



Mr. William James Carver Jr.

January 11, 1940 - April 13, 2021

William James Carver Jr., affectionately known to most as “Coach Carver”, was born on January 11th, 1940 and was the second of three siblings. His passion for athletics, and love for people, were no surprise. His father, William Carver Sr., excelled as a student athlete in multiple sports during his time at E.E. Smith High School and his mother, Mattie Carver, was outgoing, affectionate, and never met a stranger.

William was a native of Fayetteville, NC and grew up near Murchison Road. He attended E.E. Smith High School (class of 1958) and excelled as a three-sport student athlete in football, basketball and baseball. His scholastic and athletic achievements earned him an opportunity to further his education at Hampton University (formerly Hampton Institute). He attended Hampton on an athletic scholarship and played both baseball and football during his time there before graduating in 1962. William’s love for his hometown, and more importantly his love for his sweetheart, Ms. Inez C. McEachern, drew him back to North Carolina after graduation. They were soon married and eventually had a son, William James Carver III.

William’s passion for athletics never wavered and he often noted that sports opened many doors for him that otherwise would not have been available. One year after working at Pinckney High School in Moore County, William accepted his dream job offer to teach and coach at his high school alma mater, E.E. Smith Senior High School and he never looked back. Over the next eighteen years, he blazed a trail of helping students and athletes reach

their full potential.

William taught biology and physical education while also coaching football, basketball, baseball, and track. He took pride in the success of his teams on the field, but was even more proud of the character created, and the values instilled, in the lives of all the young men and women he coached.

William's next years of his career would lead him into the field of school administration. He spent another ten years at E.E. Smith, serving as both Athletic Director and Assistant Principal. He then transitioned to work as the Director of Student Activities for Cumberland County Schools from 1991 to 1999. His prior coaching days prepared him for his new role as an administrator. He was passionate about working with coaches to help their athletic programs excel.

William's commitment and success as an administrator was quickly recognized throughout the state of North Carolina. He achieved numerous awards during his career which included the Region 4 Athletic Director of the Year (1994), the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) Distinguished Service Award (1995), the NCHSAA State Award of Merit (1996), the North Carolina Athletic Director of the Year (1997), and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Distinguished Service Award (1999).

William retired from Cumberland County Schools in 1999 and accepted the role of Athletic Director for Fayetteville State University in 2000. In just a four year span, his teams won a combined total of twelve championship events. He was awarded Athletic Director of the Year in 2002 and 2003.

In his "spare time" William served as a Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) official and enjoyed spending Saturdays working with and observing CIAA officiating crews for over twenty years. He was inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame, the NCHSAA Athletic Directors Hall of Fame, and the CIAA Officials Hall of Fame for his excellence in service and commitment. It was through athletics that Coach Carver was able to build a career, a life, and ultimately an unwavering legacy. His work and his life left a lasting impact

on scores of student athletes, families, coaches, administrators, and his community.

William's passion for athletics was second only to his commitment to family and his community. "Momma and Daddy's House" was just around the corner and you could often find him there, enjoying the company and support of his family while caring for his parents until their death. He was close with his siblings and cared for and spoke with them often.

William and his wife, Inez, were proud parents of their son, Bill, who, like his father, also excelled in academics and athletics. They enjoyed a life of over forty-two years together until her death in 2005. He was the proud father of his daughter-in-law, Paula, and loving "Pop Pop", to his two granddaughters, Ashlea and Christian.

William was also extremely proud to be an active member of his local church, Evans Metropolitan AMEZ church, where he served in a variety of capacities for decades. He also was an active member of his local chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In all his success as a coach, administrator, husband, and father, William was never ashamed to give God the credit for his achievements. He prayed often about life decisions and encouraged others to do so as well. One of his favorite songs to sing was, "If It Had Not Been for The Lord on My Side". Even during times of challenge, he never stopped thanking and praising God for the life he was blessed to live.

Well Done Coach – You've Crossed the Heavenly Goal Line and You've Won Your Final Championship Game – Enjoy Your Reward!

William leaves to cherish his memory, his son William James Carver III (Paula) of Fayetteville, NC; two grandchildren Ashlea Carver Adams (Chavez) of Holly Springs, NC, and Christian Carver of Fayetteville, NC; his two sisters Carrie Bradley of Fayetteville, NC and Patricia Pratt of Fayetteville, NC and one brother Franklin Carver (Agnes) of Clemmons, NC. He is loved by a host of relatives, nieces and nephews. He leaves behind a network of coaches,

players, and friends and will be greatly missed by us all.

