



Dr. James R. Carr

March 9, 1926 - May 28, 2015

James R. Carr, M.D., died at the age 89 on May 28, 2015 in his hometown of Hamilton, Ohio, where he was regarded as a tireless community leader, champion for the city's children and devoted family man. He was known throughout his life for an endearing, altruistic nature that had a far-reaching impact, especially in Hamilton, a city he truly cherished. Putting the needs of others before himself was a trait he shared with his beloved wife, Anne, who preceded him in death eight years ago. Dr. Carr was born on March 9, 1926, in Hamilton, the younger of Sam and Mary (Heath) Carr's two sons. Sam Carr was a longtime newspaper reporter in Hamilton. His older brother, Jack, a Hamilton businessman and Big Band leader, passed away at the age of 88 in 2012. Dr. Carr was an honor student and senior class president at Hamilton High School. Following his graduation in 1944, he served two years in the United States Navy. He then earned a bachelor's degree in business from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati Medical College in 1956. He completed his internship and residency at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. He served as president of the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity and was also a member of the Sigma Chi social fraternity. On November 11, 1961, Dr. Carr married the love of his life, Anne Louise Bard, a former teacher who established her own enduring legacy of community service. Mrs. Carr died on February 19, 2007, at the age of 69. Specializing in the field of urology, Dr. Carr practiced medicine for 36 years – the first six in Cincinnati and the last 30 in Hamilton. During that time, his caring, nurturing and generous side was always on full display. He never turned anyone away and his staff often found "no charge" written on his patient's charts. In the 1970s, he served as president of the Butler County Medical Society and was chief of staff at Fort Hamilton Hospital. In 1972 he received the "Service Above Self" award from the Hamilton Rotary Club for his leadership in the Butler County tuberculosis program. Dr. Carr was relentless in his efforts to ensure a bright future for Hamilton's youth. He was heavily involved with the Hamilton Boys & Girls Club, where he spent several years as its president. He was a member of the Hamilton Board of Education for 16 years, serving as president for two terms. Even after leaving the Board, he was a member of the organization's Attendance Committee, Facilities Committee and

Business Advisory Committee. He was a member of the Board of the Hamilton YMCA and was a division chairman of United Way of Hamilton. Upon his retirement in 1997, he spent several days per week reading to children at Harrison Elementary School. In 1999 he was inducted into the Junior Achievement of Greater Butler County Hall of Fame. Sports always played a large role in Dr. Carr's life. He was an end on the Hamilton High football team and played on the jayvee squad at Notre Dame, but his true impact in athletics came off the field. He was the team physician for Taft and Hamilton High's football and basketball teams for more than 20 years. He made sure an orthopedist was on duty for every game and organized a group of local physicians to administer free annual physicals for the football team. He was named the 1997 Ohio Outstanding Team Physician of the Year by the Ohio State Medical Association. Dr. Carr established the Hamilton High School Athletic Foundation to benefit programs and improve facilities. He also organized events to honor past championship teams and coaches. He was a longtime committee member of the Hamilton City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and was enshrined himself in 2014 after years of refusing to be honored. Despite all of Dr. Carr's accomplishments, he took the most pride in his three surviving children, James Carr of West Hartford, Conn., Katherine Christen, PhD, of Hamilton, and David Carr of Fairfield, Ohio. He enjoyed no greater title than that of "Pa Pa" to Katherine and husband Keith Christen's three young children, Chloe, Carly and Carson. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dr. Carr's memory can be made to: Anne B. Carr Scholarship Fund at the Hamilton Community Foundation, 319 N. Third St., Hamilton, Ohio 45011, or Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton, 948 East Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45011 (Attn: Karen Miller). A Mass of Christian Burial for close friends and family has been scheduled for Monday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter in Chains Church, 451 Ridgelawn Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45013. A memorial ceremony will be held at the Hamilton High School Auditorium, 1165 Eaton Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45013, on Monday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Rose Hill Burial Park
2421 Princeton Road
Hamilton, OH, 45011

Events

JUN 1 A Mass of Christian Burial 10:00AM - 11:00AM

St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church
451 Ridgelawn Avenue, Hamilton, OH, US, 45013

