



The Honorable Clayton Cann Carter

October 15, 1918 - July 30, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Cann Carter, 92, retired Circuit Court Judge, of Centreville, MD, was born October 15 1918, in Centreville, MD the son of the late William H. and Olivia Cann Carter.

Judge Carter attended the public schools in Centreville and graduated from the Centreville High School in 1935, after which he entered Trinity College of Duke University and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1939. The following fall he matriculated at the University of Maryland School of Law, but, after completion of his second year, he volunteered for induction in the U. S. Army on August 7, 1941. After completing cryptography courses at the Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, NJ, he embarked on January 12, 1942 from San Francisco aboard the troop ship President Coolidge to Australia. He served in the China, Burma, and India Theatre with the 835th Signal Service Battalion until he returned to the states on July 18, 1944. After he completed Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Signal Corps with the U.S. Army.

He reentered the School of Law in the fall of 1945 graduated on June 8, 1946, passing the Maryland Bar in July of that same year. He joined the law firm of Marshall, All, Carey, and Doub in Baltimore City as an associate and remained with them until he returned to Centreville and opened his law office in early May 1947. He served with the Maryland National Guard from 1947 until 1949.

In 1950, he was elected State's Attorney for Queen Anne's County. He served as Queen Anne's County Commissioner from 1954 until 1958 when he resumed the full time practice of law. In June of 1971, he was appointed by then Governor Marvin Mandel as Associate Judge of the newly created District Court of Maryland. Chief Judge Hammond of the Court of Appeals appointed him Administrative Judge of the Third District, comprising the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Caroline. Judge Carter served on the District Court until Acting Governor Blair Lee appointed him as Associate Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, taking the oath of office on November 24, 1978. He was elected without opposition in 1980 to a full term and qualified on December 1, 1980. On May 29, 1987, he became the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit and retired on his 70th birthday, October 15, 1988.

He married Henrietta McKenney Holton on July 17, 1946, and they divorced in April of 1963. There were two daughters born of that marriage, Marcia Goldsborough Carter Mason and her husband Charles and Nancy Biddle Carter Middaugh and her husband, Roger, both of whom reside in Virginia. On July 29, 1967, he married Carol Ann Weber, and they had one daughter, Rachel MacDonough Carter Goss whom resides in Chestertown with her husband, Steve. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Ryan Mason Hill and her husband, Lee; and grandsons, Steven Christopher Goss and Zachary Carter Goss.

He has been an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville having served several terms on the Vestry and one year as Senior Warden.

Judge Carter is a long-time member of the Queen Anne's County and Second Judicial Circuit Bar Association, having served as President of both. He served as Vice President and on the executive council with the Maryland State

Bar Association and was one of the original directors of both that Association and the Maryland Bar Foundation Inc. Other memberships include the American Judicature Society , American Bar Association, American College of Trust and Estate Council, Upper Eastern Shore Chapter of the Maryland Retired Officers Association, National Eagle Scouts Association, Del-Mar-Va council of the Boy Scouts of America, Delta Tau Delta, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, The Society of the War of 1812, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Jefferson Davis American Legion Post #18, The American Legion, Grasonville Memorial Post #7464, V.F.W., and Corsica River Yacht Club where he served twice as Commodore. He is also a fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation, American College of Probate Counsel, and American College of Trial Lawyers. He has lived since 1949 on his ancestral farm estate "Chesterfield" in Centreville, formerly belonging to the Clayton, Nicholson, and Newnam families.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2011, at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville. Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation on Saturday, August 6, at Chesterfield, the family's home at 408 Chesterfield Ave. Centreville, MD 21617 from 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held in Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville.

Memorials may be made to a worthy charity or church of your choice or to the Del-Mar-Va Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America #81, 100 West 10th St., Suite 915, Wilmington, DE 19801, as always deserving of support, for in the welfare of our young people rests the hopes of our nation.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Family's Home
222 S. Washington St.
Easton, MD

Service

AUG 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
301 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *The Honorable Clayton Cann Carter*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *The Honorable Clayton Cann Carter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *The Honorable Clayton Cann Carter*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Nannie and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Your Dad is now at peace. An angel looking down upon all of you. May God's love give you strength in the upcoming months. With heartfelt sympathy.*

Marcia & George Binns###imported-begin###Marcia###imported-end##

August 12, 2011 at 11:58 AM



“ *Rachel - I want to send my deepest sympathy to you, want you to know you are in my prayers.*

