



Phyllis Marie Carrigan

June 24, 1931 - November 15, 2023

Phyllis Marie Towell Carrigan, 92, of Mooresville, NC passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

Phyllis was born on June 24, 1931 in Mooresville on "Mill Hill" to the late Andrew Jackson "Jack" Towell and Annie Lee Towell. She was a 1949 graduate of Mooresville High School, where she played basketball, met her future husband, and made wonderful lifelong friends. Phyllis was a member of Prospect Presbyterian Church in Mooresville. She was a passionate supporter of the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Ministry, personally contributing thousands of shoeboxes for children in need.

While Phyllis was dedicated to a life of service at Carrigan Farms, she and Wade also enjoyed traveling together, visiting 49 of the 50 states and 6 of 7 continents. She loved canning, preserving, and preparing the many crops grown at the farm and was a steadfast non-drinker and lifelong non-smoker. Phyllis loved her family and enjoyed her role as matriarch. She particularly relished seeing all her grandchildren's accomplishments, using the good genes they inherited from her.

In addition to her parents, Phyllis was preceded in death by sisters, Thelma Towell, Idell Caldwell, Janet Hayer, Margaret King, and Jonnie Mae Sigmon,

and brothers, Boyce Towell, Jack "Duke" Towell, Clyde Towell, Ned Towell, and Thomas Towell.

She is survived by her husband of 73 years, Wade Carrigan; children, Doug Carrigan (Kelly), Jan Payne (Dwight), and Tom Carrigan (Connie); grandchildren, Jonathan Payne (Emily), Michael Payne, Jamison Carrigan (Kristin Pruitt), Samuel Carrigan (Kelsey Kem), Elizabeth Carrigan, and William Carrigan; and great grandchildren, Addie and Georgia Payne.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 19 from 2:00-4:00 PM at Prospect Presbyterian Church Family Life Center. A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 20 at Prospect Presbyterian Church with Rev. Will Gipe and Rev. Jan Edmiston officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prospect Presbyterian Church Elevator Fund, 9425 W NC 152 Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115 or to the Wade P. and Phyllis T. Carrigan endowment through the Presbyterian Foundation, 200 East 12th Street. Attn: Client Services, Jefferson, Indiana 47130, Account #1020059012, Fund ID 45898. This fund provides resources for clean water projects in developing countries around the world.

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

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Presbyterian Church
9425 NC-152
Mooreville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Prospect Presbyterian Church
9425 NC-152
Mooreville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom, Carol and I are saddened to hear of the passing of your Mother.
May the Peace of God that Surpasseth all Understanding be with You and your Carrigan Family as each of you mourn her passing.
Roger and Carol Hayes

Roger Hayes - November 20, 2023 at 10:52 PM

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“ Several years ago when we lived in Mooresville we were over at the farm loading up with vegetables, pinkos and flowers in front of the market. Phyllis came out of the house to share some of her canned goods with our family as she did many, many times throughout the years we lived in the area. After she handed us some goodies she headed back towards her home and we could hear her getting onto Wade about not doing something she'd asked him to do earlier. He responded to her that he'd get it done and then turned to us with a laugh and wicked grin. I said, "Wade, how long have you and Phyllis been married?" Without missing a second, and with that laughing grin and a wink, he replied, "60 years.....and I don't think it's gonna work out!" Phyllis will be greatly missed and some of our fondest memories of our time in Mooresville was seeing her at the farm or at school with her grandkids.

sonja webb - November 18, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Carrigan.



November 17, 2023 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ I'm thankful for Phyllis Carrigan, the matriarch of the Carrigan family. They have taught me, fed me, housed me, and worked me like I was one of their own. She and Wade Carrigan raised their children and grandchildren with a strong work ethic, a love for the land they farmed, and a generous heart focused on the teachings of the Bible. Phyllis had 92 years of wisdom that she did not mind sharing. She can remember when HWY 150 was a horse trail with less than 20 travelers a day-- now there are so many people driving it's rare not to see an accident a week in front of her house. She pickled more jars than Mount Olive and she jarred more jelly than Smuckers. I heard once that Aunt Jemima stole her pancake recipe. She's the definition of the phrase "They broke the mold after that one." Enjoy paradise Mrs Phyllis, we'll miss you

Michael Cahill - November 17, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Carrigan.



November 17, 2023 at 02:56 PM

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“ *Phyllis received me as a real mom the first day I arrived from Norway as an exchange student in 1978 and was picked up at the bus depot in Charlotte. Phyllis and the rest of the family made me part of their family from day one and that has not changed since. I came as a skinny young boy of 17 and left quite a few pounds heavier after having doubled their food budget. I got to participate in everything from selling vegetables at the farmers Market in Statesville to picking peaches and hauling irrigation pipes. We drove to California and back together and visited family in the area. After I left for Norway we kept close contact and Phyllis and Wade even came to Norway to visit. When I moved back to the US we did get to see each other often and she received my family with open arms. My daughters Alexandra and Amanda as well as my wife Grethe were always welcomed and we have never left the farm without some vegetables in the trunk. The biggest gift she shared with us was undoubtedly her love. She has made a big difference in our lives and will be missed. Tord Eide*

Tord Eide - November 17, 2023 at 02:33 PM

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“ *Phyllis had such a generous spirit. She welcomed me like family when I arrived here in Mooresville from California. She became a good friend who taught me how to preserve foods, appreciate the history of this area, and to share blessings with others. Her home was usually filled with shoeboxes she was packing to give children in need. She couldn't be more proud of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. And something I just loved about Phyllis was, no matter how small a gift you brought her (a slice of pie, a bag of peaches) she received it like you'd given her the keys to the world.*

Kelly Sopp - November 17, 2023 at 10:59 AM