



## William "Bill" McCormick Carl

January 29, 1935 - January 16, 2016

William "Bill" McCormick Carl., age 80, of Chanute, passed away Saturday, January 16, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas. Bill was born on January 29, 1935 in Cherryvale, KS the son of Paul and Lenora (McCormick) Carl.

Bill graduated Cherryvale High School in 1953 and went on to attend school at Pittsburg State where he earned a master's degree in education. On August 23, 1956 he married Nancy S. Russel in Independence, Kansas and they had 3 children together. Bill taught sociology and world history at Chanute High School from 1958 to 1994.

Bill was an avid collector of Indian relics since childhood. He amassed a collection of many hundreds of perfect artifacts, many found locally, as well as thousands of incomplete artifacts. In 1992 he was listed as one of the Who's Who in Indian Relics. He loved fly fishing and he especially enjoyed fishing the rivers in Southern Missouri, especially Bennett Spring State Park in Missouri. He achieved mention in the Scientific Anglers Angling Hall of Fame on multiple occasions. Bill was a devoted member of Grace Episcopal Church in Chanute for over 50 years. He also enjoyed "Coffee Time" with the group at Cardinal Drug.

Bill is survived by:

Wife:

Nancy Carl of Chanute

Sons:

Steve Carl (Karen)

Todd Carl (Tess)

Grandchildren

Angie Funk (Evan)

Aaron Carl

Hailey Carl

Gabe Carl

Jonah Carl

Great Grandchildren

Finley Funk

Landrey Funk

Sister:

Shirley Brothers

2 Nieces and 5 Nephews

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; a son Scott Carl; grandson Matthew Carl; sister Mary Jo McQuillen; brothers-in-law Bob Brothers and Dee McQuillen; and nephew Mark McQuillen.

A Funeral Mass will be held at the Grace Episcopal Church in Chanute on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Memorials have been suggested to the Grace Episcopal Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church  
213 S. Lincoln  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ Thank you Mr. Carl. You influenced me greatly. RIP

*Rusty Knight*

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**Rusty Knight** - January 26, 2016 at 04:39 PM

VT

“ Bill Carl was a terrific teacher, friend and mentor, who cared for each student. I remember our Junior High young, kind, fantastic 9th grade teacher, and we were the first class he taught after coming to Chanute. I felt lucky to have had him as a teacher and friend, and it's hard to convey the loss I feel. Bless each of you, and thanks for sharing Bill with all his students. My prayers and thoughts are with your entire family. R I P dear Bill.

*Virginia Hazen Torrence  
Class of 61*

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**Virginia Torrence** - January 21, 2016 at 07:21 PM

SC

“ SEK Urgent Care purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" McCormick Carl.



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**SEK Urgent Care** - January 21, 2016 at 02:08 PM

MH

“ My deepest sympathy Nancy...Bill was a great human being and will be missed by all. I'm glad to call him a "good friend". Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Mike Harris*

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**Mike Harris** - January 21, 2016 at 01:11 PM

KS

“ Todd, Tess, & Family,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your Father & Grandfather. May your sweet memories be with you always and may God comfort you as you grieve.

*Love,  
Craig & Kim Spencer & Family*

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**Kim Spencer** - January 21, 2016 at 11:48 AM

JM

“ We loved knowing Bill at church, he will be missed!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with ALL of you !!! Jack and Marilyn Millikan

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**Jack Millikan** - January 20, 2016 at 05:32 PM

AH

“ What a legacy of memories this man has left. I would dare say that thousands of people view him as their "own" favorite teacher! I know he sure was one of mine! I always laugh when I think of how he would always say to me, "Oliphant, move your big hair so other people can get the fan..." those were the days before air conditioning. He always encouraged his students to do what interested them and he was the only teacher I ever had that made history interesting.....What a lovely human being, Thank you Mr. Carl for all the great memories!

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**Alta (Oliphant) Harvey** - January 20, 2016 at 08:42 AM

CB

“ My deepest sympathy to your family, Nancy. Bill meant so much to so many of us. He affected my life and the path I took, in such a positive and meaningful way. I've always been so grateful he was a part of my life. I know you will miss him greatly, and so will we. Comforting to know he's in good hands. Much love to you and your family. Connie Small Brown

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**Connie Small Brown** - January 19, 2016 at 10:10 PM

FD

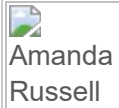
“ As one of the students that Mr. Carl impacted over the years, I say thank you. When I became a teacher myself, he was one of the myriad of excellent role models I had encountered in the Chanute school system. Strangely, my most vivid memory today is his warning the class about brown recluse spiders. And it seems like he showed us a scar he had from a serious bite. Talk about personalizing the instruction!

*Peace to the family.*

*Frances Lloyd Durrenberger, CHS Class of '65.*

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**Frances Lloyd Durrenberger** - January 19, 2016 at 09:37 PM



Amanda  
Russell

“ Aunt Nancy, Steve, and Todd,  
I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words  
to express what the world has lost. God bless  
and comfort all of you. Much love, Amanda  
Russell



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**Amanda Russell** - January 19, 2016 at 06:33 PM



TF

“ So sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful  
neighbor, teacher, and friend.



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**Teresa Frydendall** - January 19, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of William "Bill" McCormick Carl.



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January 19, 2016 at 04:18 PM

LH

“ I worked with Bill for almost 20 years and have fond memories about our time together at CHS. Bill was a special teacher who was well liked by his students and staff. I have not seen Bill in a while but the last time I ran into him I was greeted with "How are you getting along Kiddo" . A true greeting from Bill. A greeting, at CHS and anywhere I would see him. I truly will miss Bill. God Bless Bill, Nancy and his family.  
Larry Hill 1970 - 2004

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**Larry Hill** - January 19, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" McCormick Carl.



