



## Joseph Llewellyn Carrington

April 19, 1935 - May 18, 2022

Joseph Llewellyn Carrington Sr., age 87, of Asheville passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, after a period of declining health.

Joe was born April 19, 1935, in Durham, NC, to Ralph Dawson Carrington and Roxie Mozingo Carrington, enjoying his childhood and youth growing up in the mill village of Erwin Cotton Mills and a stone's throw away from the campus of Duke University, which began his lifelong devotion to the Blue Devils. He moved his family to Asheville in 1970, and resided in the same mountainside house overlooking downtown and the beautiful Blue Ridge until the time of his passing.

Joe was a graduate of Louisburg College and High Point College, where he played basketball and forged friendships with brothers in his beloved fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, that would last a lifetime. While at High Point, Joe met Grace Harvey Fogleman, a beautiful girl from Washington, NC, and student at Woman's College in Greensboro, who later became his beloved wife of 36 years, until her passing in 1995.

Most of his career, Joe worked in the textiles industry, first at Erwin Cotton Mills in Durham, and then at Burlington Industries and Mars Manufacturing in Asheville. In 1972, he co-founded Ace Manufacturing, a contract sewing

enterprise in West Asheville that specialized in sleepwear. The business closed in 1987, and eventually Joe returned to work late in his career as a quality control manager at Carolina Metals Inc. in Asheville. He served in the U.S. National Guard and was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Asheville.

In retirement, Joe indulged his passion for basketball, helping his son coach and organize youth tournaments, often traveling the country with teams of hoops-playing girls and their families. He enjoyed grilling and cooking, growing tomatoes, a hearty breakfast or lunch at his favorite greasy spoon, Five Points, playing golf, watching sports of all kinds, the Food Network, reruns of "Law & Order" and "Seinfeld," endless replays of "The Shawshank Redemption," talking trash with his Fantasy Football league, spending time with family and friends, and sitting on his deck with a cocktail or two enjoying the mountain views and waving at neighbors on their evening walks.

Joe was a tremendous storyteller with a great sense of humor. He loved nothing more than to share the tales of his childhood, his college hijinks, and the eccentric cast of characters throughout his life; the lessons learned on the ball field or court, and the experiences of his role as an hourly cotton mill worker, then management and eventual business owner; the triumphs and trials of parenting and of caregiving a terminally ill spouse; and the pride of grandparenting and mentoring so many. So many stories, too many to detail here, but always delivered in that long, slow drawl of his, a twinkle in his eye.

Joe is survived by his son, Joseph L. Carrington Jr. and partner Jennie West, and daughter, Lydia D. Carrington and husband Scott Fowler, all of Asheville; brother, James E. Carrington Sr. and wife Lynda of Durham; granddaughters, Delia Fowler, Kylie and Addison Carrington, and grandson, Luke West; nephew, Jim Carrington Jr., and niece, Kristine Carrington, both of Durham; and seven grand-nieces and grand-nephews. In addition to his parents and

wife, he was pre-deceased by his sister, Sue Carrington Byrd.

A small service for family and friends will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave. Visitation begins at 10 a.m., and interment takes place at 12:15 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery, 53 Birch St. A larger Celebration of Life will take place at a later date this summer in Asheville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make a donation in Joe's memory to the Basketball Club of WNC, the American Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice.

In closing, we leave you with one of Dad's often shared messages:

Yesterday is gone

Tomorrow never comes

Enjoy your evening.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Previous Events

## Reception

MAY 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
[info@morrisfamilycare.com](mailto:info@morrisfamilycare.com)  
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
[info@morrisfamilycare.com](mailto:info@morrisfamilycare.com)  
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

## Graveside Burial

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MAY 21. 12:15 PM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery  
53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Llewellyn Carrington*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. He was my boss at Ace years ago. Always had a comical story to tell. He will be greatly missed.*

**Cindy English** - May 25, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Joe Sr was one of the best men I ever met. A heart of gold and a story to tell, how I will miss those stories. I got to spend the day with Sr & Jr a few months back. It was a day that now I will never forget as it was our farewell time together. I love those two Joe's, friends that are never replaced. You were one of a kind Joe Sr, rest well my friend* ❤️

**Mike Pryor** - May 22, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Mr. Joe was a great man and fun person. When meeting him he said that he was a Duke fan and love baakerball I said enough said and friends ever since. Go Duke!!!!j*

**Erika Mills** - May 20, 2022 at 07:54 PM

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“ *Brenda Walker lit a candle in memory of  
Joseph Llewellyn Carrington*



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**Brenda Walker** - May 20, 2022 at 05:20 PM