



Alfred Whitney Carlson

February 27, 2018

Alfred Whitney Carlson-Alfred Whitney Carlson, of Beachwood, passed away February 27, 2018 after a brief illness. Alfred was born 9 February 1927 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to the late Alfred Benjamin Carlson and the late Helen Hazelton Whitney. Alfred grew up during the Great Depression, learning to grow vegetables to help provide fresh produce for his family and the families of the other members of his Boy Scout Troop. As World War II broke out, these became Victory Gardens on vacant lots throughout the neighborhood. Having won a full tuition scholarship to Rutgers University, Alfred began his college career on 10 July 1944 in the Rutgers School of Agriculture. Because there weren't enough students for the horticulture program because of the war, he studied poultry science, graduating in 1948 with his Bachelor's Degree.

Alfred married Myra Ruth Franke on 22 January 1949, and they moved to Massachusetts where he had started working for the Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service. After 7 ½ years with the Extension Service, Alfred went to work for Unity Feed Company in 1956, where he supervised research and quality control. During this time, he also served on the Littleton, Massachusetts Planning Commission, including as chairman. When the company was purchased by Agway in 1964, he returned to Extension, this time as a 4-H Agent back home in New Jersey. He also returned to graduate school in the evenings, earning a Masters of Adult Education degree from the Rutgers School of Education. As an Extension Agent, he also served on the faculty of Rutgers University, where he served in many roles including chair of the Extension Training Committee, and the Science and Technology Committee. He was elected to the executive committee of the University Senate, as well as President of the State association of 4-H Agents and Epsilon Sigma Phi. He also served on the National 4-H Photography and Science/Technology Committees.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Alfred served in many leadership capacities in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served as a counsellor to several Branch Presidents in Fort Devens, Massachusetts and Beachwood, New Jersey. He also served for six years as Branch President of the Beachwood Branch and for a year as the first Bishop of the Beachwood Ward. After his retirement from Extension at the end of 1989, Alfred devoted his time to serving with and supporting his wife in her role as director of the

Toms River Family History Center for many years, where, together they helped many patrons research their family history, while avidly working on their own.

Alfred is survived by his wife Myra, their sons Norman Richard (Nancy) Carlson, of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Robert Edward Carlson, of St. Petersburg, Florida, and their daughter, Karen Louise (Peter) Anwander. He is also survived by his brother, Donald Edward Carlson, of St. Petersburg, Florida. Additionally, he is survived by his seven grandchildren, Kevin Carlson, Eric Carlson, Sarah Carlson, Amanda Anwander, Tyler Anwander, Brielle Anwander, and Kelle Anwander, as well as five nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 12:00pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1348 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, New Jersey. The family will receive friends at the church prior to the service at 10:30 am. Interment will follow at the Ocean County Memorial Gardens, Waretown.

Cemetery

Ocean County Memorial Park - Waretown

280 Wells Mill Road
Waretown, NJ, 08758

Events

MAR 3 Funeral Service 12:00PM

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MAR 3 Visitation 10:30AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ We have so many fond memories of him. He was the Bishop (or Branch President - my memory isn't what it used to be) when we got married back in New Jersey. He gave me some personal inspiration at that time about burns. He said that he felt inspired to tell me to research burns and their care, which I did. When our third child, Deborah Turner, was almost 3, she suffered severe burns from boiling oil (another person had the pot handle out). Because of his inspired guidance, I was able to clear the oil off of her face and get her the medical attention that she needed. She did spend a month in the hospital and returned home with still open wounds. She turned 3 in the hospital. Her face doesn't show any scars. It was a wonderful blessing. She is now married happily with 4 beautiful children out in Lehi, Utah. He was/is such a kind and gentle person. We love him dearly. Although we lost contact through the years, there was always a tender place in our hearts for this dear man.

Linda Ann Liscom Turner
Palm Bay, Florida

Linda A. Turner - March 09, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ Vickie Stockham lit a candle in memory of Alfred Whitney Carlson



Vickie Stockham - March 04, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ I'm really going to miss all those stories and the off-key singing.

Myra, my heart goes out to you and your family.

Vickie Stockham - March 04, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ "Mr C" was a dedicated man to his family, friends and especially the church. He opened my eyes to shells, rocks, and plants (to name a few).When my parents put our house up for sale, in Toms River, he helped us get our house ready by trimming the trees. He took such care like an artist at work. He loved all living things. Now he is sharing his talent with God in heaven. I can still hear his laugh. Live on Mr C and know that you are loved.
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Seless Emanuels - March 03, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ Mrs. Carlson and the entire Family,

My sincere sympathy to you all on the passing of Mr. Carlson. I had the privilege of working with him at Rutgers Cooperative Extension in Toms River many years ago. He was always encouraging and supportive of the new Horticulture consultant on staff. I thank him for his kindness. He encouraged my efforts in service to our community and in working occasionally with the 4-H children. He always had a broad smile for everyone and that is how I will fondly remember him.

My prayers for peace and comfort from our Heavenly Father are with you all at this time of loss and sadness. May you be reassured in your faith of the promise of Eternal Life through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. may the kind words and prayers of many surround you and bring you comfort at this most difficult time.

Fondly and with heartfelt sympathy,
Karen Rinderer

Karen Rinderer - March 02, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ Love his family history stories every testimony meeting.
and the entire Carlson family

To Myra, Karen

suzanne - March 02, 2018 at 06:55 PM