there for a good time he was a wonderful friend a good father and husband and son he will be sorely missed by all who know him.
James and Susie Duncan*

James Duncan - November 19, 2022 at 06:00 PM

WH

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the entire Carder family! Our families have been tied at the hip since June of 1949 when my father, Allen Hunt began his employment at Carder Buick. My father and Mr Frank Carder Jr developed a bond together that transitioned to our respective families. The love that the Carder Family has shown to my family is truly a gift from the Heavenly Father. The Heavenly Father used George to express his love in a truly unique way that only George could. He was the older brother that I never had. From the business teachings that we shared to the raising of our children. The one thing that I remember most is what George told me when my daughter was born. He said, “Wyndell, you will be able to buy your daughter all kinds of presents and gifts but I tell you to just take her fishing, just take her fishing”! It took me a little time to understand what he meant but I did. And I know without a shadow of a doubt that he took Beau and Casey fishing.

Rest in peace brother as we celebrate and carry on the love that we received from you!

Love always,

Wyndell Hunt

Wyndell Hunt - November 19, 2022 at 05:01 PM

WF

“ Wyndell Hunt and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



Wyndell Hunt and Family - November 19, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 19, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.*



November 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ *<https://activerain.com/droplet/8W7B> George was an extraordinary person as his obit points out. I liked that he included his dog, *Jurisprudence*. It reminded me of a blog that I did several years ago about my meeting *Jurisprudence*. To see the blog, go to <https://activerain.com/droplet/8W7B> and you will appreciate George and his memory.*

Barbara S Duncan

Barbara S Duncan - November 19, 2022 at 11:07 AM

RA

“ I have known George since the 10 grade in High School, he always said He considered me his Brother he never had, we doubled dated back in the day. He helped me many many times on legal matters never charging me a dime,

I just talked to him a week before this, it has hit me hard ,,,, and I miss his jokes , going to Razorbacks games and just plain talking to him.

The world will miss a good man, husband, father, coach, Attorney mentor & I will miss a great friendship!

Rick Anderson - November 19, 2022 at 10:46 AM

FO

“ Fonda lit a candle in memory of George Frank Carder, III



Fonda - November 19, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



November 19, 2022 at 07:37 AM

PP

“ My heart goes out to the Carder family❤️ I am so sad to hear of his passing....what. a great person...He will be missed by so many people.

Patti Helsten Petrella - November 19, 2022 at 06:43 AM

SR

“ My thoughts are with the Carder family. George will be missed by family, friends, community, and by the class of 1969.

Sarah Roberson - November 18, 2022 at 11:43 PM

DW

“ I have known George for close to 51 years. We had kept in touch sporadically, as life has a way of doing that. But when my daughter passed away a few years ago, there he was. He was a true friend & will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family.

Donna Weatherford - November 18, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Frank Carder, III.



November 18, 2022 at 11:19 PM

JJ

“ George has been a family friend for a very long time. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Thoughts and prayers for Sharon and children. Jo Baker Jones



Jo Baker Jones - November 18, 2022 at 08:48 PM

KT

“ I do not even know where to begin. Mr. Carder was one of my biggest inspirations. We became close. He felt like family to me and my family. The whole Carder Law Firm means so much to me and my family. We shared the love for basketball for sure. He taught me so much. His last words to me were how proud he was of me and that he loved me. He was a true gentleman. He was truly one of the best people I have ever or will ever meet. My heart goes out to his family. He showed off his grand babies to EVERYONE! They were such a joy to him. He always had a story to brighten up your day. The love he had for my babies was tremendous. He is the definition of chivalry. I strive to continue to make him proud for the rest of my life. I'm so grateful to have known him and have him as a part of my support for the past year and a half. He was truly God sent. Mr. Carder, you will be missed by so many. I'm so grateful to have been blessed to have you in my life. For me and my family, you made a monumental difference in the most positive way ever. I will keep your advice forever on my heart and how I live the rest of my life. Rest peacefully sir. For the family, know I am fervently praying for you all! God bless.