Cemetery Details

Rockfish Memorial Park

4017 Gillespie Street
Fayetteville, NC

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

APR **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Impact Global Ministries
2503 Murchison Rd.
Fay, NC 28301

Livestreaming

APR **24**. 12:00 PM.

Facebook: Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory-Fayetteville & Lumberton
<https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - April 21, 2021 at 03:23 PM



Gerald
McPhail

*Rest in Peace Coach Carver and thank you for your wisdom in coaching me.
Class of 78'*

Gerald McPhail - April 24, 2021 at 10:41 AM

MT

Rest is Peace Jaws. That's what we called him. Didn't know until now that he played for "Duck" Coach Carter at Smith. Wow, we have a great legacy and those 2 gentlemen were a big part of it.

Michael G Tatum Sr, Class of 75

Michael Tatum - April 27, 2021 at 11:02 PM

DK

“ *Thank you, Coach Carver. You made all the difference at EE Smith! Dr. Mark Kendrick*



Dr. Mark Kendrick - April 24, 2021 at 08:22 PM

RY

“ *Condolences to and prayers for the family of this wonderful man and educator! He had an impact on me during my high school years at E.E. Smith. I can say that he was influential in my decision to also become an educator. He will be greatly missed.*

Ronda Liles Yarborough - April 24, 2021 at 07:19 PM

JV

“ *Johnny Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Johnny Vaughn - April 24, 2021 at 01:28 PM

TB

“ Back in the late 70's and early 80's, when they allowed teenagers 16,17, 18 years old to drive buses, as a 16 year old E.E.Smith student i started driving school buses. The athletic dept had a bus nicked name "the Bull". It was the Mercedes of activity buses as no other school in cumberland county had one quite like this. As a teenager, I walked in to Coach Carvers office having never met him or actually spoken to him prior and said, "hello coach, I'm Theo Banks, and I wanna drive the Bull. Coach looked up at me and said with a smile, "HUH", you wanna drive the BULL? HUH".. I dont know if you can handle the BULL.. Little did i know this was the start of a great friendship and he became a great Boss as he eventually placed in me the trust of driving a vehicle carrying the most precious cargo of students and athletes all over this state. We had so many conversations where i saw what the E.E.Smith Extended Family was all about. He represented in so many ways how back in the days the village helped raise the child as i saw day in and day out his love for his work as a teacher, coach and mentor. We had conversations in the his office where often times he cried sharing his dreams and ambitions about his son, his wife, who ironically after meeting her we discovered she was a elementary school teacher where i went to school. It was pleasure working for him not just as a bus driver, but in many other capacities E.E.Smith allowed me. When you think about the village raising the children, you can only think of people like Coach Carver, Coach Walker, Coach Jacobs, The Major sisters, the John Smith's, the Milton Butts, Larry Mcdonalds, whom all worked under Coach Carver and demonstrated daily their devotion to not just being a teacher, but a mentor in the community . Another star has been dimmed in the Golden Bull family but certainly not extinguished. Coach carvers light and his representation of the golden bull family concept lives on. I am grateful God allowed me to know him and to be around him. May God Bless the Carver family and the Golden Bull Family.

Theo M Banks- Class of 81

Theo M Banks - April 24, 2021 at 08:55 AM

CH

“ *Your seat in Heaven has been reserved just for you. Now take your rest. Thank you for all the memories and laughter we shared. You were the best Coach ever! I'm going to truly you along with the good advices given. Forever Rest and know you were always special.* ”

Cynthia McMillan Harris - April 23, 2021 at 11:03 PM

MM

“ *Mr.&Mrs. William T. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.* ”



Mr.&Mrs. William T. Mitchell - April 23, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. William James Carver Jr..* ”



April 22, 2021 at 11:36 PM

MB

“ *Marian Bivens lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.* ”



Marian Bivens - April 22, 2021 at 11:23 PM

KB

“ Kim Bazemore lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Kim Bazemore - April 22, 2021 at 11:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Curtis McNeill - April 21, 2021 at 06:18 PM



Coach Carver Football playing days for the mighty Golden Bulls

Curtis McNeill - April 22, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Curtis McNeill - April 21, 2021 at 06:12 PM



Coach Carver football at Smith 1956 great athlete

Curtis McNeill - April 22, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ Curtis Mcneill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Curtis Mcneill - April 21, 2021 at 06:09 PM

DC

“ My condolences go out to the Carver family. I will always remember his family, parents and siblings from my childhood and into my adulthood at Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church. They were a loving family and Mr. Carver was the epitome of a Christian man, husband, father, and grandfather. He will be missed.