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January 19, 2016 at 11:15 AM

ML

“ Bill was a good man, good teacher, good friend, and great mentor. He provided a lot of humorous insight to the profession and helped so much especially in my first years. My condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.  
Bob Larson, mathematics, 1980-2012.

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**Mr. Larson** - January 19, 2016 at 11:11 AM

VE

“ Uncle Bill was an inspiration, not only in my career as a teacher, but in life itself. I had him for Sociology in Jr. college, and from that time on I loved Sociology and Psychology. He inspired me to go into teaching. I worked with Special Ed students for 35 years and never regretted it for a moment!

He was also a "fun" person. I loved his sense of humor! He was my favorite role model. I always listened when he spoke because it always had meaning. He was an inspiration, fun, and married a good woman. He will be missed.

Vickie McQuillen Evans

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Vickie Evans - January 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM

CC

“ What wonderful memories of "Mr Carl" I shall cherish. The best still has to be his FIRST day as a teacher in Chanute, at Royster Junior High. All of the "young lasses" in school had gotten advance notice of the "young, good-looking" new teacher and they were ALL down front that morning, anxiously awaiting his arrival. And soon here he came with his beloved Nancy of course. And when he stepped out of the car, I think half those girls almost fainted!!! I know one for fact, to this day, 59 years later, still asks about him every time we meet for reunions etc. Nancy must have wondered what was going on that morning. I went on to have Mr. Carl as my Social Living teacher at Royster---one of the best ever, bar none. And he had one other great attribute I learned in later years---he was a fellow alum of Pitt State(then Kansas State College)--a Gorilla. RIP Mr. Carl, you are in the best of hands now for sure.

Rolen "Casey" Casebolt  
Shawnee, Kansas  
CHS Class of 1961

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casey casebolt - January 19, 2016 at 08:03 AM

MJ

“ Mr. Carl. He not only "taught" World History, he brought that history to life. He put you right there. Never had a history class anywhere else as interesting as his. He made learning and understanding history easy. Thanks, Mr. C. Rest in Peace.

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**Michael Johnson** - January 19, 2016 at 01:36 AM

JH

“ Like most kids who went to CHS at the same time I did, Mr. Carl was my favorite teacher. He treated all students with respect, which caused us to respect him.

He was also my friend, Steve's, dad. He taught me how to fly fish at Bennett Spring. He made me my first fly rod. On the way home from our first fly fishing trip, he told me we were going to stop at a little cafe that made great fried mushrooms. I was terrified, because I had thought that I hated mushrooms (although I'd had never actually tried them!) I couldn't bring myself to let Mr. Carl down by saying I didn't like them, so I went ahead and ate one. Discovered that I loved mushrooms!

I learned many things from Mr. Carl. I'm a teacher now, and I have always tried to follow his example of earning students' respect by first respecting them.

He taught me that history was interesting. He taught me that fly fishing is a lot of fun. And he taught me that mushrooms are delicious!

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**Jeff Hazen** - January 18, 2016 at 08:57 PM

RC

So glad I was able to visit Bill & Nancy after my 50th CHS reunion in September. What a great guy!.

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**Rick Crawford** - January 19, 2016 at 12:13 PM

DE

“ *Mr. Carl was an amazing man and teacher, the world is a lesser place.....*

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**David Elder** - January 18, 2016 at 07:31 PM

KM

“ *Mr. Carl what a wonderful teacher. My favorite . He will be miss by all . God bless 🙏*

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**Karen Childers Martin** - January 18, 2016 at 06:10 PM

CS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Carl family! Mr. Carl was my moms favorite teacher and also mine!*

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**Charlotte Chase & Sue Shaw** - January 18, 2016 at 06:06 PM

DB

“ *Condolences to the Carl family on the passing of Bill. A life well lived and he leaves behind the legacy of all the students whose lives he affected during his long career as a teacher.*

*David Beach*

*Former residence - 1418 S. Malcolm, Chanute, Kansas.*

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**David Beach** - January 18, 2016 at 05:44 PM

TD

“ Nancy, Todd and Family

*So sorry for the loss of Bill, please know that we are thinking of you and praying for you all. We will not be able to attend the services, we have to leave town for business on Friday. May all your memories comfort you at this time.*

*Terry & Cindy Davenport*

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**Terry Davenport** - January 18, 2016 at 04:08 PM

MW

“ Mr. Carl what a wonderful teacher made every kid want to be in his class! Lucky enough to meet the El Dorado boy his granddaughter married In my thoughts and prayers.

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**Mike Washburn** - January 18, 2016 at 02:58 PM



*Mr. Carl was my very favorite teacher of all time. Always the gentleman and loved sharing his Peanuts cartoons. Heaven gained a angel...Sharon (Koch) Wagoner Garfield, AR*

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**Sharon Wagoner** - January 18, 2016 at 08:38 PM

JW

*Mr Carl lives forever in my mind as one of my favorite teachers and people I have ever known!! He made school worth going to! He will be sorely missed! Thank you Mr Carl for for making your class and high school a very good memory for me!!*

*Jakki (Rodriquez) Wade  
Your biggest discipline problem!!*

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**Jakki Wade** - January 19, 2016 at 11:07 AM

LH

*Bill and I worked together at CHS for almost 20 years. Bill was a friend to his students and faculty. I have not seen Bill for some time, but the last time I ran into him he asked "How are you doing Kiddo". Of course this was his favorite greeting.*

*May God bless Nancy and their children during this emotional time.*

*Larry Hill, CHS 1970-2004*

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**Larry Hill** - January 19, 2016 at 06:26 PM