



Dr. Cecil Robert "Bob" Carlton

March 31, 1936 - January 31, 2014

Dr. Cecil Robert "Bob" Carlton, 77, of Salisbury passed away surrounded by his loving family on Friday, January 31, 2014 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center .

Born March 31, 1936 in Covington, KY, he was the son of the late Cecil Mae Carlton and Rosalie Aulick Carlton.

Dr. Carlton graduated from Holmes High School, Georgetown College (BS), Northwestern University (MS) and George Peabody College at Vanderbilt College (PhD).

He was a Mathematics Professor and implemented business computer systems at Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY. He served as the Chairman of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department at Catawba College from 1981 until retirement.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Salisbury where he served in the choir and on the deacon board.

Those left to cherish his memory is his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth Bradshaw "Libby" Carlton whom he married January 24, 1959; son, Kevin Carlton and wife Wendy of Salisbury; daughter, Dr. Karen Carlton and husband David

Wong of Norwood, MA; brothers, Richard Carlton and wife Mary of Lexington, KY and Ernest Carlton and wife Velma of Tampa, FL; grandsons, Matthew Wong, Christopher Wong, Benjamin Wong and Samuel Wong, Wesley Carlton, Bradley Carlton and Hunter Carlton.

The family will receive friends at the Summersett Funeral Home from 6-8 PM Monday.

A funeral service will be 11 AM – Tuesday (Feb. 4) at the First Baptist Church of Salisbury with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lance, officiating. Entombment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to the Robert and Elizabeth Carlton Endowment at Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Today’s mail brought the latest edition of Campus and the sad news of Dr. Carlton’s passing. When I think of my four years at Catawba, Dr. Carlton’s is usually one of the first faces that I see.

I would often tell people about the wonderful professor who taught me so much by not always “teaching.” His computer science courses were tough. In one course, he forced us to dig into the system manuals. His assignments required using the various programming languages in ways they were never meant to be used - all the while proclaiming he had no idea how to do what he was asking us to do.

He would have that mischievous look in his eyes and we knew that he knew perfectly well how it all worked together. But, his goal was to get us to dig it out of whatever corner of the manuals it was hiding in on our own. He was teaching us so very much, without actually telling us how to do something. That ability to dig through bookshelves of manuals and find solutions, that others often thought didn’t exist, served me well in my career.

Calculus IV. An elective for me; a requirement for the other student. Dr. Carlton held that class in a small conference room in the science building. I loved them. No room to hide undone homework. But, plenty of room to explore the pure joy of learning.

He loved being an educator and I feel honored to have been one of his students.

Michele Tway '90

Michele Tway - August 16, 2014 at 05:34 PM

DA

“ Since my first days here at Catawba, I have always connected Bob and Libby with the best that the college represents--integrity, warmth, and willingness to share. Bob will be missed by me and the whole Catawba College Community, for he shaped the institution just as surely as he walked the halls every day for the last three decades. May good memories of the times we spent working on behalf of our students, our family, and our dear college. Condolences to the entire family from an old friend -- Dayna Anderson

Dayna A. Anderson - February 03, 2014 at 03:36 PM

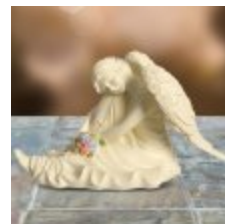
PB

“ Libby,
Nancy and I are praying for comfort for you and your family. I was deeply honored to have worked with Bob at Catawba.
Paul Baker

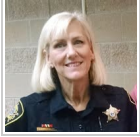
Paul Baker - February 03, 2014 at 03:06 PM



“ Platinum - Serene Angel was purchased for the family of Dr. Cecil Robert "Bob" Carlton.



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“ Please know that we send our most sincere sympathy. Although we have only been members of First Baptist Church for a few months, we consider it and your family, to be "our" family. May God give you much comfort at this time.

*In His love,
Dennis and Debbie Yokley*

Debra Yokley - February 03, 2014 at 07:36 AM

GF

“ *Libby and Family:*
Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time! We share a love of KY, in that we spent over 30 years there before moving to NC. (Tom's aunt, Ruth Longacre, taught Latin at Georgetown College for over 30 years, too). We have been truly blessed by your organ music each Sunday at FBC, and know that The Lord will continue to provide for all your needs in the days to come. May He be with you and yours, both now and in the future!

*Tom and Gail Ford
Salisbury, NC*

Gail M. Ford - February 02, 2014 at 08:23 PM

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“ *Ernie, Velma, Kyp, Mark, Jeff and families.*
purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dr. Cecil Robert "Bob" Carlton.



Ernie, Velma, Kyp, Mark, Jeff and families. - February 02, 2014 at 11:50 AM