



## 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.

# Upcoming Events

## Receive Friends

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

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