

Obituaries

**A Tribute to the late
Mr. J. W.
Carter**

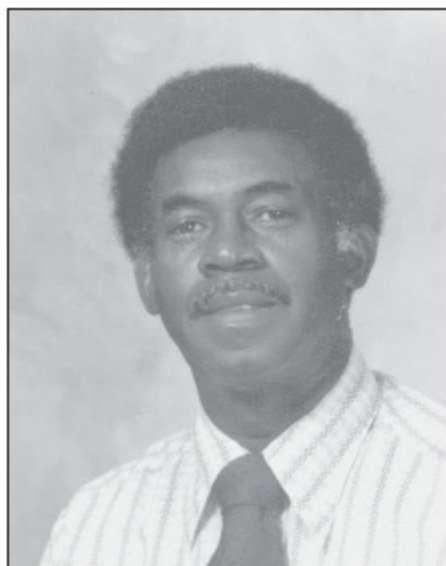
February 28, 1924, John Wesley Carter was born to the late Pete and Margrette Lenzy Carter. After suffering illness and hospitalization since February 2007, September 23, 2007 at 11:27 AM his life long journey came to a close.

He was named for his maternal and paternal grandfathers John Wesley Lenzy and John Carter. He grew up in the Delmar Community second oldest of thirteen children and graduated G. W. Bradford High School in 1944. J. W. played college football at Tyler Bishop (Butler) College. After graduating with a Bachelor Degree in Education in 1948 he began a long teaching and coaching career at G. W. Bradford High School Rusk, later earning a Masters Degree from Prairie View A & M University. J. W. and the late Billie Jean Bennett were married in October, 1953

Mr. Carter drove the school bus, taught math, coached boys football, basketball and track for twenty years earning a special place in the hearts and lives of the students he touched and in history. Upon intergration of the schools and the dismantling of Bradford, he taught math at Rusk High School retiring after 37 years in Rusk ISD. In addition to classroom teaching at the high schools, he taught Adult Basic

Education and Counseling thirty atyears. After retiring from Rusk ISD in 1985, he worked six year at Rusk State Hospital.

Mr. Carter was the first appointed Black City Councilman for the City of Rusk. He also served on various other committees including Rusk City Parks Board, Cherokee County Mental Retardation



Association Board, Texas Retired Teachers Association, Rusk Zoning Board, Rusk Housing Authority Board, Rusk - Cherokee County Community Action Board, The Cherokee County Summer Food Program, Cherokee County Shelterd Workshop Board and a volunteer teacher at the Inez Reeder Conley Learning Center in recent years.

Mr. Carter was a member, Deacon, Sunday School teacher and secretary of Delmar Baptist Church until it closed in the late 1990s. He was currently a member and Deacon of Elm Grove Baptist Church.

The service celebrating his life was held Saturday, September 29, 2007 at First Baptist Church Rusk, Texas. A great number of his former studentswerethere to paylast respects to his memory and the Carter fam

ily. Mr Carter will always be remembered for his famous math classes, coaching, happy demeanor, witt, humor and love for his family. He was preceded in death by his wife Billie, parents, son John Wesley, Jr., grandson John Travis, brothers Pete Carter, Jr. , Travis Carter, Sr., Charles Carter, Howard Carter and sister Virginia.

He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Sandra Carter, Ladora Carter both of Rusk; one son Randy (Tracie) Carter of Desoto, Texas; five brothers, James (Altha) Carter Minneola; George (Betty) Carter, Mercede, California; Tommy Carter, Waco; Marvin (Norma) Carter, Los Angeles, California; Vernell (Barbara) Carter, Arlington, Texas; three sisters, Geneva Taylor, Dallas, Texas; Corine Waggoner, Las Vegas, Nevada; Myrtle (W. F.) Garmon, Henderson, Texas; one aunt Ruby Lenzy Banks, Los Angeles, California; one uncle Melvin Lenzy, Los Angeles, California; twelve grandchildren Kandra (Myron), Jessica, Marcus (Krystal), Nina, Monique, Amahdrick, Mychilette, Matthew, Mickeala, Meagan, Ja'Tia and Allenah; six great-grandchildren, Kadrick, Myshiona, Cynara, Kavesdeon, Kammayah, Karter, neices, nephews, relatives and friends.

**For the Son of man
shall come in the glory
of his Father with
His angels; and then
He shall reward every
man according to his
works.
Matthew 16:27**

Religion



**Lord Please
Help me to
Shut my
MOUTH
Prayer**
~By Nelvin

I won't speak until I know it is you, Lord, no matter what I think. Even if I think I should be contributing to a conversation, Lord, help me to wait on you. Your word, Psalms 103:8, I want to be like you, so I must obey your word. Please help! Give me a heart like yours and the wisdom to as to how to handle every situation. Guard my thoughts, my words, my words and my decisions. With your help I can be a pure vessel that honors you and your word. Lord set a guard over my mouth that I might not speak until I hear from you. (Psalm 39:1.) Why does my mind speak so quickly and judge so final before I hear from you. Please help me Lord! Your word Proverb(Proverbs 21:23....says he who keepth his mouth and tongue keepth his soul- from troubles. Help me Lord to stay out of trouble with my mouth that I might be able to encourage others wisely. I need extra strength from you Lord so please set a guard over my mouth that I might not have to deal with idle words that I have uttered in the flesh, before I stop to think about what I am saying so LOrd please always set a watch before my mouth and keep the door of my lips. (Psalms 141: 3.

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