



Edwin Carter Breeze

August 31, 2004

Edwin Carter Breeze, age 74, of 9th Avenue, died Tuesday, August 31, 2004 at Parkview Manor Nursing and Rehab. Center in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Breeze was born in Zeigler, IL, a son of the late Sidney William and Ruth Carter Breeze. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Conway and retired December 31, 1995 as Diaconal Minister of Music at the church after serving over twenty-three and a half years. Mr. Breeze was appointed Organist emeritus upon retirement and continued to serve as organist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Conway. He was a member of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music, Worship and the Other Arts former president of the SC Chapter. Mr. Breeze was also a member of the SC Conference Council on Ministries, Conference Worship Committee, Board of Diaconal Ministry and Board of Ordained Ministry. He has served on the Board of Directors and as President of the Conway Kiwanis Club, and is a Past Lt. Governor of Division 24 of Kiwanis International. He was presently serving as President of the Past Lt. Governor's Council of the Carolinas District. Mr Breeze was appointed by the governor as a member of the Foster Care review Board B-15 and has served in the capacity since 1997. He served for several years as a part-time member of the Music Department of Coastal Carolina University. Mr. Breeze was a member of Phi Mu Alpha National Men's Music Fraternity. He was formerly a member of the Chorister's Guild, Christian Educator's Fellowship, American Choir Directors Association and American English Handbell Ringers. Mr. Breeze frequently accompanied area organizations and

conducted workshops and seminars on the organ and served as consultant to churches installing new organs. He was frequently called upon to serve as adjudicator and has presented organ recitals in and out of state and country, including Korea, Japan, Alaska and Hawaii. His organ recitals have been aired over the Armed Forces Radio Network and he has led three singing tours to Europe in the last several years with performances in such cities as Cologne, Salzburg, Munich and London. Mr. Breeze is a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, The Fellowship, The South Carolina and National Music Teacher's Associations from which he holds the Professional Certificate of Organ and has been published by Chantry Press. Mr. Breeze received his Bachelor of Music Degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1965 and was awarded his Master of Sacred Music Degree from Wittenburg University, Springfield, OH in 1972. Mr. Breeze was a member of the Southern Illinois University and the Wittenberg University Alumni Associations, the Myrtle Beach Stamp Club and AARP. Prior to his South Carolina Experiences, he served in the US Air Force as a Chaplain Services Superintendent retiring at the end of August 1971, after over twenty years of service. He was a member of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Retired Enlisted Association and American Legion Horry Post 111. Surviving are his wife Patricia Ann Simpson Breeze formerly of Benton, Il., of Conway; two sons, Mark Carter Breeze and his wife Linda of Greer and Scott Simpson Breeze and his wife Debbie of Moncks Corner; one daughter Sidney Ann Breeze of San Antonio; three grandchildren, Jordan Lavender, Elizabeth "Libby" Braxton Breeze and Scott Carter Breeze. Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM Friday from the First United Methodist Church of Conway with Rev. Ben Barnett and Rev. Carl Hunsucker officiating. Burial with military rites, will follow 2:00 PM in Florence National Cemetery, directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to Organ Maintenance Fund or to the Family Life Center, C/O First United Methodist Church, PO Box 58, Conway, SC 29528.

Tribute Wall



“ Carter and I first met in 1966 at Osan AB, Korea while stationed in the USAF. Carter was NCOIC of the Base Chaplain's Office and I worked in the Wing Headquarters as an Administrator. We immediately became good and fast friends for we shared so many likes and dislikes. The most important in our sharing was that of 'Music.' Under Carter's steady lead we formed an all men's choir known as the Country Church Choir and performed for many official occasions as well as on AFN Radio. In order to make the months pass quickly we got involved in many activities ie, bowling, playing bridge, visiting orphanages, and traveling to different countries whenever we had the opportunity. I especially remember our trip to Tokyo with a group of friends. While there we visited the Sony Building. Up on the 2nd floor was a beautiful foyer with a cordoned off area where stood a magnificent four manual organ and a sign next to it "Do Not Play This Organ!" Well, with a little coaxing from the group Carter jumped over the rope, positioned himself at this mighty organ console and proceeded to play magnificently until a rather disturbed looking official approached the area and asked Carter to stop playing. By this time there had gathered a considerable crowd of listeners. Carter finished the piece with great aplomb, turned to the official and said I'm sorry about that. The crowd immediatly bust in to thunderous applause and bravos. What can I say, that was simply Carter - God Love Him and I'm sure he is already playing for him. We have remained friends over the many years, appearing in concert together in Conway, visiting one another with family, trips to Branson where we were house guests of the Breezes, and always the E-Mails. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved him and we are so thankful for all the wonderful times our famlies shared together and he will always be in our thoughts and prayers. To dearest Pat, Mark, Scott, and Sidney we send our love, hugs, and kisses and above all our deepest sympathy. Ted and Lore Cook###imported-begin##Ted and Lore Cook###imported-end##