Kristin Tiffie - November 18, 2022 at 07:25 PM

MN

When George was growing up in the "little rock house on Arch Street" before they moved further west I was two houses up from him in the white house on the corner of Arch St and N.Maple St. I was 5 years younger than him and a girl but I loved basketball. He had a hoop in his backyard I didn't. I was forever hounding him to play basketball with me. Sometimes it was just a game of "horse" but he never seemed to mind me bothering him. He was like that his whole life giving of himself even if it was just to play basketball with a 10 year old girl. I moved back to Arkansas after almost 40 years in Florida with everything shut down for the pandemic it's been hard to reconnect with childhood friends but I did connect with George through his law practice this year. God bless to his family. We are blessed to have known you!
Martha Burkett Nash

Martha A Nash - November 18, 2022 at 09:59 PM

KT

He was the most amazing man in the world! Not only was he the best attorney and fought for what he believed in, he loved justice and goodness. He loved life! He loved to live life and help others live theirs. This a shock to everyone. I thank God everyday for the chance to have had him in my life the last year and a half!

Kristin Tiffie - November 19, 2022 at 11:03 PM

JB

“ *Please accept my condolences. I will be praying for the family. I was in law school with George (and with Casey!), and remember him as a wonderful colleague and friend. Such a good man!*

Jessie Burchfield - November 18, 2022 at 07:03 PM

TM

“ George and I spoke 2 weeks ago following the funeral of Harold Valentine. It been a while since we had seen each other and we talked fast to catch up. Truly a gentleman so many ways and always and encouragement to me. As was mentioned in the obituary, he definitely was one of the good ones! He will be deeply missed in this community. God's blessings and peace to the family

Tom Martin - November 18, 2022 at 04:46 PM

TM

It is so hard to believe the passing of George, We have been on several business trips together, he was always so entertaining and enthusiastic, my heart is sad that George is Leaving us on this earth, a true southern gentleman and he will be missed by his family and friends, my Condolences 🙏 to the family.

tommy mitchum - November 18, 2022 at 06:02 PM

RB

My heart is sad..George and I became friends about 8 years ago..we meet at a golf tournament we enjoyed playing golf together..We instantly had a connection.. I'd go by his office about ever week and see him or talk to him on the phone ..I was going to go by and see him Monday but got busy and didn't make .. wish I would've taken the time !! Really going to miss the visiting with him.. Great man! Glad to call him my friend.
RIP 🙏

Ronnie Burress - November 18, 2022 at 06:27 PM

CS

I knew George and Sharon for many years living in Searcy and claimed Casey As my daughter since she practically lived in our pool. George hid my daughters car in his dealership and presented it so lavishly to her on her birthday. He was always joking around. My heart goes out to all in the family. I wish you peace as you go through this next phase in your life Sharon. Love you all. Cindy Shaw

Cindy Shaw - November 18, 2022 at 07:57 PM

RT

I moved to Searcy at the beginning of my sophomore year in high school. George was one of the first people I met. Early in the year, I contracted mononucleosis and was hospitalized for over two weeks. George, who was one of the finest and most thoughtful friend you could ever have, brought me my homework every day to ensure I did not get behind. Since that time, he has been one of my most trusted friends. I will dearly miss George and his sense of humor. Prayers and love for Sharon and the family 🙏❤️

Rick Turrentine

Rick Turrentine - November 18, 2022 at 10:51 PM

JS

We are so saddened by the death of Geoge. He has been a dear friend for many years. our thoughts and prayers are with Saron and all of the family at this most difficult time. Prayers for each of you. RIP

Judy SoutherlandMaddox - November 19, 2022 at 08:40 AM

MB

Heidi and I were shocked to hear this news. George was my student at UALR Law. He was, at 50, about 10 years younger (I also went to law school 'later-in-life'). It was not the usual teacher-student relationship; George became one of my very best friends. We played us some golf and drank us some bourbon now and then. He was such a GOOD man. I loved to visit with him and Sharon when Heidi and I were back in the area.

Sharon, Casey and the rest of the family - we share your loss and grief. Our love to you all. Mike and Heidi Beard (now in Georgetown, Texas mikebeard1@gmail.com).

Miike Beard - November 20, 2022 at 06:12 PM

RG

My wife, Connie and I were classmates with George at Hendrix College. We had many adventures at school. There were many late nights road tripping to away basketball games. I introduced George to horse racing and traveled with him when he bought an old pickup truck and turned the truck into a hot rod jewel. One lasting memory is George and his dog Napoleon Bonaparte walking across campus. Napoleon had a telephone number in the Conway telephone directory.

Connie and I offer the Carder family our deepest sympathy. May George enjoy eternal rest.

*Richard and Connie Gallagher
Fayetteville, Arkansas*

Richard Gallagher - November 30, 2022 at 09:18 PM