



Carl Gibbs Averitt Jr

September 22, 1932 - April 14, 2026

On Tuesday, April 14, Carl closed his eyes and went to sleep at the age of 93, where he is now resting in Jehovah's memory and in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him. Carl was born on September 22, 1932, in his parent's house, just down the road from his own home where he drew his final breath.

Carl was a man who built his life on two immovable foundations: his unwavering love for Jehovah God and his boundless love for his family and fellow man. To know Carl was to know a man who truly practiced what he preached—a man who didn't just talk about kindness, but lived it every single day.

Carl's deep love for people was most evident in his home. He was a man of modest means, yet he possessed a wealth of spirit that he shared freely. His door was never locked to someone in need. He was well known for both his hospitality and generosity. He believed that everything that he had belonged to Jehovah, and therefore, it was meant to be shared.

Carl's greatest earthly joy was his family. He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife Helen for 64 years. He also had an immense love for his children, Mark & Suzanne. That love extended naturally to his daughter-in-law, Betty Jo, and his son-in-law, Tony, whom he loved and cherished as his very own children.

Carl chose the path of self-employment for the freedom to prioritize his family and the ministry. He founded his own flooring store in New Jersey while his children were little and then, once he moved back to North Carolina, he established Carolina Car Craft, a family-run automotive accessory business, creating a space where all of his loved ones worked alongside him every day.

His lifelong devotion to God led Carl to serve as a Christian elder for almost 74 years, serving in multiple congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses. He had an in-depth knowledge of the Bible that he was eager to share with everyone. Whether he was talking to a stranger at a store, an inmate during a jail ministry or a neighbor on their porch, his goal was always the same: to share the "Good news of God's Kingdom". As he looked back on his long life, he often noted that Jehovah had indeed "opened the floodgates of the heavens" and poured out a blessing until nothing was lacking. His family & friends remember a man who lived a

full, faithful

life—one defined by an “unqualified allegiance” to his God and a heart big enough to hold the whole world. He will be dearly missed.

Survived by:

Son: Mark G. Averitt and wife, Betty Jo

Daughter: Suzanne Averitt Gover and husband, Tony

Brother: Roy Lee Averitt

Grandchildren: Allison Averitt Panto and husband, Zach, Heath Gover and Lindsey Gover

Alexander

Great-Grandchildren: Landon, Mason, Emma, Westin, Gracen, Mila & Isaac

Preceded in death by:

His beloved wife: Helen Thomsen Averitt

His parents: Carl G. Averitt, Sr. and Grace Byrd Averitt

His sisters: Mary Elizabeth “Sister” Norton, Frances “Frankie” Dees, and Dorothy “Dot” Baker

His brother: Walter “Jay” Averitt

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, May 16, at 2:30 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s

Witnesses, 3265 Cumberland Road, Fayetteville. The family will receive friends starting at 2:00.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
3265 Cumberland Road
Fayetteville, NC

Memorial Service

MAY 16. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *A L Cmpny lit a candle in memory of Carl Averitt*



A L Cmpny - June 09 at 01:04 PM

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Suzanne Gover - May 12 at 10:21 PM

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Suzanne Gover - May 12 at 09:50 PM

RA

“ *Randy & Kim Foster, Phoenix, Az purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carl Gibbs Averitt Jr.*



Randy & Kim Foster, Phoenix, Az - May 11 at 10:33 PM

RA

“ *Randy & Kim Foster, Phoenix, Az planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Gibbs Averitt Jr.*

Randy & Kim Foster, Phoenix, Az - May 11 at 10:33 PM

PY

“ My dear friend Carl, we have been good friends for many years. You lived a kind and caring life to so many people and left them wonderful memories to remember in the days ahead. I have heard your “Carl jokes” over the years and at times would forget the punch line but you always finished it with a big smile and shared them with so many. My favorite memory was your penny loafer shoe at the Kingdom Hall I want share the details :) You will be greatly missed.
P Yarborough

Pamela Yarborough - May 10 at 04:33 PM

PK

“ I remember when I was a kid he had and told the funniest 😂 stories! We still repeat some of his hilarious stories and laugh till we cry 😂. Both he and Helen were great friends to my parents. I have a picture of us as little kids on the front porch with Helen. They loved us as their own 💜👍🥰 love from Kyle Pifer(Simmons).

Pifer Kyle - May 09 at 08:35 PM

SG

My dad would say that you & your sister Kim were their "practice daughters". He must have gotten a lot of good practice in because he turned out to be a wonderful father. He loved making people laugh, whether it was telling a corny joke or telling about some silly thing that he had done. And you guys were such a good audience since you all love to laugh!

Suzy Gover - May 10 at 08:27 PM

JC

I loved Carl dearly. He was the father I never had. I miss Helen too, and can't wait to see them both, young and healthy. I've never seen them that way in the flesh, but I've seen countless pictures as they reminisced with me for hours about their lives. I want to tell you how sad I am for you, Sue, Tony, and your brother, and all your family. You have lost someone very special. I was thinking of calling him just the other day. I am thankful I was able to introduce him to my wife, Marquita, not long ago, and she agrees, he was some kind of wonderful. Love, James and Marquita Chaffin

James Chaffin - May 10 at 10:15 PM

RF

Carl and Helen were always a joy to be around. When visiting my sister, Betty Jo & Mark, we would enjoy seeing Carl and listening to his jokes. I shared a few and also shared some of his at times. I still have a "Paper" joke he gave me many years ago. My first trip to Florida was with family and Carl and Helen. I really appreciated their hospitality and being able to dine with them. We look forward to seeing both of them and many more of our family members back in a paradise earth, which we all hope will be soon. So we are so sorry for your loss Mark, Betty Jo, Sue and Tony.

Randy Foster - May 11 at 10:24 PM

LA

I met Mr. Carl at "Pickin' & Grinnin'" at the restaurant in Autryville NC. Such a nice man =- we talked & visited many times. I am praying for his family as I know this is a terrible loss for the family.

Lyn Autry - June 04 at 03:29 PM