October 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat and Family, I just wanted you to know the family is in my thoughts and prayers. Carter was someone very special to my Dad Charles. Its comforting to know they are together again. Love, Angela Carter Osborne and family###imported-begin###Angela Carter Osborne###imported-end##

September 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat & family, May God be your strength and comfort during these days. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We share your grief but rejoice in the knowledge that Carter is with his Lord and Saviour. May God bless you in the days ahead.###imported-begin###Roger & Phyllis Awe###imported-end##

September 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My wife a choir director and I a chaplain had the highest regard for Carter as a friend and a superb organist and choir director. He made every chapel and church he served sparkle with excellence and fun.###imported-begin###Arnie & Dorothy Porter###imported-end##

September 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Breeze..Please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your husband Carter. Although I knew him only in passing, I greatly admired his talent and his willingness to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." I can only imagine the wonderful music he's playing now in Heaven, and I look forward to again hearing him play the organ some day in the next life. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Billie Ann Booth##imported-end##

September 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat, You and your family are in our prayers. I have sang in the Trinity Choir for over four years now and have known both you and Carter's wonderful magic he can make with his music. I can still hear him playing in my mind and heart. He is playing beautiful music for our Father and his choir now and they are fortunate to have him. He is missed, but he will always be with us whenever we sing or make beautiful music in the name of our Lord. Love to you and yours.##imported-begin##Kathleen Hammersla##imported-end##

September 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat, Mark and Family, We, members of the Past Lieutenant Governors Council of the the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, will miss Carter greatly for his leadership and guidance. I first learned of his illness at the District Convention in Greenville, SC and then his untimely death on 8/31/04. We are very saddend. I have worked with Carter the past 4+ years in PLGC. His kindness, resourcesfulness and leadership will be missed by all. With our love and prayers to you and the family, Albert C. Lee##imported-begin##Albert C. Lee##imported-end##

September 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Through our mutual friend, Ted Cook, and of course music at USC we were email acquaintances.
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September 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss Carter's upbeat presence and smile. He was always ready to listen with heartfelt concern and interest. I particularly benefitted from his frequent recommendation and referral. I look forward to joining Carter singing God's praises in Glory!###imported-begin###Bill Maxim###imported-end##

September 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat and Family We are very saddened to hear of Carter's passing. He left a void in our lives that can't be filled. Our love and prayers are with you and your family. Thanks to Mark for notifying us. We will call you later. All our love The Joyce Family###imported-begin###FREDDIE & AUDREY JOYCE###imported-end##

September 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I and other members of the Charleston Chapter AGO will miss Carter. He was a friend and a valued musical person within South Carolina. I thank God for his wonderful life.###imported-begin###Bill Quarterman###imported-end##

September 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Carter and Pat eight years ago through the Retired Air Force Chapel Staff Reunions. We developed a very close and meaningful relationship. Carter will be missed by all of us. Our prayers are with the family, especially, Pat!##imported-begin##Thomas E. Curry##imported-end##

September 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat, We share in the loss of your beloved husband. He was one of the most talented men we have ever known. More especially, he made such an important impact on the childhood of my brother, Charles Lewis. I remember Charles talking about him all the time. I really believe that Carter was a "Father" role model to him. And later on, before I left DSS, I had the pleasure of working with him on the Foster Care Review Board. He was really dedicated to making recommendations that were in the best interests of the children, their biological parents and their foster parents. He was truly an inspiration to everyone who knew him. We share in your grief, but rejoice in the fact that he has given so much to so many and will always be remembered with love and appreciation. Love and prayers to you and your family, Cherry and Phillip Thompson##imported-begin##Cherry and Phillip Thompson##imported-end##

