

✠ OBITUARY ✠

Carl Wesley (Wes) Carson died on August 2, 2023, at The Forest at Duke, Durham, North Carolina.

Wes is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carol; two daughters, Cathryn Carson (son-in-law Timothy Herron) and Caryn Carson (son-in-law Brian Gaddy); grandchildren Rowan Herron and David Wesley Herron; brother John Carson; sister Coralee Carson Kuhn; and several nieces and nephews.

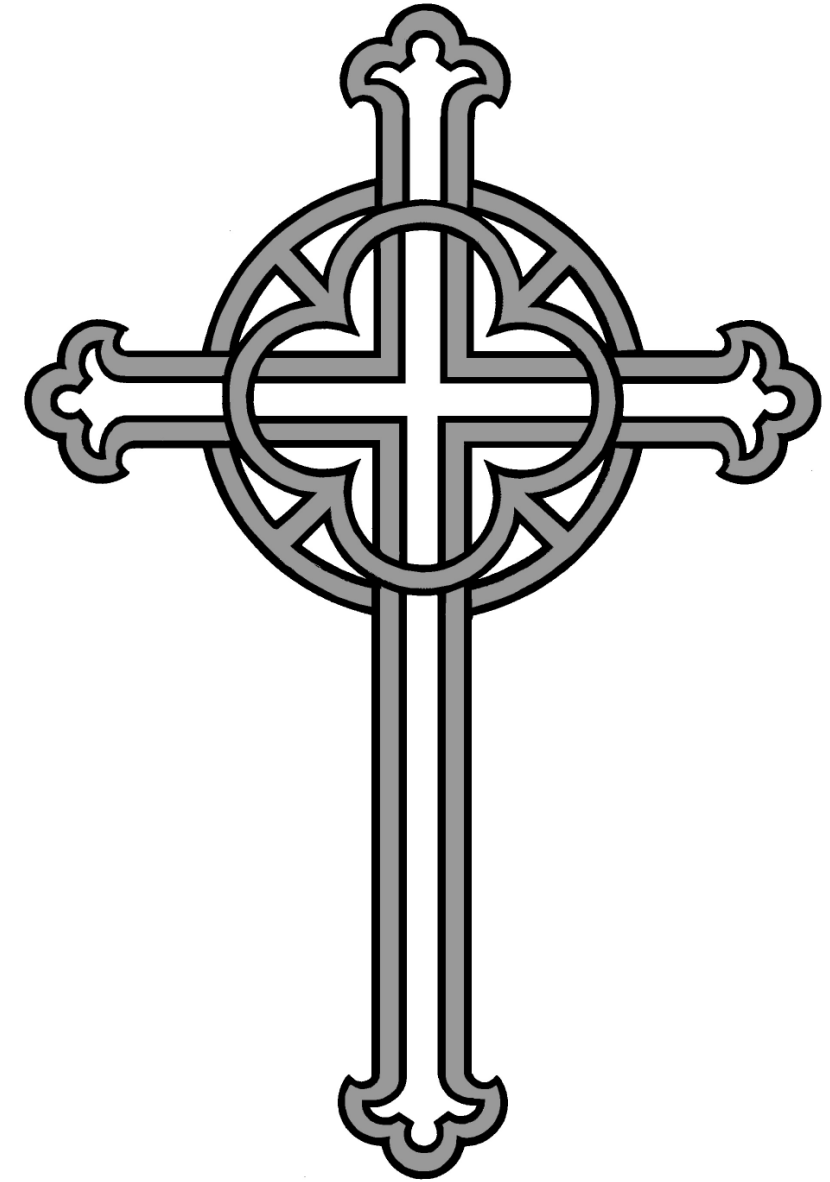
Wes was born in Newark, New Jersey, on January 28, 1936, and grew up in Little Falls, New Jersey. He graduated from Drew University with a B.A., the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy with an M.A., and George Washington University with a Juris Doctor (with honors). Wes served three years in the U.S. Army and 31 years in the Federal civil service, including assignments in the U.S. Departments of Commerce (international trade and investment policy), Transportation (aviation forecasting), and Defense (environmental programs).

Before moving to Durham in 2010, Wes and Carol lived in the Washington, D.C. area. For 15 years he served as a volunteer at Iona Senior Services in Washington, D.C., where he helped found an early Alzheimer's activities group and was on the organization's board. In 2010, he received Iona's Love Care Hope Award in recognition of his contributions. He gave himself in service in many ways and over many years to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including as deacon and ruling elder. He found meaning in contributing to The Forest at Duke community, notably by his leadership of volunteer activities in the Health and Wellness Center.

Wes possessed an intuitive sense of how to help, enable, and support his extended family. He believed in the value of showing up, and throughout his life he showed up for family, friends, and others in need.

Wes enjoyed travel, especially expedition travel. He visited all 50 states and over 100 countries on all seven continents; he sought out all 17 species of penguins.

Memorials may be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America and First Presbyterian Church of Durham, NC.



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A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION FOR
CARL WESLEY (WES) CARSON
JANUARY 28, 1936 – AUGUST 2, 2023

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

PRELUDE

***SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

WELCOME AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Mindy Douglas

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 124:8; Psalm 46:1-2)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore, we will not fear.

***HYMN NO. 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

OPENING PRAYER

Esther Hethcox

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Cathryn Carson

Psalm 23 (in unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Air on the G String

J.S. Bach

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Steve Rimmer

1 Corinthians 13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS

Steve Rimmer

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 22:34-40

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Mindy Douglas

**Those who are able, please stand.*

***HYMN NO. 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Esther Hethcox

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Esther Hethcox

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

I'll Fly Away

Fly Away

The family will greet friends at a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following the service.

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MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Ministers: Mindy Douglas, Pastor
Esther Hethcox, Designated Associate Pastor
Steve Rimmer, Navy Chaplain, retired

Musician: Kathryn Parkins, Minister of Music

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

The resurrection is a doctrine of the Christian faith and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses in the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow, and grief to all. In the face of death Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith. The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve. The service of Witness to the Resurrection is an affirmation of faith in God's love for all people, a love that strengthens and supports even in the midst of grief. In this service we bear witness to the sure and certain hope of eternal life, promised in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.