Billy, Frankie, and Pat, my prayers go out to you during this time. Cherish the memories to get you through the coming days, weeks, months and years. Remember, earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Heaven has just gained another angel!

Dr. Gwen Haile Cattledge - April 20, 2021 at 07:06 PM

TE

“ Our condolences and prayers to the Carver family. Love Tenika and Carolyn Hart.



Tenika - April 20, 2021 at 02:31 PM

RJ

“ To the family and many friends of Mr. William James Carver, the 1966 Alumni Class of E.E. Smith sends our sympathies and prayers. Coach Carver was a great person and he will be missed. 🙏💙💛

Ruby C. Jones - April 20, 2021 at 01:52 PM

BY

“ Beverly Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Beverly Young - April 19, 2021 at 02:41 PM

BB

“ Beverly Young & Ronald Bethune lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Beverly Young & Ronald Bethune - April 19, 2021 at 02:40 PM

SS

“ Sandra A. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Sandra A. Smith - April 18, 2021 at 02:25 PM

ME

“ *Condolences to the Carver family. Mr. Carver will long be remembered by all who knew him.*

Marion Breedlove Evans - April 18, 2021 at 01:54 PM

HH

“ *Horace Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Horace Hudson - April 18, 2021 at 10:17 AM

MF

“ *Mary Fennell-Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Mary Fennell-Williamson - April 17, 2021 at 10:31 PM

JG

“ *We will miss you tremendously!! I can hear you saying.. "Hey lil Joe Gillespie " when i brought you your church program in the choir stand"!! Our condolences and prayers to your family!!*

Jeanette and Thelma Gillespie - April 17, 2021 at 05:09 PM

ME

“ *Condolences the family of a great loss. Mr. Carver will be remembered by many for his behavior towards all. RIP Mr. Carver.*



Marion Breedlove Evans - April 17, 2021 at 05:02 PM

OE

“ *Oliver Lacy Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Oliver Lacy Evans - April 17, 2021 at 04:57 PM

RK

“ *On behalf of the Fayetteville State University National Alumni Association, Inc. we know that nothing is harder than losing someone you love. But friends can help the healing. Please know that you have friends who care. Richard D. Kingsberry, President.*

Richard D. Kingsberry - April 17, 2021 at 03:07 PM

MW

“ *Margaret D Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



margaret d williams - April 17, 2021 at 12:59 PM

YF

“ Yvette Bullard And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Yvette Bullard and Family - April 16, 2021 at 09:46 PM

LG

“ Les Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Les Griffin - April 16, 2021 at 06:52 PM

CL

“ On behalf of the E.E. Smith Class of 1968 our sincere condolences and sympathy to the family. Mr. Carter was truly a wonderful person.

CHARLES Lassaiter - April 16, 2021 at 05:14 PM

CL

Correction: Mr Carver

charles lasditer - April 21, 2021 at 12:58 PM

ML

“ To the family: A wondrrful man, and humam being who came yo our aid, my husband Josrph Tyler and me Thank you. Be of good memories for "Carver" as we lovingly called him, was a wonderful person. Maggie Smith Tyler Lytle and daughter, Kimberly Tyler.

Maggie Tyler Lytle - April 16, 2021 at 04:23 PM

KE

“ I send my condolences to the Carver family for the lost of Coach Carver. Rest in peace.

kennethpugh - April 16, 2021 at 04:05 PM

KP

“ With our heartfelt sympathy extended to THE Carver Family. Mr. Kenneth Pittman & Family.



Kenneth Pittman - April 16, 2021 at 02:27 PM

DC

“ My deepest condolences to the Carver family, may God continue to strengthen and comfort each and every one of you in Jesus name.
DOT CRAWFORD

DOT CRAWFORD - April 16, 2021 at 02:12 PM

DC

“ DOT CRAWFORD lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



DOT CRAWFORD - April 16, 2021 at 02:06 PM

DW

“ *David Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



David Williams - April 16, 2021 at 11:25 AM

CF

“ *Church of the Harvest Family and Friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William James Carver Jr..*



Church of the Harvest Family and Friends - April 16, 2021 at 10:49 AM

L1

“ *Know that we were blessed to have this man in our lived. His influence on the young people he encountered still bears fruit today. Rest in Peace Coach.*
- Larry Lucas, E.E. Smith football '67-'69.

