



G. William "Bill" Carlson

April 21, 1943 - February 12, 2016

Age 72 of St. Paul passed away on February 12, 2016. Preceded in death by parents Bert and Bernice Carlson. G.W. was a beloved professor emeritus of History and Political Science at Bethel University for 46 years. He challenged thousands of students to think critically and pursue life long learning. As an active member at Central Baptist Church in St. Paul he taught numerous Sunday school classes, chaired committees and led small group studies. For the past 15 years he was the founder and editor of The Baptist Pietist Clarion. He was active in St. Paul politics for over 45 years and was proud to have served on the Saint Paul School Board from 1986-1996. He also chaired and was active in numerous campaigns for city and state offices. He lived out the calling from Micah 6:8 - act justly, love mercy and walk humbly. He was giving of his time and energy in his profession, politics and community. A wonderful husband, father and grandfather he will be greatly missed by those who knew him. Survived by wife, Cathy; son, Ian (Michelle) Carlson; daughter, Sara (Matt) Koehn; grandchildren, Nathan, Nora, Samuel Carlson and Shannon, Alex Koehn; sister, Bonnie (Phil) Linden; many family and friends. Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, February 28, 2pm at Benson Great Hall, Bethel University, 3900 Bethel Dr., Arden Hills. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Carlson Scholarship at Bethel University or Central Community Services Inc. at Central Baptist Church in St. Paul.

Tribute Wall

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“ Roger & Marsha Hughes We were deeply saddened to hear about Bill's passing. He was an extremely decent, kind and good man. We worked on many a campaign with and for him and considered him a friend in the best sense of the word. To Cathy and his children we wish the best.

Roger Hughes - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a shock to hear of Bill's death. I have enjoyed our visits and so many common interests. Have enjoyed his appreciation for history of all kinds and his passion for sharing it. We will greatly miss him.

Lee Carlson - February 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ "God is our refuge and strength; a help that is readily found in times of distress." (Psalms 46:1) My deepest condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. And may the above words give you some peace knowing that the Almighty God is with you to comfort and sustain you through this difficult time.

Mary Ann - February 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM