



John Harris Carney

March 2, 1930 - March 2, 2016

Funeral Mass for John Harris Carney of Tyler, will be held Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Monsignor Milam Joseph and Bishop Joe Strickland officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Carney, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, dedicated coach, and faithful servant passed away on his 86th birthday, March 2, 2016.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Charles V. and Kathryn Harris Carney, stepmother, Alma Burke Carney, brothers, Joseph H Carney and Jerome H Carney, and infant sister, Margaret Allyne Carney.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara Vallely Carney, sister, Mary Carney Hauptman Conway and husband, Melvin of Maripasa, CA. Seven sons and four daughters: Daniel Carney and wife, Angela of Mesa View, CO; Dennis Carney and wife, Christine of Columbus, OH; Dr. David Carney and wife, Debra of Whitehouse, TX; Kathryn Blalock and husband, Clarence of Tyler, TX; Dale Carney and wife, Judith of Flint, TX; Dr. Donald Carney and wife, Cathleen of Athens, TX; Carolyn Wright and husband, Robert of Land

O'Lakes, FL; Douglas Carney and partner, Michael Flores of Dallas, TX; Karen Culpepper and husband, Mark of Tyler, TX; Damon Carney and wife, Bradi of Arlington, TX; Christine Maxwell and husband, Mitchell of Dallas, TX; and a joyous multitude of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

John was born March 2, 1930 in Lancaster, PA. The family moved to Texas when he was 9 months old. His mother, Kate passed away in 1938, not long after the birth of her fifth child, Margaret who died shortly thereafter. The four children lived with their maternal grandmother, Mary Etta Hand Harris for a time and were then placed in an orphanage in Dallas where they stayed until their father remarried in 1945. The family settled in Tyler where John graduated from Tyler High School in 1948. In his senior year, John met Barbara Vallely who had just moved from Birmingham, AL. They married at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on July 14, 1951. John graduated from Tyler Junior College and attended the University of Texas in Austin. Returning to Tyler, they started their family. John worked for a janitorial supply company, East Texas Chemical Company, which he later purchased. He also started a janitorial service, ETCO Janitorial Service. The company grew from a handful of employees to 181 when he built a new facility in Tyler's Industrial Park on John Carney Drive.

Next to his family, John's second love was sports. He had an extensive competitive career as a pitcher in men's fast-pitch softball for over thirty years. His love of sports transitioned into a coaching career of over five decades. John coached basketball for St. Gregory Elementary, basketball and softball for Bishop Thomas K Gorman Catholic high school, women's softball and men's basketball for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and softball for All Saints Episcopal High School. He coached the Immaculate Conception Men's Church League team to two consecutive state championships and coached the Immaculate Conception Women's Church League team to the

nationals eleven times winning two national championships.

John has been honored by the Knights of Columbus, served on the Tyler Catholic School Board, served on the Diocesan Board for the Catholic Diocese of Tyler, was named a TJC Distinguished Ex-Student, received the Tyler Catholic School's Appreciation Award, received the Texas Armature Athletic Federation Contributors Appreciation Award, was inducted into the Texas Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame, and received the Milam Joseph Hope for Humanity Award.

In 1996, St. Gregory Elementary School dedicated their new facility, The John H Carney Gymnasium, to Mr. Carney. In 2013, Bishop Thomas K Gorman Middle School and High School dedicated their softball field, The John H Carney Field, to Mr. Carney.

John Carney lived his life in service to others and was a true humanitarian.

Pallbearers will be Daniel Carney, Dennis Carney, David Carney, Dale Carney, Donald Carney, Douglas Carney and Damon Carney.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rosary to follow at 7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the John H. Carney Softball Endowment Fund, Tyler Catholic School Foundation, P.O. Box 131175, Tyler, TX 75713

The family would like to thank Dr. Gary Gross and his staff at The Blood and Cancer Center for their loving care and kindness.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Rosary

MAR 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Cousin Barbara - you've been on my mind a lot lately, and tonight I decided to try looking you up. So sad to discover this news online. Sending much love and wishes for lots of comfort and small joys for you and your family in the coming days. When you are up to talking to the world again, I'd love to hear from you. 1truekim@gmail.com - Kim Phillips Sasso (Joanne Porter's daughter)*

Kim Sasso - March 15, 2016 at 09:47 PM

 Dottie Frank

“ *Danny and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. Thank God for wonderful memories. You all will remain in my prayers. Dottie Manziel Frank*

Dottie Frank - March 12, 2016 at 05:19 PM

SG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Carney family. What a wonderful man and family! Mr. Carney and his boys were always the finest competitors that I ever played against. Great men...coached hard...played hard...and did it all the right way. You will be missed but not forgotten. Thank you for making an impact on me. God needed another great coach!*

Scott Garner

Scott Garner - March 04, 2016 at 02:02 PM

CP

With your family in thoughts and prayers. May God continue to send his healing comfort. Connie Putman

Connie Putman - March 06, 2016 at 09:06 PM

DW

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



David J. White - March 04, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of John Harris Carney.



March 04, 2016 at 10:38 AM



“ *Victorian Teacup Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Harris Carney.



March 04, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Harris Carney.*



March 04, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Carney family. Mr. Carney was an amazing man who gave so much to his church and his community. As part of one of his first girls softball teams in 1979, I remember all of the lessons learned and the fun we had learning. It was an awesome experience and remains one of my fondest memories. Rest in peace Coach.*

Laura Eltife - March 04, 2016 at 05:47 AM



“ *With my deepest sympathy ... Joni Carter purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Harris Carney.*



With my deepest sympathy ... Joni Carter - March 03, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *I could not have worked for a nicer person than John Carney. My thoughts and prayers are with this wonderful family. Tommie Stuth*

Tommie Stuth - March 03, 2016 at 05:05 PM

JS

“ To Karen, Mark, Anthony, Andrew, Anne Claire and Aiden....The best three words of Christian consolation I know: Hope, strength and assurance. All of these are grounded in your faith! We are praying for you to feel the loving and comforting arms of our Saviour in these difficult days.

The Bob Staton family

judi staton - March 03, 2016 at 04:38 PM

MR

“ John had a unique personality that drew people to him. He possessed a quality of leadership that is hard to describe. Who else could take a group of eclectic, nare-de-well women from all ages, personalities, and attitudes and turn them into unified champions year after year? His style of communicating with his players instilled determination, confidence and character. He was always honest and fair with those he dealt with, on and off the field. He made us reach potentials we never knew we had. Thanks for the memories, C-Man (and the championships.) Your life has truly been a grand slam! I am honored and privileged to have been a part of your life and the Carney family.

Some of my favorite quotes from John: "It's fun to play, but it's more fun to win."

"Practice doesn't make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect."

"Defense wins championships." You're a true champion. Rest in peace, my friend.

Peace be with you, Barbara and family.

Marilyn Russell

Marilyn Russell - March 03, 2016 at 03:36 PM

DW

“ To Carolyn Wright and the Carney Family -
My deepest sympathy to you during your time
of mourning at the loss of your Father and
Husband. I am Carolyn's Director at Verizon
and she has told me many stories and shared
lots of photos of her Dad and family members.



My prayers to each one of you.

*David Whittleton
Director, Business Operations and Planning
Verizon Enterprise Solutions*

David Whittleton - March 03, 2016 at 01:19 PM

SF

“ Barbara,
Deborah called me here at my mountain cabin in New Mexico with
the sad news about John. Oh, I have way too many memories of
John, you, and the family to share in this small space. Please know
that I cherish all of them. Thank all of you for enriching my life, and
feel this hug I'm sending you today. Love, Sharon Bosworth
Friedrich

Sharon Friedrich - March 03, 2016 at 11:55 AM

AA

“ Ashley Anderson lit a candle in memory of
John Harris Carney



Ashley Anderson - March 03, 2016 at 10:43 AM