Larry Lucas, EES 1969 - April 16, 2021 at 10:31 AM

JJ

“ *Joseph and Rowena Johnson*



Joseph and Rowena Johnson - April 16, 2021 at 09:51 AM

JJ

“ *Joseph and Rowena Johnson*



Joseph & Rowena Johnson - April 16, 2021 at 09:46 AM

SW

“ *Sylvia Smith Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Sylvia Smith Williams - April 15, 2021 at 09:31 PM

KB

“ *I was saddened to learn of Coach Carver's passing. I want to send condolences to the Carver family. I played baseball at E E Smith for Coach Carver for three years. He not only taught us baseball he was like a second father and always had time for his students and athletes. I will miss you Coach but I will never forget you. RIP.*

Kirk Boykin and Family

Kirk D Boykin - April 15, 2021 at 08:45 PM

OK

“ *Ozell Kirby lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Ozell Kirby - April 15, 2021 at 07:58 PM

MM

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth J. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth J. Mitchell - April 15, 2021 at 03:06 PM

RF

“ *We are saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. William Carver. He truly touched so many, many lives in a positive way. He was a man of God and loved coaching at all levels. May God Bless you Billy and your extended family. You have our deepest sympathy.*
Rev. & Mrs. Carl Simmons

Rev. & Mrs. Carl Simmons & Family - April 15, 2021 at 03:04 PM

DC

“ *Dennis & Freda Cromartie lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Dennis & Freda Cromartie - April 15, 2021 at 02:09 PM

CW

“ *Cynthia Williams-James lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Cynthia Williams-James - April 15, 2021 at 11:44 AM

LV

“ *Luretha Vann lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Luretha Vann - April 15, 2021 at 09:46 AM

AV

“ *Angela Vann lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Angela Vann - April 15, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Debra Slaughter lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Debra Slaughter - April 15, 2021 at 06:03 AM

RN

“ *Roger/Edna McKoy, Fayetteville, NC lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Roger/Edna McKoy, Fayetteville, NC - April 15, 2021 at 05:06 AM

TM

“ *Theolive And Bettye Mobley-Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Theolive and Bettye Mobley-Washington - April 14, 2021 at 08:20 PM

TM

“ *Theolive And Bettye Mobley-Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Theolive and Bettye Mobley-Washington - April 14, 2021 at 08:19 PM

HJ

“ *Howard & Elizabeth Cunningham, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.*



Howard & Elizabeth Cunningham, Jr. - April 14, 2021 at 07:35 PM

AL

“ *To Coach Carver family, I am sorry for your lost. Just want to let you know /coach Carver was an outstanding coach i will always remember; the community has lost a giant of a legend.*

Albert - April 14, 2021 at 06:00 PM

SF

“ Praying for the Carver Family. Thanks for all the lessons taught to us on the field, track & locker rooms. You truly made a difference in a lot young men & women. RIP Coach Carver!!!



Scoop F - April 14, 2021 at 04:19 PM

PS

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the Family of William (Brother) Carver, Jr. during this difficult transition time. May the hurt that you're experiencing right now be eventually replaced with the love and strength that he provided each of you at some time and place in your life. His smile and that deep voice will always resonate in your spirit during good and hard times, so find him as your solace 🙏 May God continue to equip you with his Love 🙏



Patrick Smith - April 14, 2021 at 04:08 PM

RM

My heartfelt condolences to the Carver family for the loss of your loved one, the great Coach Carver. May the peace of God be with you. Please be encouraged as he joined the Omega ancestors. We will always cherish his legacy.

Ramius McPhatter - April 25, 2021 at 02:01 AM

JC

“ Joe L. & Lore K. Cromartie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Joe L. & Lore K. Cromartie - April 14, 2021 at 12:26 PM

JC

“ Joe L. & Lore K. Cromartie lit a candle in
memory of Mr. William James Carver Jr.



Joe L. & Lore K. Cromartie - April 14, 2021 at 12:23 PM