



Carroll Pitman

July 30, 1926 - June 2, 2009

Heading: Carroll Milton Pitman (Veteran)

Dateline: Campobello

Carroll Milton Pitman of Campobello, died Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at Smith Phayer Hospice House in Landrum. He was son of the late Jesse Milton and Hellen Crain Pitman. He is survived by his wife, Bette Howard Pitman; son, Art and wife Lee Pitman; granddaughters, Andrea Paige Martinez and Amy Lynne Pitman; great-grandchildren, Gavin, Hope, Faith and Shae all of Colorado; and a sister, Merleen Moore of Piedmont.

Carroll was born July 30, 1926, in Greenville. He grew up in Taylors, and an early job was Gray Boy in the Print Room of Southern Bleachery & Print Works. In 1943 he joined the V5 Naval Aviation Program and attended Newberry College in the Preflight College Program. He graduated with a BS degree in Naval Service from the University of South Carolina with commission as an Ensign in the Navy. Out of the Navy at age 21, he was Boy Scouts of America Field Executive for Laurens and Newberry Counties. Later he joined the Navy, and served in the Crypto Messaging Center in Norfolk handling messages for the Atlantic Fleet. Among various ships on which he served was USS Aludra AF55, a supply ship for Task Force 77, part of the 7th Fleet. He served as Operations Officer, Assistant Communications Officer, Assistant Navigator, Officer of the Deck, Officer of the Day, etc., as the ship cruised the Sea of Japan replenishing the fast carrier group off the coast of South Korea.

Carroll worked at Steel Heddle Inc. in Greenville for twenty-three years, initially in the Personnel Department doing time-and-motion studies, plant layouts, product flow, and cost analysis. As Industrial Division Vice President, he headed the foundry, machine shop, electric shop, metal stamping department, reed manufacturing, wire manufacturing and heat treating. By the seventies the weaving industry was declining and Philadelphia offices of Steel Heddle moved to Greenville to reorganize. As Financial Coordinator Carroll worked with a consultant to set up a new computerized cost-accounting system for the company.

Subsequently he was Administration Vice President at Carolina Plating & Stamping Company. He retired at age 62 and independently did contract work as a computer programmer, with Krieger Corporation as a major client. In retirement years Carroll operated his long-held farm at Abner Creek. He moved to Campobello in 2002 and devoted himself to helping individuals and organizations both with genealogy and with preservation of the history and environmental beauty of the Carolina upcountry which he dearly loved.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Wood Mortuary, 300 W. Poinsett Street, Greer, S.C.

A graveside service will be held on Friday at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Greenville, S.C. at 11:00 a.m., conducted by Rev. David Oliphant.

Memorials may be made to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, 120 Highway 14W, Landrum, S.C. 29356 or to Hospice of the Carolina Foothills, P.O. Box 127, 270 Fairwinds Road, Landrum, S.C. 29356.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ *Betti and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time,

*Wally and Lee Ann Caviness##imported-begin##WALLY AND LEE
ANN CAVINESS##imported-end##*

June 07, 2009 at 03:25 PM



“ *Carroll was my friend. I admired him for his gentleness and caring -
and and for his judgment - and was very pleased to see him and
Bette become a loving couple.*

*Carroll was an excellent researcher. I know only a few researchers
who are as careful and clear as Carroll in describing what they know
and what they suspect. Carroll is one of a very small group who
have actually added to our knowledge of the Barton family - his and
my common interest.*

*On behalf of the Barton Historical Society, I salute Carroll and wish
him well in heaven. Our loss is God's gain. We'll look forward to
seeing him again one of these days.*

*Our condolences to Bette, Carroll's family and all of his friends. We
grieve with you and mourn Carroll's passing.*

*Terry Barton
President, Barton Historical Society##imported-begin##Terry
Barton##imported-end##*

June 06, 2009 at 07:46 PM



“ Dear Art and Family,

Ed and I wanted to send our condolences about your father. It's probably about 40+ years since we all lived on Rockmont Rd. Our memories was going over to your house playing badminton. The other was you always had the best gocart that would go down the big hill turn the corner using a rope and using a piece of wood for a hand brake. We had fun!

