



BEST FRIENDS FOR LIFE

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Derwin Guinn • Barbara Cooper



In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Chester Carrigan Memorial Fund. This fund was established for his beloved grandchildren. Checks may be made payable to the Chester Carrigan Memorial Fund. Donations may also be mailed to P.O. Box 892, Hot Springs, AR 71902 or deposits may be made at any Regions Bank.



OUR THANKS

Words cannot express how much we thank you for the expressions of sympathy. We appreciate all the help you provided to our family. We were blessed with an abundance of food, flowers, calls, text messages, and emails. We have formed many long-lasting relationships and words cannot express just how much we value each of you. Special thank you to our prayer warriors, especially for what you have poured into our family for the past two weeks. Last but not least, thank you to everyone who helped make our Gala a success for the past 10 years.



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"Funeral Services Beyond the Ordinary and More Than Just the Acceptable"

A SERVICE *of* LOVE *to* CELEBRATE
THE LIFE *of a* FAITHFUL SERVANT



Earthly Entrance
November 12, 1963

Earthly Transition
July 7, 2020

Chester

LEE CARRIGAN

36 Years of Love

August 18, 1984 - July 7, 2020

13,106 days

12 hours, 15 minutes and 0 seconds

13,106.5104 days

314,556.25 hours

18,873,375 minutes

1,132,402,500 seconds

Visitation

Friday, July 10, 2020

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Trinity Church
670 Panama Street
Hot Springs, Arkansas

*"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord."
(Matthew 25:21)*

REFLECTIONS OF OUR HUSBAND, FATHER, MAN MAN, BROTHER, UNCLE, COUSIN, AND FRIEND

A TIME TO BE BORN

On November 12, 1963, our husband, father, grandfather "Man Man", brother, uncle, cousin, and friend Chester Carrigan was born to the late Matthew Carrigan and Lucille B. Block-Carrigan in DeAnn, AR (Antioch Community).

A TIME OF LOVING

On August 18, 1984, he married his beautiful wife, Constance (Hamilton) Carrigan, and to their union three children were added.

A TIME OF PLANTING

A man that feareth the Lord shall be praised. Chester expressed his hope in Christ at an early age at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Deann, AR. He was a dedicated member of Union Missionary Baptist Church for 37 years where he served as a Trustee, Male Chorus member, and a leader in the Culinary Department. Over the years he built his knowledge at Blevins High School where he graduated with honors. He went on to further his knowledge by obtaining a Bachelor of Art from Arkansas College of Technology in Little Rock, AR receiving degrees in Computer Programing and Applied Science in Computer Programming. In 1998 he went on to receive an Associate of Mortuary Science from the University of Arkansas at Hope. He provided for his family over the years through his work at Pepsi-Cola (first African American in Hot Springs to be employed for the company), Chamberlain Door Company, Keith Smith Company, Harris Funeral Home, Brandon's Funeral Home, Griffin Leggett Healey and Roth, and Gross Funeral Home. He later combined his life experiences and educational experiences to create two businesses that allowed him to deposit into others as a passionate servant. He gave fervently to others through Carrigan Memorial Funeral Services, Inc. (Owner/Director/Embalmer) and Precious Memories by C & C Catering (Owner). His lifelong dream of owning his own business became reality; he established the slogan "Beyond the Ordinary and more than just the acceptable." He served thousands of families; dedicating numerous hours to making sure that every detail of their homegoing or special event exceeded expectations. As the Owner/Director of the funeral home, he meticulously captured the essence of the life of those he served with the words he etched into their eulogies.

A TIME OF SHARING

Chester would like for his good works to speak for him. In the words of one of our great psalmists, "may the works I've done speak for me!" As a man of excellence, he wanted the best for everyone. He didn't meet a stranger, everyone in his eyes was deserving of nothing but the best. His love for people often spilled over into the kitchen. He had a passion for cooking and touched many people through the meals he prepared. If you ever had Sunday dinner at the Carrigan's household, the encounter left you full. You were full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, because Chester ensured that everyone that entered their doors felt like family. Everything he cooked was delicious, but a few of his specialties consisted of his rice dressing, shrimp and grits, and hot water cornbread. He was a sophisticated man and took pleasure in dressing himself and others. He was definitely a male fashionista!

