



James Thomas Carroll

January 4, 1941 - January 31, 2022

James Thomas "Tommy" Carroll, 81, went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 31, 2022 at home. He was born on January 4, 1941 in Charlotte, North Carolina to the late Robert and Mable Carroll. He is survived by his loving wife, Libby, of 61 years; daughters Elisa Dennehy (Robert) and Trina Garrett (Robert); grandchildren Emily Harland (Michael), Megan Daniel (Will), Caroline Dennehy, Morgan Garrett, Josh Garrett, Kelli Garrett, and great-grandson Micah James Harland; sister Anne Carroll Baird, sister-in-law Florence Carroll, and brother-in-law Carl Westbrook as well as many nieces and nephews; and his loyal dog Rascal. Tommy was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Mable Carroll, sister, Jacqueline Westbrook, and brother, David Carroll. Tommy was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend to many. He was a real-life superhero. He was a beloved member of the last graduating class of Central High School in 1959. The friendships he developed during his time at Central continued with annual reunions and social gatherings. Tommy's father, Robert Carroll, founded Carroll Aligning Service in 1945. Tommy began working with his dad at the age of 15. Carroll Aligning rapidly became the premier auto repair business in the southeast. People came from all over to have vehicles serviced by Tommy and his loyal employees. He was a member of the Automotive Service Association and the Independent Garage Owners Association through which he received many hours of training. He was a master mechanic and received multiple awards for his accomplishments in the automotive and truck service industry. Tommy was

on the advisory committee at Central Piedmont Community College and was instrumental in the development of the automotive technician program. He was a United States Army veteran who served his country from 1960-1966. He was awarded numerous drag-racing trophies, enjoyed fishing, hunting, and riding his Harley-Davidson. Tommy loved the Lord with all his heart and demonstrated this in the way he lived his life. The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 5, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, 494 E. Plaza Drive, Mooresville, NC from 5 pm - 8 pm. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, February 6, at Rehobeth United Methodist Church, 9297 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell, NC at 2 pm.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1644119174164937>

Donations may be made to Rehobeth United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 356, Terrell, NC 28682 or Pawsitively Pampered Pets Dog Rescue at www.pawsitivelypamperedpets.com/donations-page. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Carroll family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rehobeth United Methodist Church
9297 Sherrills Ford Road
P.O. Box 356
Terrell, NC 28682

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of James Thomas Carroll*



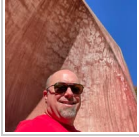
Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - February 05, 2022 at 05:47 PM

JD

“ *This world would be a better place with more people like Tommy. I have good memories of him from high school and Hawthorne Center. I never saw him in a bad mood. My thoughts and prayers for Libby and the family.*

Joe Diggs

Joe Diggs - February 06, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Mr. Carroll was and will always be my next door neighbor! I will never forget the day he took me and my dad to his “office” and showed me around. He talked about the work they were doing on all the different vehicles and he new almost everything about all of them! He told me to climb up in the cab of a truck and pull the cable to “honk the horn.” At first it did not work and he told me to pull down harder. When I did - the air horn almost made me jump out of my skin and he and my dad got a good laugh about it. He apologized to me for not giving me a heads up and for laughing. I wasn’t mad as I was still so enamored with all of the cars he had at the shop they were working on. I think that technically, Mr. Carroll was my first boss. I started cutting his grass for him and he was so patient in teaching me how to use his mower and taking pride in doing a good job in all the little tasks. The last time I saw Mr. & Mrs. Carroll, it was for my Mom & Dad’s 50th Anniversary. I got their numbers from their niece...they were the first to RSVP and I think they stayed the longest to visit with my folks. It just shows what a great man he was as well as Mrs. Carroll. The are long time friends and will always be! I would even say Family! We lost a wonderful man and I send my hugs to Mrs. Carroll, Lisa, Trina and the entire family!*

*Hugs,
Zach Myers*

Zach Myers - February 06, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Thomas Carroll.*



February 05, 2022 at 12:47 PM

SF

“ We cherish our memories of Tommy’s generous, kind spirit, easy laugh, and enjoyable times we’ve had with his family. He leaves a tremendous legacy. He will be missed and fondly remembered by many. *Scott and Ann Fletcher*

Scott & Ann Fletcher - February 05, 2022 at 08:10 AM

GL

“ George A. Leventis purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of James Thomas Carroll.



