



## John Austin Carter, Jr.

March 29, 1954 - August 5, 2012

John Austin Carter Jr. died suddenly at his Lake Norman home on August 5th, 2012.

He was born in Salisbury, NC on March 29, 1954 to John Carter and the late Shirley Ann Greta Carter. His father and stepmother, Boots Carter of Linville, NC and Vero Beach, FL, survive him, along with his aunt and uncle, Paul and Lois Carter, six loving sisters, sixteen nieces/nephews and one great-niece. His sisters are Lyn Hadden of Needham, MA, Jan Brady of Far Hills, NJ, Mimi Stickley of Vero Beach, FL, Jennie Fry of Windermere, FL, Wendy Fowler and Gwin Barr, both of Salisbury, NC.

Johnny attended Salisbury High School before finishing at The McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN in 1972. He then went to Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL where he earned his BA degree in two years.

He held several sales positions at both Carter Chair and Carolina Color Corporations early in his career. For the last twenty years, he has been the managing partner of Carter Properties, a commercial real estate venture.

Johnny loved the Lord with all his heart and soul. He was devoted to his church, The Cove, in Mooresville, where he was both a founding member and played in The Cove Band. He also played with his church-affiliated Celebrate

Recovery Band for many years. Johnny had a heart for church start-ups and was most recently the sound technician for Cove Kids at their Statesville, NC location. His passion for music continued throughout his life; he played with many bands, the last of which was the Dust Bunnies of Charlotte. He was an avid sportsman who loved water skiing, hiking and cross-county motorcycle trips.

Johnny changed lives and he will be dearly missed. A visitation will be held at the Barr home, 19 Pine Tree Rd in Salisbury on Wednesday, August 8th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.. A Celebration of Life service will be held Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at The Cove Church, Mooresville, NC, with Johnny's dear friend, the Rev. Mike Madding, officiating. There will be a gathering of family and friends at The Cove Church immediately following the service. Burial will be in Salisbury after the service at the Cove Church.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Cove Church, 197 Langtree Rd Mooresville, NC.

“Well done my good and faithful servant” Matthew 25:21

# Tribute Wall



“ With John's passing, I have lost my oldest and closest friend. We met our freshman year in college, living just a couple of doors from each other in the dormitory. We played music together and lost touch with one another for many years. Just a year or so ago we renewed our friendship and had almost daily chats via email. Our last chat was August 3rd. Godspeed my good, good friend.##imported-begin##Rick Straub##imported-end##

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September 17, 2012 at 10:58 AM



“ I just found out about John and wanted to contact someone to let you know how sorry I am and that you are in my prayers. Johnny was a long-time friend of mine and we had many wonderful, happy times. He helped me through darks times in my life in a way that noone else could. We laughed a great deal amidst conversations about the Lord, politics, and so many other things! He was truly a servant and man of God.##imported-begin##Helen Stewart##imported-end##

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August 19, 2012 at 07:34 PM



“ I refuse to say "goodbye" to you, my dear friend. So for now, I'll just say "See ya' around" as I know that you will still be watching over me, Derek, Eddie, and everyone else whose lives you touched and guarded. You are a very special man and I love you dearly. Consider us "weaned" now and we'll keep each other strong in your memory and honor. Enjoy your new "no agenda" life with our Lord!!!

All my love,

Gwenna

. . . and Victoria, Shelly, and Steven##imported-begin##Gwenna Pinney##imported-end##

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August 08, 2012 at 04:55 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss of John. We became friends in the 80's - John was the property manager at Hilton-Rialto in Melbourne, FL. He introduced me to sushi for the 1st time. We had many fun times together. John was a true gentleman and I am honored to have known him. I had not seen John for many years but I have such fond memories - RIP John.##imported-begin##Sharon DiLauro##imported-end##

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August 08, 2012 at 10:58 AM



“ John, My Friend, I will miss you more than you know. You taught me so much and we shared many happy times together learning and sharing. Ahhh what great times we had. Your time here was not long enough for us but I know you have been called upon for a greater duty. Until we meet again..... Susaan##imported-begin##Sue Bass##imported-end##

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August 08, 2012 at 10:58 AM



“ *There is a Rock Star in Glory! Warm, compassionate, loving, funny, talented....but most of all, John made everyone feel like someone special. I will certainly miss you, Carter, but I look forward to our reunion. Pattycake###imported-begin###Patty Crabtree Rogers###imported-end###*

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August 07, 2012 at 06:53 PM



“ *Johnny,  
Remembering your loving spirit, quick wit, generous heart and many other special gifts. No doubt, God needed you for a special assignment and only you could seal-the-deal on his behalf. I was proud to know you and call you my Friend; you will be unforgettable in my heart and in my mind. Give Ms. Shirley a hug & kiss from me. Miss you, Johnny. "Cl"###imported-begin###Cindy Ingraham###imported-end###*

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August 07, 2012 at 05:51 PM



“ *John - you crazy and wonderful man. I have many fond memories of working together in Melbourne, Florida. You had a light about you and a twinkle in your eye; a sense of humor that wouldn't quit, a love of music and a genuine concern for others. For the life of me, I'll never understand why the good ones we need here, are taken way too early. My sincere condolences go to your family and your friends. I know all of us will miss you. You'll surely be part of a rockin' angel band. Much love, Tina###imported-begin###Tina Eno Suiter###imported-end###*

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August 07, 2012 at 04:01 PM



“ Carter you changed my heart and soul, you taught me so much .... you gave me my silly nick name :-) I thought we had so much left to do together but the Lord quickly took you into his arms. I will strive to pass on your legacy of loving, encouraging and up lifting others. Until we meet again in Heaven I will miss your presence and influence on my Life. I love you brother with all my heart. Your brother G-Banker Gallstone###imported-begin###Preston Chase###imported-end###

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August 07, 2012 at 10:45 AM



“ My sincere condolences go out to John's family. While I had not seen him in many years I, along with all the guys in Salisbury, have some great memories which "Johnny" was a part of. The bands (he taught me how to play the bass), the Jeeps, the motorcycles (scared the heck out me), the river trips and the pool at the Salisbury CC. I still clearly remember the day he got that first "Gibson Hollow Body guitar". I do not think he put it down for days!

In reading the article on John it looks like he brought a lot to many peoples' lives. My family's prayers will be with his memory and family.

Dick###imported-begin###Dick Wright###imported-end###

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August 07, 2012 at 09:10 AM



“ John, Your light for Jesus was always shining; Your smile warm and bright. While we will be missing you for a while, we understand you have been promoted to band leader in Paradise ahead of the rest of us; In the meantime, we will continue our march to Zion and prepare for our day of rejoicing. Trusting our Father to support, embrace, and carry all of your loved ones during their hours of mourning and sorrow, filling them with abundant peace and renewing their spirits; Until we meet again, play on.##imported-begin##Jennifer & Parker##imported-end##

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August 07, 2012 at 01:03 AM



“ Lyn , We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our hearts and prayers. All our love , Rosemary and Kerry##imported-begin##Rosemary Gynegrowski##imported-end##

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August 06, 2012 at 09:11 PM