



Dr. James N. Carlin

October 16, 1931 - September 17, 2014

James N. Carlin, Ph.D., 82, of Daytona Beach, FL, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Orlando Regional Medical Center, following a valiant battle against melanoma.

Jim, or Doc, as he was affectionately known by students and staff alike at Mainland and Seabreeze High Schools, was born in Kissimmee in 1931. His family moved to Daytona Beach when he was a young child. In 1944, the Carlin family moved into the house on Ocean Dunes Terrace that has remained in the family since. Jim still resided there at the time of his death.

After graduating Seabreeze High School, he attended Tulane and Stetson Universities, playing basketball at both. He was the student body president at Stetson, graduating with a bachelor of arts, majoring in religion and philosophy.

He then went to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he earned a Ph.D. in theology. He then completed post-doctoral studies in philosophy and religion at Union Theological Seminary in Riverside, N.Y.

He taught at Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C. for three years before moving to Wingate University in North Carolina to become chairman of the Religion

Department.

He returned home to Florida in the 1970s to care for his mother. He began his high school teaching career at Seabreeze High School before moving over to become English Department Chair at Mainland High School.

With his trademark booming voice and laugh he was a loud and fervent supporter at all school functions. He was honored throughout his career, many times being named as local and state Teacher of the Year. Among his other honors was being recognized as the foremost AP English instructor in the state.

He was an avid traveler, visiting countries throughout Europe, Central America, and the Middle East. Over the last several years, he and his wife Pat enjoyed cruising across the world and visiting family in Ireland.

Jim's love of college football and basketball knew no limits, especially the Florida Gators' football team and the Duke basketball team. He was an avid fisherman, often going with his brothers and nephews on deep-sea fishing trips.

His many other interests included collecting antique clocks, the Arts, staying active with trips to the beach and bicycling around Volusia County, and much to his family's chagrin, amassing a large Avon figurine collection. His stubbornness and passion were legendary, whether it was being a vocal opponent of inequalities he saw in the world around him or holding local elected officials' accountable.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Edith, his two brothers, Bill and Charlie, and his wives Mary and Betsy.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Pat (Lorentzson) Carlin, daughters Carol (Jeff), Caty, and son James (Jackie); three step-daughters Ann-Marie (Billy), Annette (Lee) and Annika (Matt); 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Orange Avenue in Daytona Beach.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the cancer charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ By far my FAVORITE teacher. Made AP English fun!! I will never forget him singing with a box on his head. RIP Doc

meghann - October 01, 2014 at 11:14 AM

DW

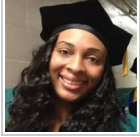
“ To the entire Carlin family, I am sorry to have missed the memorial for "Doc." Know that I am working in Germany, and wish I could be there. As sad as I am to lose Doc, I'm overwhelmed with the outstanding nature of his life. His journey from a small cow town in Central Florida to the far corners of the world, his impact on the people he played with, loved, learned with and educated is remarkable. His Doctorate in Theology testifies to the self-reflective nature of his journey. He was fully present. Like Hemmingway, Melville, and Rembrandt Van Rijn he knew his life was an act of creation . . . a masterpiece to awaken a generation. I can never thank you enough for sharing Betsy and Doc with me, it has made an immeasurable difference in my life. With great love and thanksgiving, W. Drew Weinbrenner (Orlando, FL - Class of 1984)

Drew Weinbrenner - September 21, 2014 at 02:38 PM



“ Doc was one of my favorite high school teachers. He inspired within me a passion for the art of prose and encouraged me to take risks in my writing. His teachings have followed me through college and to my own publications. He will always be remembered for his contributions to the arts. Rest in peace, Doc.

Anthony Davis - September 20, 2014 at 07:28 PM



“ *My condolences. Doc was my favorite high school teacher. I love how he inspired a love of reading that carried me all the way through my PhD. Well Done, Doc. RIP*

Mi Hen - September 20, 2014 at 09:04 AM

BB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Jim, what fun it has been to share in "Family Moments" with you. You will be sorely missed. Christmas, Thanksgiving and Birthdays will not be the same without your wonderful laughter. It has be wonderful to share the fun of a Granddaughter with you and know that you will always be in our hearts. We will be together again. God's peace be with you and throughout eternity.*

BJ and Jim Bullock

BJ and Jim Bullock - September 20, 2014 at 07:41 AM

JO

“ *My Condolences are with the Family at this difficult time. Please take comfort from our God and Creator by drawing close to him so that he will sustain you. The Bible assures you that "Your dead one will live...They will rise up" (Isaiah 26:19) Deepest Sympathies*

josh - September 19, 2014 at 05:16 PM

JP

“ *My love and prayers go out to Mrs. Carlin & Jimbo. Doc & Mrs. Carlin working in side by side classrooms always seemed to be busting with emotion & passion. Thank you for sharing your legacy of love for each other and love for literature.*

Jennifer Stroupe Peterson - September 18, 2014 at 07:22 PM

CW

“ Jimbo, I am sorry for your loss. Your dad was the greatest teacher I ever had. I still hear his words and voice in my head as I teach my own students. His favorite phrase: "I'm sick-n-tired of being sick-n-tired!" always made me laugh. I learned to love literature from him. He has touched so many lives in a positive way, his legacy will go on for a very long time. I am lucky to have known this wonderful man. -- Charity (Milligan) Winter

Charity Winter - September 18, 2014 at 05:57 PM



LaTanya Oglesby

“ Doc was one of the most inspiring people I have ever met. I hated interpreting poems and writing in his class, but he helped make the rest of my educational journey a breeze. Proud to have a Masters in HR Management in part because of the hard work instilled in me by Doc Carlin. You will truly be missed #BPND

LaTanya Oglesby - September 18, 2014 at 03:53 PM

JD

“ Doc was an amazing teacher. I enjoyed his class while I attended Mainland. He will be greatly missed. My prayers gonoutbto the family.

Jennifer Adkins Dye - September 18, 2014 at 11:51 AM



Nekeaya Quann

“ Of all the teachers to inspire my life...there was you!
I'll never forget your YELLS for me to "Color Outside the Lines"! I want you to know that I did just that.
May the peace of God cover your family! ...and may their thoughts be as colorful as you..
Goodnight, Doc, sleep well...

Nekeaya Quann - September 18, 2014 at 08:51 AM

JM

“ Goodbye old friend, It has been over 70 years since you and Charlie and Billy lived with your grandmother, Alice McClain in Kissimmee and were my neighbors. Your family moved to Daytona and opened Carlins Appliances and we lost track of one another. Your uncle, Cecil McClain aka Slew was one of the best athletes to attend OHS and was legendary. Legend was that he played for the Gators under an assumed name in the old days. You were the youngest of the three boys and nearer my age. What a wonderful legacy you have left for your family and friends. We will miss you but will never forget the good times we had together. May God bless you and your family.....Jeffords D. Miller Senior Circuit Judge Kissimmee, Florida

jeffords D. Miller - September 18, 2014 at 07:58 AM