JUN 1 Memorial Ceremony 04:00PM - 05:00PM

Hamilton High School Auditorium
1165 Eaton Avenue, Hamilton, OH, US, 45013

Comments



“ Dr. Carr was a great man with Hamilton roots and gave so much to his community and to young disadvantage kids. When I was head football coach for HHS, he organized physicians to give free physicals each summer for our players. He loved football and attended our games and always asked questions about our players. He donated money for our poor kids to attend pay for camps in the summer. He was so passionate for our school system while he was on the Board of Education. I loved Dr. Carr and respected his will to give "service above self" principles. His lesson to all was to do much and expect no back slapping in his humble way. Ed Mignery

Ed Mignery - June 12, 2015 at 07:08 AM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Carr's passing. We will continue to keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

The Cline Family - June 04, 2015 at 04:05 PM



“ I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Dr. Carr. I have worked with Jim Carr and now understand why my friend is so kind and caring. These qualities obviously run in the Carr family, as the extraordinary obituary written about Dr. Carr shows. Deep peace for all who cherished Dr. Carr. May your memories bring you comfort and ease your sorrow.

Sincerely,

Claire Smith

Claire Smith - June 02, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ I would like to send my condolences to the Carr family. In my years as a teacher for the Hamilton City Schools I only had a few occasions to speak with Dr. Carr, but he was such a kind man who would attend my students' theatrical productions. He was always highly complimentary and I truly appreciated his support. Janet Manley

Janet Manley - June 01, 2015 at 02:43 PM



“ Jim, Catherine, and David,
Your dad was a very special friend and a wonderful man. I know he will be missed.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.
Mary L. Yingling

Mary Louise Yingling - June 01, 2015 at 10:08 AM



“ Our prayers are with the family of Dr. Carr. His memory will be a blessing; and he will live on through his children, grandchildren, and generations to come. My God bring peace to the family during this time of loss.

Gloria H. Leshner, RN
Stanley W. Leshner
San Benito, Texas

Gloria Leshner - June 01, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ An elegant tribute to your father, Katherine. Hamilton has suffered a blow losing Dr. Carr, whose calm, kind, dignified, giving, witty ways are unforgettable and will be cherished by my family and me. Your mother and he will be forever missed by all of us but my mother, who has reunited with them both!

My best to your children, who were beyond fortunate to have an attentive, adoring grandfather, but who have to bid him farewell.

Annie Reed Tirey - May 31, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ Kathy and Keith, our prayers are with your family as you say your goodbyes to your beloved father and grandfather. May God grant you peace and serenity as you go thru this time. Dan & Yvonne Hayes

Yvonne Hayes - May 31, 2015 at 09:11 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Dr Carrs passing. He will always be remembered as a very dedicated and caring physician. I worked as an RN for many years in the recovery room at Fort Hamilton Hospital with Dr Carr. He was a gifted doctor and an even nicer human being.....I will miss him terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family!

Kristy Hayes RN

Kristy Hayes RN - May 30, 2015 at 10:13 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. James R. Carr .



May 29, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ My sympathy to Dr. Carr's family & friends. Dr. Carr operated on me in 1993 for cancer and I must say that his knowledge and ability saved my life for the future it is now. He was a special person to me and my family. May he "Be in the Palm of His Hands". RIP Dr. Jim

James C. Imfeld - May 29, 2015 at 02:20 PM



“ When I worked for Dr. August, we shared an office with Dr. Carr. He was indeed the most caring and gentle person I had ever met. My sympathy to his family.
Anita Flick

Anita Flick - May 29, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. May the God of all comfort be with you during this difficult time. 2 Cor 1:3,4. You have my condolences.

Tara - May 29, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. James R. Carr .



May 29, 2015 at 10:01 AM



“ Our prayers go out to the family, but most of all to Chloe, Carly and Carson, grandchildren of Dr. Carr.

Mike and Pat Smith - May 29, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ Your Monday Night Football Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. James R. Carr .



Your Monday Night Football Family - May 29, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Carr family.

David Henning

David Henning - May 29, 2015 at 05:37 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James R. Carr .



May 29, 2015 at 04:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James R. Carr .



May 28, 2015 at 10:30 PM