Lots of Love - Patty###imported-begin###Pat Archer###imported-end##

August 07, 2011 at 07:58 AM



“ Dear Marci and family,
Deepest condolences to you all. It was a pleasure to become acquainted with your father when I moved to the Queenstown area. His genuine concern for people in all walks of life touched countless individuals in our community.
Bless you all,
Karen Dize###imported-begin###Karen (Muntain) Dize###imported-end##

August 04, 2011 at 11:32 AM



“ Judge Carter was a person I enjoyed being around. Taken care of him (Helping Hands) was no job it was like visiting a friend. He enjoyed the company and made it so easy. He loved his 3 daughters and their family. I will always remember my time with him. To his daughters I'm sorry for your loss.###imported-begin###Donna Blackiston###imported-end##

August 04, 2011 at 10:17 AM



“ Dear Nancy and family, I'd like to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your entire family on the passing of your dad. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. God bless each of you as you cope with your loss. Sincerely,Debbie Bradley class of 1972 QACHS###imported-begin###Debbie (Bradley) Staigerwald###imported-end##

August 02, 2011 at 11:20 PM



“ TO ALL THE CARTER FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
JUDGE CARTER WAS A STRONG PILLAR IN THE COMMUNITY
AND A KIND AND GENTLE SOUL. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED
WITH RESPECT AND LOVE. OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
TO YOU ALL.##imported-begin##VAL WHALEY IVINS##imported-
end##

August 02, 2011 at 01:22 PM



“ Thoughts, prayers and love. The wonderful touch of The Honorable
Clayton Carter's love, grace and gratitude, will always be in the
hearts of so many!!!##imported-begin##Davida##imported-end##

August 02, 2011 at 12:10 PM



“ Daughters: My husband, Royce, and I wish to extend our deepest
sympathy to you for the loss of your dad. What a great person and
such a pillar in the community. He is now in the hands of the Lord
and will have eternal life. May God Bless and Keep You
All.##imported-begin##Martha (Roe) Herman##imported-end##

August 01, 2011 at 10:08 PM



“ Bryson and I were fortunate to know Judge Carter as a distinguished gentleman and father-in-law of our son and grandfather of our mutual grandsons. His daughter, Rachel, is like a daughter to us and we cherish the times we all were able to spend together.
May he rest in peace after a long and productive life.
In loving memory,
Linda and Bryson Goss##imported-begin##Linda Goss##imported-end##

August 01, 2011 at 08:43 PM



“ Dear Marci, Nancy and Rachel,

Our love and deepest sympathy to you all and to your family. Your Dad was a great person and we always enjoyed our times with him. Each occasion was a memorable one. We will remember him with fondness.

Herb and June##imported-begin##Herb and June Craddock##imported-end##

August 01, 2011 at 04:53 PM



“ To the Carter Family: Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you in the loss of your father. What a gentleman he was and so highly respected. He will always be a legacy in Centreville and Queen Anne's County. May the memories you have of him, always remain in your hearts. God Bless each one of you and God is by your side to give you strength to get through this difficult time. Gene and Lynda Palmatary##imported-begin##Lynda Harris Palmatary##imported-end##

August 01, 2011 at 03:19 PM



“ Dear Rachel -

My heart goes out to you and your sisters. I know your father must have been an incredibly loving man because you, Rachel, are an amazingly loving, accepting woman with a heart as big as the Chesapeake. I'd forgotten how handsome your dad was. I bet he was funny, too! I certainly wish I'd had the pleasure to meet him...but not in the courtroom! Please know we are praying for comfort in memories for you and everyone who loved your father and we give thanks to the Lord for taking him home in a peaceful, quiet way. I envision your mom and dad, smiling down upon the girls they are surely deeply proud of. Love you, Rachel!!

*Our deepest condolences,
Rhonda, Paul and Luke xo###imported-begin###Rhonda
Thomson###imported-end###*

August 01, 2011 at 12:42 AM



“ Dear Marcie & Family , We .are so sorry to hear of your Father's passing our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time###imported-begin###Linda Roe, Eva Roe, & Carl Roe###imported-end###

July 31, 2011 at 06:38 PM



“ Dear Girls,

We are so sorry to learn of the passing of your Dad. We know these last few years were not easy on him and you. You know now that now he is at peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you.

*David and June##imported-begin##David and June
Clark##imported-end##*

July 31, 2011 at 02:27 PM