



Don Raymond Carter

June 18, 2020

Don Raymond Carter passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020. He was the son of Irene Loretta Rhinier and Raymond Charles Carter.

Don is survived by his wife Judy Crist Carter, the love of his life, whom he met at a dance held in the Millersville College gymnasium after a college basketball game. He is also survived by his three daughters, Melinda (Mindy) Leigh Carter, Vicki Carter Binder and Michelle (Shelley) Carter Thomas. Don and Judy have 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, whom he loved and adored.

A lifelong resident of Lancaster, Don attended Lafayette elementary, Hand junior high and J.P. McCaskey high school and was a long time member of McCaskey Alumni groups. He went on to earn a Bachelors degree in electrical engineering from Drexel University which he said was one of the hardest goals he ever achieved. He then received a Masters degree in Physics from Franklin & Marshall College and did advanced course work at Columbia University at Harriman, New York. This background in learning made him a strong advocate for education.

During his engineering career at RCA in Lancaster he was in the design, development and application of exotic electron tubes for industrial, military and scientific applications. Over the years, his work led to the grant of several

patents for various electronic inventions. Later in his career he helped found Burle Industries and saved many local Lancaster jobs as a result.

Don loved the beach, boating, fishing, Yankees baseball, Penn State football and spending time with his family and his many friends. He was a member of the Lancaster First Church of God. His family, friends, neighbors and co-workers were blessed to have him be a part of their lives.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, July 17th at 11:00am at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Water Street Rescue Mission, or a charity of your choice.

Click this link for the service <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/28341406>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Tribute Wall



“ *Don Raymond Carter*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Service July 17, 2020*



The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - July 22, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Judy and Family,*

What a beautiful memorial to Don!

We regret that we could not be with you all for the service, but we were with you in spirit as we watched the streaming of the service. Such touching comments and tributes to a great man.

We have also burned a disk of the service to share with Barbara and Bill, who do not have Internet access.

May God continue to be with us all in the coming months as we remember the many good time that we have shared with Don.

Joan and Bob

Bob Walton - July 19, 2020 at 10:51 AM

“ Four short stories:

Don called me this past July to ask if my wife Carol and I still meet for a dinner - once a month - with some of our local friends including Harriet Oren Stoudt and Earl "Buddy" Stoudt. He wanted to ask if he and Judy could be invited if Earl was to attend. Seems that he and Earl had a physical fight when he was in 5th grade. Don was a year older, and may have been a little bigger than Buddy. I guess that Earl held his own as Earl had two older brothers and one younger brother. On his bucket list Don wanted to apologize to Earl for causing the fight.

Don and his other "hillion" classmates walked to school at West Junior High also called Reynolds School. Some times they came by my home on College Ave. Often we talked about sports. Don was a life-long fan of the Yankees baseball team. We discovered also that we both were interested in fishing. One day Don said to me, "lets us go fishing this Saturday as the Little Conestoga Creek was just stocked with trout." So that Saturday, carrying our lunch and our fishing tackle, we road our bikes to the stream behind the old brick yards. That location is now the F and M College sports practice fields. While fishing, Don accidentally stepped into a muskrat hole and fell into the water. Later he told the story to many others, but changed it to say that I had pushed him.

During our high school years we spent a lot of time car pooling and hanging out between The Little Pig Restaurant at the east end of Lancaster and Burger's Restaurant in the west end. A lot of that time was spent trying to find dates for Bolbach (Phil) and Sneath (Bob). We called each other by last names back then.

Some time ago Don was nominated to be selected as a candidate for McCaskey High School Outstanding Alumni Award. As he was a member of the Alumni board, Don felt that the the nomination was undeserved and a conflict of interest, so he declined the nomination. A number of Don's friends plan to petition the Alumni Association

Board to re-accept his nomination, and if he is selected the award be presented posthumously.

Those of us who called Don a friend could not have had a better person as our friend. We all will greatly miss him.

John Long

Lisa Groff - July 16, 2020 at 04:03 PM

FH

“ *Judy and family- I was saddened to hear of Don's passing earlier this week through Tom Yingst and wish to express my sincere sympathy to you and your family. I lost my wife Audrey in May and know how you must feel. Don and I worked in tube development at RCA and then afterward continued to meet in the "breakfast club", which started out with a good size group of retirees but subsequently dwindled due to deaths and health.*

Sincerely, Fred Hammersand

Fred Hammersand - July 16, 2020 at 08:57 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



THOMAS E. YINGST - July 14, 2020 at 09:15 PM

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A great memory of Don and I.

THOMAS E. YINGST - July 17, 2020 at 05:05 PM

DB

“ Judy and family- Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dorothy Baile and family

Dorothy Baile - July 13, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Don Raymond Carter.



July 13, 2020 at 12:23 PM

GB

“ Judy and Family ---- So sorry to hear of Don's passing. You have my sympathy and my prayers. Don and I go way back as you know. He was always a good friend to me during tough times at work and in my personal life. I would like to be at his memorial but my own health makes me home bound much of the time especially with the covid.

gerald j buchko - July 13, 2020 at 09:18 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Tom Yingst - July 12, 2020 at 08:34 PM

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“ We had a GREAT time working at RCA and meeting in retirement for breakfast. He will be remembered for helping others like Ellie Adams !! -MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS DON AND HIS FAMILY. --Tom Yingst

Tom Yingst - July 12, 2020 at 08:14 PM

PR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Priva - June 28, 2020 at 02:05 PM

RC

Great smiles happy couple

Rachael Caton - June 29, 2020 at 06:03 PM

JF

“ *Judy and Girls: We were very sorry to learn of Don's passing. Please accept our condolences. Don was a fine man and we thought very highly of him. We extend to you our sincere sympathy, wishing you comfort and peace.*
Barb and Joe Forrey

Joe Forrey - June 22, 2020 at 07:21 PM

LJ

“ Judy: I read of Don’s passing and I want to extend to you and your family my sincere sympathy. Wasn’t it just yesterday we were kids at Millersville and now we are the old generation. Be strong.
Lew Jury

Lewis E Jury - June 22, 2020 at 11:24 AM

GS

I was sorry to learn of Don’s passing. I first came to know him at the formation of Burle...when I had Human Resources responsibilities. I came to appreciate his integrity, and down to earth good nature. As Reg. said and a true compliment in that business “he was one of the good ones.” A fine man. I too am so sorry for your loss. Guy Shawkey

Guy Shawkey - July 06, 2020 at 01:49 PM

RP

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy over your loss of Don. He recently phoned me to give me a msg from our Burle times. He was hoping to beat his illness, so I was so sorry to learn of his passing. I was a business associate of his for many years at RCA/GE/Burle. As you know he was one of the 6 mgrs. that founded Burle Industries. He was one of the "good ones".
Sincerely, Reg Pattey

Reg Pattey - June 22, 2020 at 10:23 AM

DE

“ *Judy and girls, I remember our families gathering for dinner with a smile. 7 girls between our two families. I specifically remember the "baked potatoes" made in that first microwave. They took way longer than they would have in the oven.
My heart and prayers go out to your family. I know that Daddy and Don are smiling down on us from heaven.
Fondly,
Deb Eshleman*

Deb Eshleman - June 21, 2020 at 05:02 PM