



James Emerson Carter

November 12, 1911 - May 9, 2012

Indianapolis - James Emerson Carter, age 100, died Wednesday May 9, 2012 in Fishers, Indiana surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 12, 1911 in Indianapolis to Nellie Reed and John Carter. He grew up on the west side of Indianapolis and attended George Washington High School where he excelled in athletics. In 1930, he won the state championship in the pole vault with a record vault of 12 feet 4 3/4 inches, becoming the first Washington High student to achieve an individual state athletic title. He was a 1935 graduate of Purdue University, and obtained a masters degree in teaching from Ball State University in 1956. At Purdue, he was an all American halfback on the football team and along with his teammate Duane Purvis, was known as one of the "Touchdown Twins". During his 3 year tenure, the team only lost 4 games. He remains the 6th all time rushing leader in Purdue football history, averaging 5.37 yards per carry. His teaching and coaching career began at Lowell High School in Lake County, followed by a head football coaching position at Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota, where he met his future wife Florence. He was the head basketball coach at the University of Dayton until WWII broke out. In 1943, he was recruited by Dupont Munitions as the recreation director for a project that produced components of the atomic bomb in Hanford, Washington, known as the Manhattan Project, Jim would later refer to this as one of the most interesting jobs he ever had. After the war, he returned to football as the head coach at Terre Haute Wiley High School. Finally, in 1951 he took a teaching

and head football coach at Anderson High School where he retired from coaching 15 years later, and then as a history teacher in 1977. Jim Carter's wife of 56 years Florence Morrow, preceded him in death in 1994. He is survived by 3 children, Sharon Jones Bill of Fishers, James Mitch Carter Margie of Woodland Hills, California, and Jill Carter Michele of Jefferson, Maine; 5 grandchildren, Bradley Jones Cyndy, Kathy Jones, Julie Clendenden Phil, Catalina Carter, and Clayton Carter; 7 great grandchildren, Max Klapak, Mackenzie, Adrienne and William Jones, Carter and Lucy Clendenen and Drake Carter-Nelson. The family would like to thank the staff at Hamilton Trace Assisted Living in Fishers, Gary Fisch, M.D. and Allan Riley & all of Jim's friends and family who helped him celebrate his 100 years. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Visitation will be from 9:30 -11:30 am on Saturday May 12, 2012 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes 200 West 53rd Street, Anderson, Indiana. Services will be Saturday May 12, 2012 at 11:30 am, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson, Indiana. www.Loosecare.com

Tribute Wall

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“ RIP Coach Carter

Larry Naselroad-Class of 58 - May 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I taught Chemistry and Physics at AHS and later moved into counseling at the Tech Center. Also announced basketball games at AHS. Sorry to hear about Jim. I now live in Florida

Norm Taylor - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We were so lucky to have visited with Jim and his family last Labor Day in Anderson. We shared neighborhood stories of the West Side of Indy. Jim remembered my dad who lived on Belmont and went to GWHS at the same time My wife Carolyn Hazelrigg was a cousin to Jim and visited with his mother on Elder Ave in the 1950's. I delivered papers to his mother during my grade school days at PS #30. Jim leaves behind a fine family and we were so happy to meet them. We are very sorry of your loss.

Donald & Carolyn Stegemoller, Sr. - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ On behalf of the Irwin family, please allow me to extend sincere condolences to the family of Jim Hoopie Carter. I knew him, for his mother Nell was a very dear friend. Jim's greatness is incredible and there's simply not enough accolades. I last saw him in 07 at GWHS reunion. He, as well as his baby bro Marion, "Red" Carter will never be forgotten and always remembered, admired, loved and truly appreciated.

Stuart Irwin Shepp - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Brad and the entire Carter Family, We are sorry for your loss, and we pray that you will find comfort from God and the wonderful memories from Mr. Carter's life. Your grandfather was an awesome man, and what an interesting life and career he led. I did not know all of his life adventures. I did think that it was funny that he had to call it quits on his teaching career after just one year with Brad attending where he taught. Coincidence? : Sincerely, Dan & Patti Woschitz

Dan Woschitz - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ To The Carter Family-Please count me as one of many who felt Jim Carter unknowingly posted himself as a wonderful role model for the many who shadowed him. What great examples and what a great life!

Jack Ke_sling - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ My goodness. Mr. Carter taught us to use turn signals and then I moved to a town where I was about the only person that knew what one was; Thanks Mr. Carter

Christine B Turner - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM