



## Herbert Leland Carter, Jr.

May 21, 2007

Herbert Leland Carter, Jr. died Monday, May 21, 2007 at the N.E. and Ruby Green Hospice House in Georgetown, S.C. Born in Mayfield, Kentucky, on November 13, 1920, he was the youngest son of Herbert Leland and Kate Morris Carter. Herb was preceded in death by his parents, brother Morris, and his beloved wife Louise Vey Putnam Carter. He is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Patricia and Mickey Driver of Salisbury, N.C., and Pamela and Laurie McAlpine of Murrells Inlet, S.C.; five grandchildren, Jonathan, Andrew, and Leslie Driver, Katherine McAlpine Mooring and Anna McAlpine; and a great-granddaughter, Jessica Driver. His family also includes the thousands of students he mentored and taught as Director of Bands at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Herb graduated from Murray State University where he began his career as a clarinetist and jazz musician. There he met and married Louise "Put" Putnam. During World War II he served in the United States Air Force as a woodwind specialist and conductor. After the war he earned a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University and continued study at the Julliard School of Music in New York. In 1946 Herb and Put moved to Greenville, N.C. where he established a band program at East Carolina University. During his tenure he was a dynamic partner in the growth of the School of Music, serving as Director of Bands and chair of the Instrumental Music Department. He established the first jazz band, "The Collegians," directed summer music camps and state high school band clinics, served as adjudicator for music festivals across the country, and recruited

many musicians to ECU. Herb's Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed at meetings of the College Band Director's National Association and the Music Educator's National Conference. Under his direction, the wind ensemble premiered original works by such noted composers as Gould, Giannini, Dello Joio, and Persichetti. Herb served as president of the College Band Directors National Association, president of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association, and Province Governor of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity. He is also a member of the American Bandmasters Association. He was selected as one of the ten most outstanding music directors in the United States by the School Musician Magazine and received the Citation of Excellence by the National Band Association. After his retirement in 1987 Herb and Put continued to be active in the university and community. They served as tutors, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and were active members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They loved to play golf both in Greenville and in the North Carolina mountains where they spent their summers. Herb was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He fought a long and determined battle with Alzheimer's disease and was a true gentleman through it all. A memorial service and celebration of Herb's life will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, N.C., on June 15 at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Herbert L. and Louise P. Carter Collegians Music Scholarship at East Carolina University School of Music, A.J. Fletcher Music Center, Greenville, N.C. 27858, and to Tideland's Community Hospice, 2591 North Fraser Street, Georgetown, S.C. 29440.

# Tribute Wall



“*Herb Carter was an icon to be respected and admired. I was privileged to play flute in his Wind Ensemble at ECU in the early-mid 1980's. It was always an intense experience which motivated me to always play my best. I have many fond memories to remember Mr. Carter by. The world has lost a musician of the first order. My sympathies go out to his family. Hail Sinfonia.##imported-begin##Jonathan Sills##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“*Herb welcomed me and all of his daughter Pam's friends warmly and with genuine interest. He always engaged us with comments or observations. He was as expert at relating to people. I always felt like I learned something after every visit. Sharing food was a big part of his hospitality. Put was the head chef but Herb was in charge of the grill. My memories of the Carter household always have a smile attached. My sympathies to the family.##imported-begin##Eric A. Vernon##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“*And what do I say about a man who helped raise me? I can hear him now as I walk in your back door, "Hey Laura." I always knew I was welcome. Dear Mr. Carter, Herb.##imported-begin##Laura Weigand##imported-end##*

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June 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you and all the good times we had together.##imported-begin##Louise Lee##imported-end##

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June 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I was sorry to hear of your father's death. He was special to all of us who played in the ECU Wind Ensemble and had a big impact on both our professional and personal lives. I know his last few years were difficult and I'm sorry he had to go through those tough times. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Deborah Fales Phillips##imported-end##

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May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Like hundreds of other public school and college band directors, I attribute so much of my professional success and happiness to the lessons I learned from Herb Carter in the ECU Wind Ensemble. For over 25 years, my high school and college wind ensembles have performed music that I learned under Mr. Carter's baton at ECU in the 1970s, and I was proud to tell my students about Mr. Carter and his tremendous legacy. I thank God for Herb Carter's contributions to music education and for a life well lived.##imported-begin##David Rockefeller##imported-end##

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May 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We send our love and sympathy to the family. Herb and Put were loved by all who knew them.##imported-begin##Max and Kitty Joyner##imported-end##

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May 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Peggy and I have many fond memories of Herb and Put and their daughters, husbands and their families. It was a pleasure to work side by side with Herb those many years. Our thoughts are with you during this sad time. Charlie and Peggy Stevens##imported-begin##Charlie & Peggy Stevens##imported-end##

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May 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to both Pat and Pam. Your dad will be missed by all who knew him. He did so much for so many people. As for Julia and I, We could never repay him for all he did for us. God bless his family. Tommy & Julia Smith##imported-begin##Tommy & Julia Smith##imported-end##

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May 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My best to Pam, Laurie and all the family. May you dad and granddad's life and memory be an inspiration to others.##imported-begin##Charlie Adams##imported-end##

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May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Hey, Pam and Laurie! Elaine saw Pam's Father's obit in the paper this morning. What an outstanding man. I know you both were proud of him. What accomplishments! He seemed to enjoy life to the fullest. We just had to write and offer our condolences. Elaine and I moved to Longs we live at Colonial Charters, F-10 4 years ago after retiring as the Interim at Southport, NC 8 months. I'm still doing part time Interims. Have done another at WestminsterWilmington, 8 months and Lake Waccamaw 16 months and just finished 6 mos. at Raeford,NC. Keeping busy. Give us a call sometime. Maybe we can get meet for lunch or dinner. Our love to you both. Vaughn Earl and Elaine###imported-begin###Vaughn Earl & Elaine Hartsell###imported-end###

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May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Both of your parents were an asset to ECU and to Greenville and are better institutions because of their dedication to both. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and may you find comfort in God's loving care. Bill Blount###imported-begin###Bill Blount###imported-end###

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May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Your parents were so special to the ECU music family. Your father meant so much to me and taught me so much in the four years I was in his wind ensemble. My success as a band director was linked directly to what he gave me through his special gifts. I will always carry him in my heart.###imported-begin###Camp Price###imported-end###

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May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Herb's time at ECU was a period of extraordinary growth towards excellence. The ECU School of Music made great strides towards national recognition under his leadership. I am proud to have worked with him for many years.*###imported-begin###*Rodney Schmidt*###imported-end###

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May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were neighbors on Beaumont Drive in Greenville, NC. Herb taught our son Joseph clarinet and Put taught all three of our children piano. They were both very special to us. We are deeply saddened to learn of Herb's passing. I still have the bread starter that Put asked me to keep for her one summer while they were in the mountains. We always think of the Carters when we have sour dough bread. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. Bruce and Judy Greene parents of Mitchell, Joseph and Leah*###imported-begin###*Bruce & Judy Greene*###imported-end###

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