A TIME OF CARING

Chester loved many things but nothing more than his wife (Constance), his children, and his grandchildren. His heart would melt when his grandchildren called his name; "Man Man" they would say, and these two simple words would



make him smile even on his most challenging days. His grandchildren helped make his life complete - it is an understatement to say, "they were the light of his world." In addition to spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, he loved nothing more than spending time with his Sunday crew (you know who you are).

A TIME OF GIVING

Chester was a man of many talents. Over the years he used the fruits of his labor to give back to his community. Over 10 years ago, he embarked upon a mission to uplift those who lost loved ones. The Lord gave him the vision to not only remember the deceased but to lift the hearts of the living. As a result, he started hosting the Carrigan Memorial Funeral Home Annual Gala. This event permitted people from the community to fellowship together in a setting that allowed tears, laughter, rejoicing, and of course, good food.

A TIME FOR PARTING

Chester was a kidney transplant recipient on October 3, 2017. He was grateful for the opportunity to continue to sow into the life of those he loved. He lived every day giving unto others until he was called to the heavenly home. In times such as this Chester would often say "All Is Well" and today we say, "All Is Well" for Chester answered the call from God on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. The cloud of witnesses that have completed the journey before him include his parents (aforementioned) and three siblings, Lorine Carrigan, Charles W. Carrigan, and John Carrigan; and his pastor of twenty-six years, Pastor Douglas E. Jones.

A TIME FOR REJOICING

In this moment we mourn but we still rejoice. We "count it all joy" for we know he now wears his crown. He beholds the Lord, face to face, and he is "complete and lacking nothing." During this time the memories that have been made will continue to lift the hearts and spirits of his wife, Constance Carrigan; his three children, Ebony Carrigan-Cain of Hot Springs, AR, Pastor Jarvis (Dr. Deandria) Carrigan of Conway, AR, and Jonathan (Karayan) Carrigan of Hot Springs, AR; his grandchildren, Tremendous Cain of Hot Springs, AR, Zaden Carrigan of Hot Springs, AR, Bryson Taylor and Emma Carrigan of Conway, AR; his special niece and nephew whom he raised and loved as his own children, Sierra Goffigan of Hot Springs, AR and Anthony Goffigan (son, Ayce) of Hot Springs, AR; his special nephew/son, Fred (Cemeka) Smith of Little Rock, AR; mother-in-law, Carolyn Gray of Hot Springs, AR; his siblings, Linda (Rev. Freddie) Smith of Fulton, AR, Lonnie (Margaret) Carrigan of Plano, TX, Severa Nell (Donnie) Davis of Hope, AR, Frankie (Kris) Carrigan of Garland, TX, Caesar (Debbie) Carrigan, of Hope, AR, Shirley (Jerry) Griffin of Dallas, TX, and Kathy (Samuel) Madison of Reader, AR; his sisters-in-law, Mae Ann Carrigan of Hope, AR and Sharon (Lacy) Griffith of Hot Springs; his brothers-in-law, Mike Gray of Bossier, LA, Kirk Gray of Hope, AR, and John (Dea) Langston of Shreveport, LA; his special sister-in-law (shared every Sunday evening dinner) Mercie Carrigan of Prescott, AR; his special cousin, Terri Lynn Whitley of Hope, AR; his brother from another mother, Carl (Rosalyn) Henagen of Little Rock, AR; his extended siblings whom he loved very much, Joyce Ogden, Shirley Bass, James Carrigan, David Carrigan, Robert Carrigan and Annette (Kenneth) Smith, all of Hope, AR, Lisa (Maurica) Aparcio of Emmett, Doris (Wills) Black of Denver, CO, Wayne Carrigan of Flint, MI, and Wanda Carrigan (deceased); and his special aunt, Irene Walker of Texarkana, TX. He also shared his love with several very special godchildren, god-grandchildren, and a host of extended family, friends, and relatives.

We pray that you will continue to "lift your eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh our help. For the Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore." (Psalm 121:1,8)