



## Dr. Harvey Pratt Carter, M.D.

September 3, 1934 - September 19, 2024

Dr. Harvey Pratt Carter, M.D., a devoted physician and pioneer in obstetrics and gynecology, passed away on September 19, 2024, at the age of 90. Born in Moultrie, Georgia, on September 3, 1934, Dr. Carter spent his early years in Georgia before moving to Ocala in 1945. His journey in medicine began after he graduated from Ocala High School in 1952.

Dr. Carter's academic achievements were exceptional. He attended Emory College, graduating in just three years (1952–1955), and then pursued his medical degree at Emory University School of Medicine from 1955 to 1959. He completed his internship and residency at Crawford W. Long Hospital of Emory University from 1959 to 1963, cementing his reputation as a skilled and dedicated physician.

After his residency, Dr. Carter served his country as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota from 1963 to 1965.

Captain Carter earned a commendation medal for demonstrating excellence in conducting a well organized specialty clinic, handling a large number of patients with a high degree of patient satisfaction. He returned to Georgia to practice in Atlanta from 1965 to 1969 before settling in Leesburg, Florida, where he would continue to impact countless lives.

From 1969 until his retirement in 2006, Dr. Carter practiced obstetrics and

gynecology, delivering over 6,000 babies during his career. His first delivery took place in 1957, and his final one in 1984. Dr. Carter was not only a skilled physician but also a respected leader in the medical community, serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Lake County Medical Society and Chief of OB-GYN at both LRMC and Lake Community Hospital. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Carter was instrumental in the establishment of the Nancy Duane Clinic, a comprehensive medical facility in Leesburg that offered specialties in OB-GYN, orthopedics, ophthalmology, and urology.

Outside of his medical career, Dr Carter exhibited his passion for service and leadership. He was the founding member, past president, and lifetime member of southern eagle squadron radio-controlled model airplanes. He was a devoted member of Saint James Episcopal Church, where he served faithfully as a lay reader. His faith and commitment to his community were integral parts of his life.

Dr. Carter is remembered for his kindness, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of his patients. His legacy lives on through the thousands of lives he touched, both in and outside of the medical field.

He has touched the lives of his family, friends, colleagues, and the many who had the privilege of knowing him. Survived by his wife Brenda Carter (33 years) Children: Terri Brock (Robert) David Carter (Mary), Jennifer Workinger, Jessica Piermatteo (Steve), and Mandy Hruby. Grandchildren: Adam Miller. Jonathan Carter, Chris Carter, Ryan Piermatteo, Taylor Owensby (Bailey), Alexis Noark (Matthew), Keaton Piermatteo (Zoe), Maisun Workinger, Cruz

Worker, Ella Eshbaugh, Craine Eshbaugh, Stone Hruby. Great Grandchildren: Rory Bay Owensby, Wynona Owensby, Payton Noark, Luke Noark, Ryder Miller.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 11:00 AM at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St James Episcopal Church  
204 Lee St  
Leesburg, FL 34748-4915  
(352) 787-1981

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ RIP Dr. Carter. He delivered me 43 years ago 😊

Angela Palmer - October 02, 2024 at 08:31 PM

SH

“ Shivakumar H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Harvey Pratt Carter, M.D..

Shivakumar H. - September 26, 2024 at 09:56 PM

MS

“ Mary Jo, Susan, Jule & Stephanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Harvey Pratt Carter, M.D..

Mary Jo, Susan, Jule & Stephanie - September 26, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Harvey Pratt Carter, M.D..



September 26, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JD

“ DR. Carter delivered my first baby and cared for me thru another medical emergency. He was very caring, .understanding and reassuring. He was a wonderful doctor .Prayers for comfort to his loved ones.



Jane A Dixon - September 25, 2024 at 05:19 PM

SB

“ Three of those 6000 were ours! He was loved by our community. Condolences to the family.

Susan Burke - September 24, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JM

“ It was always very obvious how deeply Pratt loved you. Pratt had such a remarkable life and certainly didn't waste any days and created his own luck. I'll always remember the love he showed our family whenever we were in town. I know words won't do much right now but hopefully you are remembering all of the happy days and memories together. We are saying prayers and sending positive thoughts to you and the family.

Joey Marsh - September 24, 2024 at 03:43 PM

JM

“ Dr Carter was part of the team of Drs I used for birth of two of my children. He was at hospital with me on July 31st 1976 for delivery of my 2nd child. He left to run and errand after checking me. Baby girl decided to come quickly and she was delivered by Dr Ed Carter. He and I were both surprised. Brenda, my condolences to you. We were friends in High School and I remember you as a very sweet person. Prayers for you and all your family. Judy Willis McRae

Judy Willis McRae - September 24, 2024 at 08:39 AM

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*In celebration of Dr. Pratt Carter's life.*

*Dr. Carter was impactful to the community not only in delivering babies and taking care of mothers. He cared for countless females along the course of his career. He gave solid advice on health and treated patients in the office and surgically when needed. He became a resource to the hospital as a medical advisor where he helped physicians with quality of care and utilization review.*

*We remember his care of the community and guidance in our lives. He was always the same, living his values and sharing his opinions, his home and his faith to family. Dr. Carter was a husband who supported his wife and family. You could always count on a warm meal and discussion at the table. He was the person who did not hesitate to tell you if there was a problem that you could solve and advise you on the solution. My best examples of this was when Brenda was giving Pratt too much salmon and he became tired of it, and pretty sure that he did not like mango's and could not fathom anyone who did. Advice that was practical and hit home many times, one of those discussions was to let me know that butter was not a food group and the way to reduce my weight was to reduce my portions.*

*Dr. Carter was a constant in our lives, never wavered on his beliefs, religious or personal. He will be missed.*

*Paula Gregory, sister in law*

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**Paula Marsh Gregory** - October 01, 2024 at 12:49 AM

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*Dr. Carter, or "Uncle Pratt" as we knew him was full of life. In reading here and seeing his accomplishments, one might ask, how did he do all this? Firstly, Pratt was always doing something. He made a plan, formed an opinion, and took action. Whether he was using the perfect tool to skin garlic ahead of time for quick dinner prep, going into the basement to check the glue on an airplane model, or managing a patient, he was efficiently busy. Yet, he always made time for family. He listened to our stories, he asked about our ideas, he shared his opinions. He welcomed us into his home, time and time again. It was clear he believed in a deeper meaning and purpose in life, of right and wrong, and duty to fulfil it. When he shared stories about his life, they were filled with keen observational details, that showed how important his patients and his community were to him, and that he was always paying attention, and trying to do his best. I very much wish that we could be there today, and my thoughts are with Aunt Brenda and all of his wonderful family and friends. It is hard to fathom the world without him, he was a powerful figure in our lives. I hope that he had the peace of knowing that he leaves a wonderful legacy and source of inspiration in all who knew him.*

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**Lauren Marsh Timmins** - October 02, 2024 at 11:53 AM