George A. Leventis - February 04, 2022 at 06:04 PM

FC

“ Flo Carroll purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Thomas Carroll.



Flo Carroll - February 04, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Thomas Carroll.



February 04, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Thomas Carroll.*



February 04, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Thomas Carroll.*



February 04, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Please accept our sincere condolences. Our thoughts are with you Trina and your family at this very sorrowful time. We love you! Rich, Rae & Sam (Florida)*

Rae Goldstein - February 03, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you Caroline Dennehy (Claire Dilworth) and family.*



Casey L. Watling - February 03, 2022 at 08:52 PM

BH

“ *Bill Helms sent a virtual gift in memory of James Thomas Carroll*



Bill Helms - February 03, 2022 at 01:05 PM

GF

“ *George & Judy Fogle lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Carroll*



George & Judy Fogle - February 03, 2022 at 12:08 AM

SP

“ *My name is Sam Powell, and I was high-school classmate with Tommy. After high school, our paths diverged; however I never forgot "Tommy" and still recall what I considered a good friendship. What I read in his obituary here reinforces my belief that he was a fine, true-blue person all his life. My losing contact with Tommy was one of the mistakes in my life. RIP my good friend!*

Sam Powell - February 02, 2022 at 10:30 PM

PT

“ Tommy Carroll was genuinely one of the nicest, kindest gentlemen I have ever known. "RIP Tommy."

To Libby and family my sincerest sympathies. May Tommy's Memory Be Eternal and Wishing A Long, Healthy and Prosperous Life To The Loved Ones Tommy Leaves Behind.

Peter J. Thevaos

Peter J. Thevaos - February 02, 2022 at 09:13 PM

MJ

Dear Libby and family: we send our love and sympathy to you at this sad time. Tommy was always such a cheerful and fun person to be with and was so well thought of from our days at Central and all through his adult life. He had many accomplishments and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. You and your family will remain in our prayers.

Love Maggie and Bob Jones

Margaret Smith Jones - February 02, 2022 at 09:30 PM

WC

“ *Best friends growing up in Charlotte since 1945. The most honorable and giving person I have ever known, always thinking of others first and I believe that was the secret to his success along with his belief in his Savior, Jesus Christ. I know His family takes comfort knowing he has now seen Jesus all will be united again. Rest In Peace my Brother* † *Wayne Culp*

Wayne Culp - February 02, 2022 at 09:05 PM

AH

Tommy Carroll was considered to be the "Beloved" of the last graduating class of old Central High School, the Class of 1959. Humble. Upbeat. Devoted to family. Adorable. No one can replace our Tommy.

Arleen Clark Higgins - February 02, 2022 at 09:38 PM

ET

Tommy was sort of a "class clown" at Eastway Jr. High. I will never forget his and his buddies antics in class. I would put a book in front of my face so the teacher wouldn't catch me laughing. He was also our paperboy for a while and Momma would always give him a "little extra" when he came to collect. Always had a charming smile and something nice to say when I saw he and Libby at our reunions. A long marriage and exemplary life. I'm sorry for your loss, Libby.

Evelyn Lewis Terry - February 02, 2022 at 11:01 PM

GF

George & Tommy met in the second grade at Midwood School. I met Tommy at Piedmont Jr. High & Eastway Jr, High We remained friends with Tommy through our days at Central High School where we all graduated together in the last graduating class of 1959. We have been friends with Tommy & Libby all of these years & have traveled with them over the years on some wonderful trips. Tommy always had a smile on his face & was so much fun to be with. He was loving & kind to all of his many friends. We last saw them in early December at the Class of '59 Christmas luncheon where Tommy put his arms around us & told us he loved us. We gave that love right back to him. I now feel that he was telling us goodbye until we meet again one day. We will never forget our Tommy! Libby, Girls & Family You have been & will continue to be in our hearts & prayers. We are sending our love to all.

