



Raymond John Carney, Jr.

November 2, 1959 - September 4, 2017

Raymond John Carney, Jr., 57, of Summerville, Faithful Companion of Robert E. Keith, passed away Monday, September 4, 2017 at his residence after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Family and friends are invited to attend Raymond's visitation on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church, 11001 Dorchester Road, Summerville from 5 to 8 o'clock. The Rosary will be recited at 7 o'clock during the visitation. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, September 7, 2017 at St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church at 1 o'clock. Rite of Committal with Final Commendation will be held at 1 o'clock, Friday, September 8, 2017 at Woodridge Memorial Park, 138 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072.

Carney was born November 2, 1959 in Memphis, TN, son of Germaine Piazza Carney of Apollo Beach, FL and the late Raymond "John" Carney, Sr. Carney moved to West Columbia, SC as a teenager in the mid 1970's. He graduated from Brookland-Cayce High School in West Columbia, SC with honors and graduated from The College of Charleston with a Bachelor's degree in French and Minor in Business Administration. He bettered several Ivy League applicants and won a Rotary Scholar position to study at the University of Poitiers in Poitiers, France for two years.

Carney enlisted in the United States Army after college. He was sent to the prestigious Defense Language Institute in San Francisco, CA. Carney was awarded the coveted Commandants Award for native Language Proficiency. He was a linguist while serving in various postings around the globe using his knowledge of French, Spanish and Italian. He held a secret security clearance for sensitive compartmental information throughout his military career and beyond.

After his military service, he completed graduate courses in Washington, DC. He worked as a multi-lingual Executive Assistant for several high profile law firms in the Washington, DC area.

A man whose professional and personal career was the transmission of the spoken word in multiple languages to be rendered mute by cancer is truly tragic.

Carney moved to the Summerville area in 2000 to be closer to his family.

He has been active with the Eucharistic Knights and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church, Summerville. He was also active with the American Legion Post # 166 and Forty and Eight Post #1067. Raymond was also a member of the English-Speaking Union of American-Washington, DC branch.

Carney had many great loves; his faith, his country, friends and family and his flower gardens. He was fiercely loyal and generous to a fault. He did not brook insincerity or ingratitude. He loved good Italian food especially his Sicilian mother's recipes, good strong coffee and the occasional Negroni, his favorite cocktail.

Carney is survived by his faithful companion of 29 years; Robert E. Keith.

Carney is also survived by his mother; Germaine Piazza Carney of Apollo Beach, FL; two sisters: Caroline Carney of Apollo Beach, FL and Kathleen Garnett (Ray) of Mt. Pleasant, SC; two brothers: Cabot Carney of Winston-Salem, NC and Carl Carney (Teddy) of Winston-Salem, NC; one aunt: Mary Ann Carney Krooner of Mocksville, NC, many nieces and nephews as well as many friends. He was predeceased by his beloved father: Raymond "John" Carney, Sr. and his beloved maternal grandmother: Anne Piazza Favors and a long series of rescued Basset Hounds.

Thanks to Dr. J. Franklin (palliative care). Also thanks to Drs. A. Dimou and Naot (Oncology/Hematology) and their nurse navigator, Carol Larson. Thanks to the nursing staff of Four North and South and the staff of the Chemo Infusion Suite. Thanks to the professional staff of the Radiology, Specialty Clinics (Tyra) and many more too numerous to mention. These are the unsung heroes of the Ralph Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston, who every day go beyond for the heroes of this great country. A special thank you to Mary, RN and Brenda, CNA, with Embrace Hospice for their loving and compassionate attendance to Raymond in his final days.

A memorial fund has been established.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa Catholic Church
11001 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485

Rosary Service

SEP 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

SEP 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Woodbridge Memorial Park
138 Corley Mill Road
Lexington, SC 29072

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond John Carney, Jr.*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I knew Raymond as a freshman at the College of Charleston. We shared a circle of friends, and classes on occasion, and I was saddened to learn of his passing in a recent issue of the College of Charleston magazine.*

Raymond was a best friend of one of my suite-mates, and we navigated the early days of college together as a group. He was funny and kind to a fault. Supportive and helpful (he was very smart, and of course great at languages...I was awful at French! As Madame Parrott would attest to!!!) He was a wonderful person. In the late 70's and early 80's the College was not a big place. The students were a big family and saw one another almost daily. So I'm missing one of my "family" as I write this. My thoughts and prayers are with his partner and family. God bless you all.

edie oswald - January 09, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ *The staff of the American Cancer Fund® at www.AmericanCancerFund.org is sorry to hear of Raymond's passing. We have received a memorial donation in his name and our sincere condolences go out to his family.*

American Cancer-Fund - September 14, 2017 at 10:07 AM

CK

“ On behalf of the Kososki family, I would like to offer my most sincere condolences to Germaine Carney on the passing of her son. I have known Germaine for many years at St Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia, SC and am praying for Raymond John, Germaine and the family at this time of sadness at Raymond John's passing. Carol Kososki.

Carol J Kososki - September 07, 2017 at 08:59 AM

BG

“ Raymond and I met our freshman year at the College of Charleston. We became fast friends, then started dating. Raymond was an old soul. One of the most genuine, sincere people I have ever known. We lost touch over the years but spoke about a year ago and he was still the same Raymond. I will remember him forever.

Becky Gross - September 05, 2017 at 08:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond John Carney, Jr. .



September 05, 2017 at 08:56 PM

SF

“ *Godspeed to my precious friend--you were the best. I will love and miss you forever. Rest in eternal peace.*

2 Timothy 4:7-8 King James Version (KJV)

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.



Sharon Frazier - September 05, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond John Carney, Jr. .*



September 05, 2017 at 04:42 PM

TL

“ *Dear Germaine & Family,
Barb & I are deeply saddened at the passing of your son & our dear friend Raymond. We will always remember the laughter he brought into our lives and will also remember our trip to Italy. It was a happy time for all. Please know that you are in our prayers and may the peace that is found in Him, envelop you & your loved ones in this time of sorrow.*

Tony & Barbara

Tony LaFace - September 05, 2017 at 01:54 PM

MR

“ *amour toujours, me*

mr - September 05, 2017 at 12:32 AM

ES

*Dear Germaine and family,
Herman and I were saddened to read of your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God grant you comfort and peace that only He can give. Love to all, Elizabeth Shealy*

Elizabeth Shealy - September 05, 2017 at 09:05 AM

LS

*Dear Mrs. Carney and family,
I was so saddened to hear of Raymond's passing last night in conversation with my mom. I will always remember Raymond most fondly and with love. He was a special friend during our years at Brookland-Cayce and beyond. Love and prayers to you all.
Lynn (Matthews) Steckel*

Lynn Steckel - September 06, 2017 at 05:35 PM