



Donald Morris Carter

December 5, 1922 - May 2, 2011

Donald Morris Carter, age 88, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2011 at his residence.

Born December 5, 1922 in Salisbury, son of the late William Alvin Carter and Mary Lena Rothrock Carter, he was a graduate of New Bern High School and of the Cincinnati College of Embalming, Class of 1947.

During WWII he served in the U.S. Army with the Parachute School at Fort Benning, Georgia and with the Airborne Command at Camp McCall, N.C. Mr. Carter served with the 11th Airborne Division in the Philippine Islands and Japan. His last service was with Division Headquarter in Sendi, Japan. After the war he served three years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a member of the 11th Airborne Division Association. In 2009 he was a participant on the John Hanford Flight of Honor to the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC.

Mr. Carter first became associated with Summersett Funeral Home in 1941 as an apprentice. He later worked for 8 years at Townsend Funeral Home in Murphy, NC. Mr. Carter was co-owner of Murray-Carter Funeral Home in Greensboro before returning to Salisbury and his wife's family business of Summersett Funeral Home. He served as President of the Board of Directors from 1988 until his health declined recently. He was a funeral director and embalmer, serving the Salisbury community with compassion and care. With

several generations of family following in his footsteps at Summersett Funeral Home, his dedication and stories of his many years of work will be deeply missed.

Mr. Carter was a member of First United Methodist Church and served on the Church Administrative Board several terms and as a church usher for many years.

He was a member of the Hudson Miller Tatum Post # 3006 of the VFW and served as Adjutant and Quartermaster of the post during the time they bought their first Post Home on Brenner Avenue. Mr. Carter was also a member of the Harold B. Jarrett Post # 342 of the American Legion. For over 60 years he was a member of Fulton Masonic Lodge #99.

A member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, he served on the Board of Directors. Mr. Carter served two terms as President of the Murphy Rotary Club. He was a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary and was proud of his many years of perfect attendance before his health declined.

Mr. Carter was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, the North Carolina State Funeral Directors Association, and Select Independent Funeral Homes. He served as District Director in Districts Number Eight and Twelve of the Association.

Mr. Carter was a member of the Catawba Chiefs Club. He also supported Catawba College through a First Family Scholarship established in his and his wife, Margaret's name.

Mr. Carter was a former member of the Community Development Council for Western North Carolina. A former Jaycee, he served as Chairman of Safety Services for the American Red Cross. He worked with the United Way Fund for several years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and on the Salisbury Rowan Planning Board for ten years, serving as Chairman for several years.

Mr. Carter was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Summersett Carter, July 8, 2007. He is survived by two sons, Donald Morris Carter, Jr. and wife Cathy of Liberty, NC and William Summersett Carter and wife Debbie of Salisbury; four grandchildren, Kristen Carter Barber and her husband Dennis, Staton Summersett Carter and his wife Carrie, Mary Elizabeth Carter and David Scott Carter; two great grandchildren, Corbin Paige Barber and Evan Scott Barber; and sister-in-law, Elizabeth Summersett of Salisbury, NC.

The family will receive friends at Summersett Funeral Home from 6-8:00 PM Thursday (May 5).

The funeral service will be at First United Methodist Church, 11:00 AM Friday (May 6), conducted by the Rev. Steve Haines and Rev. Julie O'Neal. Burial will follow in City Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 217 N. Church St., Salisbury, N.C. 28144 or the Donald M. Carter and Margaret S. Carter Scholarship Fund, Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks and Mr. Carter's home caregivers for their compassion and care for him in recent weeks.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Carter family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ We would like to express our condolences to the Carter family. May God grant you peace and cherished memories bring you consolation.

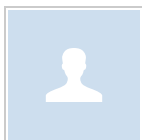
The Van Orsdel family##imported-begin##Maria E. Van Orsdel##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 01:39 PM



“ Mr.Carter was a gentle gentleman who always made you feel "good" even in sad times. He was simply perfect for the funeral home business because of his caring, compassionate personality. He will be missed by hundreds, if not thousands, of people. My prayers are with the family, one of the giants in the Salisbury community. I am honored to have been friends with Mr. and Mrs. Carter and to continue this friendship with Summie and Debbie.##imported-begin##Phil Kirk##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 08:06 PM



“ to the family: just want you to know how much i liked and admired Mr. Carter. our paths crossed many times when i was more involved in city and community matters. mr. carter was always so very nice to me. he knew i played the piano and organ for funeral services and made me feel welcome to come and practice anytime at his funeral home. i will miss seeing mr. carter around town. he was a true gentlemen.

