



Phillip Mitchell Karriker

February 12, 1936 - August 12, 2025

Phillip Mitchell Karriker, 89, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Atrium Health Cabarrus Hospital.

He was born on February 12, 1936, in Iredell County, NC, to the late Lewis Mitchell and Eva Smith Karriker. Mr. Karriker was a lifetime member of the Concordia Lutheran Church in China Grove, NC, where he served on the church council, was treasurer for over 30 years, and served on various other committees.

Mr. Karriker worked for Thrivent Health (Lutheran Brotherhood) Insurance company for 30 years. Mr. Karriker valued all his clients and was very meticulous with all their information and followed through to make sure they all had the coverage they needed.

Mr. Karriker was a US Army veteran serving in Fort Knox, Kentucky in the Artillery Division. He also enjoyed woodworking, making household furniture and toys for the kids and grandkids. He was a charter member of the Tar Heel Squares Square Dance Club in China Grove, as well as a charter member of Pines Recreation Club. Mr. Karriker served on the Executive Board of Directors for Atwell Volunteer Fire Department and served as a fire fighter during the 1960s and 1970s. He was a lifetime farmer and always took pride in his garden.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Joanne Karriker Latham.

He is survived by his wife of 69 ½ years, Peggy Beaver Karriker; son, Coyt M. Karriker; daughter, Teresa Karriker Kelly; grandchildren, Sydney Kelly, Tyler Karriker, Scotland Karriker and Catlin Jo Flemming; and eight great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, August 16 from 1:00-3:00 PM at Concordia Lutheran Church Family Life Center. Funeral services will follow at 3:00 PM in the church with Rev. Carlin Ours officiating. Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church, 185 Concordia Church Rd, China Grove, NC 28023.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Karriker family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church

185 Concordia Church Road
China Grove, NC 28023

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

AUG 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church
185 Concordia Church Road
China Grove, NC 28023

Funeral Service

AUG 16. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bob Killion, Ed & Susan, Mike & Donna purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Phillip Mitchell Karriker.*



Bob Killion, Ed & Susan, Mike & Donna - August 16, 2025 at 08:06 AM

BD

“ *Brian Dishman lit a candle in memory of Phillip Mitchell Karriker*



Brian Dishman - August 15, 2025 at 04:09 PM

RJ

“ *Ravyn and Jeremy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Phillip Mitchell Karriker.*



Ravyn and Jeremy - August 14, 2025 at 06:00 PM

RJ


“ *Ravyn and Jeremy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Mitchell Karriker.*

Ravyn and Jeremy - August 14, 2025 at 06:00 PM

PB

“ Phillip was a good man and a good friend. I miss the square dancing and the trips we went on together. I am truly sadden by his passing. Our lose is but Heaven's gain. We are assured by the scriptures that we will see Phillip again on the other side. Peggy, Phillip will be there to greet us at some point in time. Coyt and Teresa you were blessed along with your family to have him as a father and grandfather. Heaven is but a continuation of our family. You all will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. With love and bet wishes, preston

Preston E. Barnhardt - August 14, 2025 at 04:44 PM

 Leila Hobbs

“ Leila Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Phillip Mitchell Karriker



Leila Hobbs - August 14, 2025 at 02:15 PM

PK

“ I feel blessed to have shared the same name as Phillip. He also wrote the first life insurance policy for me with my parents when I was born. He was a man of great character. We are lifting prayers for Peggy and the family. I look forward to seeing Phillip again when stand together in the presence of our savior.

Phillip Karriker - August 14, 2025 at 07:53 AM

SZ

I have had the pleasure to know Phillip ever since I met his daughter Teresa. At that time I had the pleasure to get him involved with The VA for hearing aids. I recall he was so happy. We have shared many talks and shared few secrets.

He was a good man and a good soldier and I am proud to have had the pleasure of knowing him.

God bless his soul and pray for peace for Peggy and her family.

Sam Zeidan

Sam Zeidan - August 16, 2025 at 11:39 AM