



Carl Clement Carlos

May 3, 1939 - December 22, 2018

Carl Clement Carlos (age 79) died early Saturday morning, December 22, 2018. Born on May 3, 1939, Carlos was a native and lifelong resident of Laurel, Mississippi and served as a key leader in the advancement of emergency preparedness across the state. A graduate of Laurel High School (class of 1958) who also attended Jones County Junior College, Mississippi State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi following his service in the United States Navy as one of the Navy's first "frogmen" of the Underwater Demolition Teams, he was one of Mississippi's pioneers of Civil Defense. In 1970, he was named the first Civil Defense director of Jones County, MS and served in that role for more than thirty years.

His leadership in Jones County served as a model for the entire state of Mississippi as well as being recognized across the nation for strategic innovations that were forerunners to the Emergency Operating Centers (EOC) currently in place in every county in the United States. Under his administration, the first outdoor warning siren test was developed across Jones County which has been credited to saving hundreds of lives and averting disasters from severe weather threats. He directed the establishment of National Emergency Warning System (NAWAS) at the Laurel Police Department. At a county level, this was one of the most advanced implementations of a system capable of communicating across various public agencies during an emergency or crisis in the nation. He worked for the

improvement of an enhanced 911 system for emergencies and was nationally recognized for his response to the “Glade Tornado,” a destructive storm that ripped through Jones County in February of 1987. A key aide to former Senator Trent Lott and Congressman Sonny Montgomery, he assisted them in the development and final organizational plan for the modern cabinet level department of the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

By the time of his retirement, he had worked with seven Governors, members of the Mississippi Legislature, the Congressional delegation of the state of Mississippi, county leaders across the nation, and the President of the United States. The Laurel Civil Defense moved into a new facility at 22 Mason Street in Laurel, MS on September 28, 2001. The building was later named in his honor as well as his late wife, Paula, who faithfully served with him during his long tenure.

He is survived by his wife Gloria Jean Carlos; four daughters: Cynthia Baker (Douglas) of Philadelphia, PA; Marie Jones (Bill) of Laurel, MS; Reneé Biglane (Tim) of Ellisville, MS; Carla Carlos of Leonardtown, MD; Two step-children: Derek Davis of Hattiesburg, MS and Kimberly Hagan (Jared) of Laurel, MS.

Carlos had fourteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and four step grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters: Joan Beauchamp of New Orleans, LA; Ann Marie Smith (Ronnie) of Gadsden, AL; and Jeanne Simpson of Crossville, TN; as well as many beloved brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Paula Hill Carlos; his parents: Robert Louis Carlos, Sr. and Gladys Barbe’ Carlos; and his brother, Robert Louis Carlos, Jr.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS – 5:00PM – 8:00PM on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. A funeral mass will take place on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Laurel, MS at 10:00AM with visitation from 9:00AM – 9:45AM. Burial will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel, MS.

Pallbearers will be: Graham Davis, Ashton Walters, Sawyer Walters, Raymond Johnson, Jeremy Ray, and Robert Miller.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Asbury Hospice House in Hattiesburg, MS: P.O. Box 16389, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

Service

DEC **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
833 W Sixth Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Carl. It's been a long journey from the time we lived next door to each other at around age 3 until now. I have many memories of the friendships of our families through the years. I was unable, because of sickness, to attend your mass and visitation but always know that you, Bobby, Joan, Ann Marie, and Jean as well your Mother and Dad was and will always be loved and respected by me and my family. My condolences to your wife and your children and other members of your family. Our community will certainly be poorer without Carl's presence.*

Thomas Casey - December 28, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl Clement Carlos.*



December 26, 2018 at 08:52 AM

JC

“ **AMIGOS PAPA SIEMPRE**

So many memories, so many tales to tell I know not where to begin...

Best described by song lyrics...

Those were the days my friend, we thought they would never end!

Who let the dogs out!

I did it my way!

Some it was magic, some tragic but I've had a good life all the way

Last a verse by Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea,

As you, his family and friends, I have lost a dear friend.

JAY COURTNEY - December 24, 2018 at 01:53 PM

GP

So sorry, Jay! Great memories will live on. Enjoy each one of them and thank God for giving you such a friend to make them with. You have been blessed! I love you!

Glenda Prine - December 25, 2018 at 01:39 AM

AW

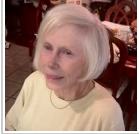
“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort and peace during these days.*

Amy Busby Williams - December 24, 2018 at 08:06 AM

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“ I remember he would always bring donuts to us here at the Hattisburg VA, even though he could not eat them. He was a sweet and happy man. He would always say Happy Easter egg. I will miss him.

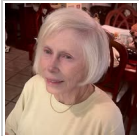
cynthia kuhlmann - December 24, 2018 at 02:55 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the family of Carl Carlos in their time of grief. Jan (Beard) Ellzey



Jan Ellzey - December 23, 2018 at 07:18 PM



“ Jan Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Carl Clement Carlos



Jan Ellzey - December 23, 2018 at 07:13 PM