Pam Hylton Coffield##imported-begin##pam hylton coffield##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 10:53 PM



“ Dear Cathy&Don,
My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your father.
I wish I could be there to comfort you in your loss. Please know me
and my potato salad will be coming your way very soon.
Susan Coltrane##imported-begin##susan coltrane##imported-
end##

May 05, 2011 at 02:39 PM



“ Don was a great comfort to many families, including ours. He was a
good friend and will be greatly missed.
Addie Ketner##imported-begin##Mrs. Glenn E. Ketner,
Sr.##imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 04:55 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Stan York##imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 04:34 PM



“ You are in my prayers and thoughts as you go through this difficult
time##imported-begin##Phil Miller##imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ *What a very very special man Don Carter was! I had the distinct privilege of working with him on many occasions while I was the pastor of Stallings Memorial Baptist Church from 1996-2000. He always had such a humble spirit about him and treated me with the kind of respect I never felt worthy of as a young man.*

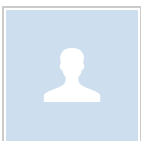
My heart and prayers go out to Summie and the rest of the family at this time. We love and appreciate you for all you've done and continue to do for families all across our area.##imported-begin##Mark Anders##imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 12:32 PM



“ *I thought Don was a very special person. As he aged, he seemed to retain the most pleasant cheerful look. He was amazing with learning new things, like computers, keeping his driving going the whole time. He was always friendly, he had great anecdotes and you could tell just how much he loved his family. He will be missed by many and the entire community. I am glad I got to know him, even just a little.##imported-begin##Billie Holbrook##imported-end##*

May 04, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ *Don Carter, always the Southern gentleman, will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Joyce S. Knight##imported-end##*

May 04, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ My thoughts are with you and the family and how painful it is to lose your loved one. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May God's love and comfort be with you and the family.

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone that beholds the Son and exercises faith in him should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him at the last day.” John 6:40###imported-begin##Ben & Rita###imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 06:42 AM



“ Summie: I am saddened to learn of your father's passing. I always admired him as the epitome of the word, "gentleman." He was certainly well-suited for his profession, but was a wonderful person to have known while living in Salisbury. Please know that my thoughts and good remembrances are with all of you.###imported-begin##Bob Lowdermilk###imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 07:50 PM



“ To all the family. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayer are with you. George Goldfinch, Goldfinch Funeral Home###imported-begin##George Goldfinch###imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 04:38 PM



“ Thinking of you all; family, friends and co-workers during this time of loss.

Blessings from your friends at Bridges-Cameron FH.###imported-begin##Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home###imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 10:27 AM



“ All of us in funeral service who admired Don Carter are saddened by his passing. Don stood tall among us as an exemplary funeral director and supreme gentleman. He made everyone who crossed his path feel welcomed and important. Summy, how grateful I am to have seen your Dad briefly last year, happy as he was to be at work and sharp-minded as always. He lived a full, abundant and grace-filled life. May he rest in peace, having joined his dear Margaret, and leaving behind a grateful family who now celebrate their goodly heritage through his sterling example. Thanks be to God for the life and the gift of Don Carter. Better are all of us and your entire community for having known him. Blessing to you, the Carter family, as you say goodbye and commend him into the safekeeping of God's loving embrace.##imported-begin##Mark Higgins##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 10:10 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Carter. I did not know him well, but he was always kind to me when I came around. I will be thinking of all of you during this difficult time.
Renee Kissell##imported-begin##Renee Kissell##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 06:20 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of the Carter family and staff of Summerset Funeral Home. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Carol Poole Ambassador Associates##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 11:06 PM



“ I was saddened to learn of Don Carter passing away. He was an exemplary funeral professional. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. J Wells Greeley, Wells Funeral Homes, Inc. & Cremation Services, Canton & Waynesville, NC##imported-begin##Wells Greeley##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 04:47 PM



“ Summey and Family I am saddened to hear about the death of your father .He was a true gentleman and will be missed by everyone he touched. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time .##imported-begin##Sherry Leonard Noble##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 04:08 PM



“ I truly want to express my sincere condolences to you all in the passing of Don. Certainly, he was a good man, and I know he will be greatly missed. You all are in my prayers!##imported-begin##Max Hayes##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 03:50 PM