September 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Most of my contact with Carter involved my children Tara and Ashley Bruton and their various choirs. He made music fun for them as they grew up in the church. I was so glad I could call on him when Sean Crump, Ashley's best friend, died suddenly. I don't know what Carter said to Ashley and his friends, but it made a great difference. Thank you, Carter and love from all of us. Rest in peace!###imported-begin##Glenda Sweet###imported-end##

September 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Breeze, I was saddened to hear the news from Mom when I spoke to her last night. I'm sure Mr. Breeze will have all of the angels in heaven singing. He certainly touched many lives throughout the world. I wanted to thank you and your family for all the years you shared his talent with other, and especially for the kindness you extended to our family. You will always have a special place in our hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you. With love, Margie###imported-begin##Margie Barnes Blogin###imported-end##

September 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Mark and family, Sorry to hear of your fathers death. Wish I could have been closer so as to have been there for you and Linda. If anything I can do please let me know. Your friendship I cherish and will continue to pray for you and your family.###imported-begin##Donnie Collins###imported-end##

September 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat, You and your family are in our prayers. Unfortunately, we only spoke with Carter a few times, but we were well aware of his service and musical talent. May God comfort you during this difficult time. In Christian love, Jim & Edith Hucks###imported-begin##Edith Hucks###imported-end##

September 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Family of Carter Breeze: I was saddened to hear the news of Carter's passing. I have VERY fond memories of singing in the choir and working with him at FUMC. His musical talent will be greatly missed. Please know that y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you, Love, Martha###imported-begin##Martha Kleine###imported-end##

September 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Breeze and Family, I am truly sorry to hear about Mr. Breeze, and wish that I could be there in person to offer my condolences. He was such a wonderful person and I have many, many fond memories of him throughout my life. It seems like only yesterday that all of us kids were marching around the choir room with our instruments singing "Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do you 'member me?" I know that the Lord knows Mr. Breeze and has a special place in Heaven for him. He already has a special place in alot of kids hearts for the same reason he has one in mine. He was a wonderful teacher and a true family friend. He will be missed. Please know that my thoughts are with you all. Rachel Smoak Ballenger###imported-begin##Rachel Smoak Ballenger###imported-end##

September 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Breeze and Family, I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Breeze. Every time I talked to him or saw him talking to others he was pleasant and upbeat and seemed genuinely interested in you and what you had to say. I have fond memories of singing in the choir many years ago and learning some about the handbells under his direction. It is such a shame that he left us at only 74 because unlike so many others he was someone who had so much to give and so many talents to share. I know you must've heard it 1000 times, but he really will be sorely missed by many, many persons. Again, I am sorry for your loss. God bless.--Wyman###imported-begin###Wyman Rembert###imported-end###

September 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Breeze, I was so sad when my mom told me about Mr. Breeze. He was so wonderful and made everyone feel really special. I learned so much from him. He always filled the church with the most beautiful music each week, and inspired me to be a part of it. He was involved in many of my fondest memories. I'll always remember when he used to take us to Dairy Queen after choir practice. I'll never forget how much fun our brass quartet had together with him. His enthusiasm and happiness was always so evident. You could hear him whistling from the other side of the church. The example that he set truly helped to shape the person that I am today. Everyone will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Keith Wood###imported-begin###Keith Wood###imported-end###

September 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Remembering Carter as a person in whose presence one felt comfortable, accepted and loved much like the image we hold of Jesus. He surel did not hide his talents under a bushel and he did let his Light Shine. I am but one of thousands who will miss him. My heart is with your family in the Spirit of Love. Carter has experienced the miracle of eternal life as will we. JOHN: 3:16, 5:24, 11:23. That which brings such sadness is that which has once brought great joy. **CHERISH ALL THAT WAS YOURS !###imported-begin###Julie Carter###imported-end###**

September 01, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Carter was a special gift from God to this world. He was such a gifted musician and a wonderful Christian man. I am so thankful for all the sweet memories of him that I have gathered since childhood. I found in him more than just a cousin - he was a real friend who gave much love and understanding. I will certainly miss him, but I know that he is at home in Heaven and enjoying all the family that had gone on before. I find comfort in thinking that he and my dear brother have already blessed Heaven with a concert. To you Pat, and the kids and their families, may God bless you with the very best that He has for you in the years ahead.###imported-begin###Bill Allen Carter###imported-end###

September 01, 2004 at 12:00 AM