George & Judy

George & Judy Fogle - February 03, 2022 at 12:01 AM

PC

I was so sad to receive the email from Johnny informing the 1959 class of Tommy's passing. I too was in that special class beginning at Midwood and going together thru Central with these dear friends. Many years ago, I was at Myrtle Beach attending one of the "shows" and felt a tap on my shoulder. Tommy and Libby were sitting behind us, he recognized me and we started a wonderful conversation. I had been living away from Charlotte for many years. He was exactly as I remembered him, friendly and smiling. It was so wonderful to see him and Libby. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you. Patsy Smith Christmas.

Patsy Smith Christmas - February 03, 2022 at 09:31 AM

JH

I knew Tommy many years ago; growing up with Sammy, Wayne and otheder from the old neighborhood. We attended church with the Carol family and always received friendly professional service from their Alignment Garage. I joined the Air Force and moved away from Charlotte. After traveling to over 25 countries I retired in Virginia. Some years later my wife was offered a position with the Missile Defense Command in Huntsville, Alabama where we now live. We attended several of the Class of 1959 reunions and met Tommy there. A Big hug and a smile like it had been no time since he saw you last. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Libby and her family. We are sorry for your loss. God bless and watch over you.

Jimmy Hall - February 03, 2022 at 10:29 AM

MU

*I have known Tommy what seems like all my life. We grew up about 3 blocks away in Charlotte. For the last 3 decades we have been across the street neighbors. I can honestly say I do not recall ever hearing Tommy say anything bad about anybody!
He had a unique way of keeping up to date with seemingly everyone he ever knew. When we would "meet in the street" he would always say "do you remember so and so"and would have something to say about that person. In short, Tommy was the ultimate "keep up with everybody" guy. I can also say it was clear that he and Libby had a wonderful marriage together. It was obvious. I can't seem to get Tommy off my mind. He was a great neighbor and friend. My wife Janna and I will miss him terribly!*

Mike Underwood

mike underwood - February 03, 2022 at 11:35 AM

GL

Tommy was my friend and classmate at Eastway Jr Hi and Charlotte Central where we graduated together in 1959. Tommy was a great friend and a first class human being. He will leave a hole in my life. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Gary Lowder - February 03, 2022 at 11:41 AM

BH

Tommy and I started school together in the first grade at Midwood and graduated together at Central in '59. He was a client and a great friend. We shall always miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with Libby and the whole family as you go through these trying days.

Bill Helms - February 03, 2022 at 01:17 PM

LR

We were so sorry to learn of Tommy's death. He will be missed by many friends, but please take solace in knowing that he is with the greatest friend anyone has ever known—GOD! GOD granted you 61 wonderful years together where you made many unforgettable memories. These memories will help to give you and the girls comfort and peace. May GOD'S comforting presence surround the entire family with love and peace and help to heal your hearts as you face each day ahead!
Love and prayers,
Neil and Lyvonda

Lyvonda Robbins-Finger - February 03, 2022 at 08:12 PM

WS

I met Tommy when we both began our high school days at Central HS. I quickly learned that he made you feel as if you had been good friends forever. His welcoming friendliness, quick wit, giving nature, and infectious smile are trademarks I'll always fondly remember. To say that he will be missed is a major league understatement. That old saying "he never met a stranger" defines him well. Re-connecting with Tommy at Central HS reunions was always the highlight of those weekends.

His passing brings pain and sorrow that we all share, and faith is our comfort in times like this. Without a doubt, Tommy has heard those welcoming words spoken by our savior Jesus Christ "well done my good and faithful servant". Rest in peace, my friend. Romans 8:28.

Wayne Simpson

Wayne Simpson - February 04, 2022 at 01:19 PM

DW

Tommy was a friend and classmate at Central. We were in a lot of classes together. He was always so nice and it was always good to see him again at class reunions. I'm so sorry for your loss, Libby. I'm sure Tommy will be missed by everyone.

Diane Woodall - February 06, 2022 at 07:15 PM



I have known Tommy since our school days from Midwood through Cental HS. For many years, we lived within one block of each other..Since HS, our lives have moved in different directions. I will always remember Tommy as one of the nicest, friendliest people that I have ever known. He was one of the good guys, and will be missed by everyone. Libby and family certainly have my prayers. RIP Tommy

L David Moser - February 07, 2022 at 05:05 PM