Your family will be in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Ed McCall and Sara McCall Miller###imported-begin##Ed McCall and Sara McCall Miller###imported-end##

June 06, 2009 at 06:55 PM



“ We always enjoyed talking with Carroll. He was knowledgeable in so many areas. He did great genealogy work and was always happy to share. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.###imported-begin##Robert L. & Shirley B. Mason###imported-end##

June 05, 2009 at 09:48 AM



“ MY CONDOLENCES TO ALL. I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES. I AM ONE SON OR HORACE AND ROSA WADE CAMPBELL. DAD IS SON OF JESSIE MAE CRAIN CAMPBELL,LOFTIS.
CARROLL WAS A FINE MAN WHO FAITHFULLY ATTENDED ALL FUNERALS OF MY FAMILY. DAD HORACE. MOM ROSA. AND SISTER JEANINE . GOD BLESS EACH ONE IN THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.###imported-begin##MILTON LEE ###imported-end##

June 05, 2009 at 09:36 AM



“ *Bette,
Our love and prayers are with you.*

*Darrell & Cheryl Anthony##imported-begin##Darrell
Anthony##imported-end##*

June 05, 2009 at 09:12 AM



“ *I have had the pleasure and honor of knowing Carroll. Begining with our love of genealogy. Our connection with the Crain family and with others in the upstate area of South Carolina. He was so generous and kind. He was my mentor and confidant. He loved you Bette. Art, he had so much fun on his last visit. He talked and talked about it. I will miss him. He was my friend. I have been blessed.##imported-begin##Pat Sherman##imported-end##*

June 04, 2009 at 04:24 PM



“ *We have fond memories of the early years with Steel Heddle. Our heartfelt condolences.##imported-begin##John and Reba Cunningham##imported-end##*

June 04, 2009 at 03:30 PM



“*Uncle Carroll will always be in the hearts and memories of our family. He was a man of unique talents, intellect, and passion who could take on any role or task that was put before him. While he lived the life of a renaissance man in many ways, mastering various disciplines like flying, computers, and farming while excelling in various roles in business, the military, and the community, we like to think of him as a renaissance "fella" because while his intellect and abilities would permit him success on many fronts in life, Uncle Carroll remained humble and unassuming in everything he did. My family has many wonderful memories on his farm in years past and will forever benefit from his diligent work on our family history. Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with his immediate family in this time of loss.*

John, Lucynda, Jackson, and Henry Moore##imported-begin##John Moore##imported-end##

June 04, 2009 at 12:32 PM



“*My uncle Carroll was one of the most interesting men I have ever met. He could talk for hours about a variety of subjects and I always enjoyed our conversations. His love for our family history and that of the upcountry was inspirational and always left you with a desire to learn more. He was a wonderful brother to my mom, Merleen, and she is going to miss him greatly, as we all are. Our love and sympathy go out to her, Bette, Art and Lee, the girls, and the great-grandchildren. Carroll was a blessing in our lives and we will always treasure memories of him in our hearts.*

Cathy and Allen Heath, Lauren and Catherine Chapman##imported-begin##Cathy Heath##imported-end##

June 04, 2009 at 10:04 AM



“ *Dearest Cousins,
Our memories of Carroll go on as our conversations did. He taught so much to a beginning family historian many years ago - both about shared family history and computers., He was the only person I ever knew with a main frame computer in one of his bedrooms at the farm. He shared generously his knowledge of the Crain, Campbell and Pitman families, his love of his precious mountains and the Dark Corner, and family history programs and data bases. It was with Carroll that we first visited the grave of Lamar's great great grandfather Crain. Bette we will always remember the softness in his voice when he first spoke of you and the glow when he told us of your plans to wed and how graciously you accepted his cousins. Art he was so proud of you and your family. His happiest trips were when he visited you and he always had a story to tell us. We will miss him. As always, we have stayed too long and talked too much. Our love and prayers are with you. Sharie & Lamar , Council Bluffs, IA###imported-begin##Sharie & Lamar Batson###imported-end##*

June 04, 2009 at 06:34 AM



“ *If my memory is correct, Carroll and I met at Taylors in the year 1933.. and have we ever seen changes in Taylors, and indeed the world. We've both been places and seen things that had never crossed our minds. WW II & Korea caused us to have outlooks on life, and in particular our love for that wonderful place in which we grew up. We both in later years became very interested in Genealogy and shared info via e-mail, and at the farm. He was a good friend, and I will cherish his memory.
Art, May God bless you and your family.
Your Dad often expressed to me his love of you and the family.
Please express my thoughts to your mother, for I've also known her since we were kids.*

Alton Brown

Dunnellon, FL##imported-begin##Alton Brown##imported-end##

June 03, 2009 at 12:57 PM