



Mr. Carl Lee Gaynor

September 3, 1936 - August 26, 2020

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Carl joined Long Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Hobgood, North Carolina at the age of eleven. When he went to high school, he worked as a bus driver taking children to school daily. After graduating from high school, Carl was accepted to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. While attending college he was accepted to and pledged the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Arts.

After college, Carl taught Industrial Arts in Danville, Virginia. While in Danville he met his wife of 59 years, Jayne Anita Furr, and they were married on August 6, 1961. In 1965, they gave birth to their daughter, Christa Lynette. While residing in Virginia, they attended Calvary Baptist Church. When Carl joined IBM, they moved to Cocoa Beach, Florida where he worked for NASA. His eldest son, Carlton Lamont was born in 1967. While in Florida, he worked in the Education Department teaching IBMers how to train others. Carl and his

family were soon transferred to Nyack, New York where he became a Manager of the User Interface Department in Sterling Forest.

In 1971, Carl and Anita welcomed their youngest son, Creighton Lerone. In 1975, he received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Pace University. As a family of five they enjoyed attending Pilgrim Baptist Church. In 1976, IBM transferred Carl to Lexington, Kentucky bringing them closer to his wife's family. They enjoyed many years of Christmas and Thanksgiving gatherings with family members. He volunteered in the community and was the President of little league basketball at Parks and Recreation where he coached several teams. After retiring from IBM/Lexmark in 1993, he became a substitute teacher for the Fayette County Public Schools and a realtor with Smith Realty.

Carl has always been faithful to his local church and was actively engaged at Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church. Using his own equipment he introduced and implemented the video ministry in 1984 and served as the librarian for the Men's Choir. In 2005, he fully united with the family church and was inducted into the 40-Year Christian group, initiated the parking ministry and was appointed a Trustee.

Carl leaves to mourn his passing three children, Christa (Rev. Mark) Dunn of Lexington; Carlton (Amy) Gaynor of Louisville; and Creighton Gaynor (Katie), Iowa City, Iowa; five grandchildren, Marc Alexander Dunn, Miles Anthony Dunn, Grace Anita Gaynor, Sarah Elizabeth Gaynor, and Rachel Lynn Gaynor; nieces Tommyé (Reggie-deceased) Gaynor Williams of Virginia; Patricia (Tony) Callaway of North Carolina; nephews Adrian Gaynor of Virginia; Avery Gaynor of Virginia; Glen (Kay) Birch of Lexington; Rowlando (Sandy) Birch of Danville; special cousins Lucille Leathers Battle and Cleo Jack Leathers; great-nieces, great nephews, a host of other relatives and good faithful church friends Walter Speed and Ovan Hatchett.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

833 W. Main St
Lexington, KY 40508