



## William Arthur Carr

December 7, 1935 - March 4, 2017

Anaheim, California- William Arthur Carr, 81, died Saturday, March 4th, 2017, after a battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

He leaves his wife of over 50 years, Margaret Cummins Carr of Pierce City, Missouri and their daughter, Suzanne Carr Walker, along with her husband, Tim, and two grandchildren.

William "Bill" Carr was born and raised in Fall River, Massachusetts. After he served in the Air Force, he moved to the midwest to complete his college education and become a teacher. It is the midwest where he met Margaret Cummins of Pierce City, Missouri. The pair then married and moved out to California where they both became teachers, bought a home, and settled for the remainder of their careers.

Bill and Margaret were lucky enough to have the opportunity to travel the world many times over. They also made frequent trips back to Missouri to visit Margaret's extended family. After retirement they purchased and placed a cabin on the property where Margaret and her sister, Rachel Cummins Frazier grew up.

Bill was a fabulous teacher teaching mostly 6th grade for 35+ years. He was known for his quirky personality, athletic games and his Christmas play- "The Christmas Carol". He kept up an active lifestyle playing full court basketball well into his late 60's and golf up until a couple of years ago. He regularly attended the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, California.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at 3:00 PM at Jolly Bethel Cemetery under the direction and care of Lakin Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Jolly Bethel Cemetery

Pierce City, MO

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

Jolly Bethel Cemetery  
Pierce City, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Arthur Carr*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *I am so incredibly sorry to hear this news, my sincere condolences to the entire family.*



*Mr Carr was was one of the best teachers I ever had - those of us who attended Handy Elementary had allot of great teachers over the years, but Mr Carr was in a league of his own.*

*Oddly enough, the "problem" kids often ended up in his class, he was the only 6th grade teacher who wouldn't tolerate any BS from anyone (kind of Clint Eastwood as a 6th grade teacher) not sure what that says about me being in his class but I'm a better person for it!*

*Thank you Mr Carr for producing the Christmas Carol, I still remember my lines and that was 42 years ago. Thank you for curing Del Helms of the hiccups (still a classic story by the way), sending me and a couple of the guys to the office for throwing wads of paper into the light fixtures (I still think you knew my mom was working in the office that day), and for your enthusiastic approach to 6th grade fun day.*

*Rest In Peace Mr Carr, thank you for everything. You made the world a better place by making us better people. I, along with all of the students who had the opportunity to be in your classroom, am eternally grateful for having known you.*

Michael Swart - April 21, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ *Mr. Car was also my 6th grade teacher at Handy School, Debbie we were in the same class. He was a great teacher great sense of humor he was also my daughter Ruthie's Sixth grade teacher who he use to call her Lorraine all the time by mistake and she would just smirk at him and he would say you just look so much like your mom. I really enjoyed reminiscing with him at teacher parent conference. He was a real character. RIP Mr. Car*

Lorraine Rodriguez - April 21, 2017 at 11:31 AM

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“ Mr. Carr was my 6th grade teacher @Handy. I had never forgotten him. He made a point about teaching us girls the game of basketball whether we liked it or not. My acting debut took place in the Christmas Carol. Remembering he was probably the most patient teacher and encouraged us to expand our horizons. Thank you Mr. Carr. You made a difference in many lives for the better. My heart goes out to his family. May there be peace and comfort in the great memories.

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**Debbie Steed-Getty** - April 21, 2017 at 09:58 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, he was a great man! Mr. Carr was my 6th grade teacher at Handy Elementary, he was one of my favorite teachers. He had a great sense of humor and was always entertaining us and that made his class fun every day. Every time I see something about the "Christmas Carol" I think of him and all the work that he put into that play year after year. He will be missed!

*Joni Dickenson (Yandura)*

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**Joni Dickenson** - April 20, 2017 at 10:12 PM