



## Carl Richard Upshaw

September 2, 1945 - April 10, 2012

Carl Richard Upshaw was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the age of 66. He was born on September 2, 1945 in Indianapolis, IN to the late Carl & Marguerite Upshaw. Carl spent most of his life working in computer information sciences in both Ohio and South Carolina, and then retired to Florida in 2009. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 13713 in Blythewood, SC, and the 1977 Master of Avon Lake, OH Masonic Lodge 725. Carl was a man of great faith, who loved his family, and enjoyed camping and travel. Some of Carl's other hobbies included racing, from driving go-carts to watching all other forms of racing, and he was also a collector of salt & pepper shakers. Locally he was a member of the Catholic Community of St. Paul's. Carl is survived by his loving wife of 28 years Dian Upshaw, three children; Kevin Richard (Debbie) Upshaw, Dawn Marie, and Denise Louise all of Indianapolis, IN. He was the proud grandfather of Tyler, Amber (David Fields), Adam, Taylor, and Aaron, and great-grandfather of Sophia. He is also survived by a nephew Greg (Dawn) Chiles and a great niece Allison. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, sisters; Sylvia Chiles, Suzanne Upshaw and Sharon Pierce. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at The Catholic Community St. Paul's Church at 8:30 a.m. Visitation will be at the Page-Theus Funeral Home on Sunday, April 15, 2012, from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. The family has suggested memorials in Carl's honor be directed to the Transfiguration Catholic Church of Blythewood, SC at 9720 Wilson Blvd. 29016 Page-Theus Funeral Home And Cremation Services

# Comments

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“ Dian, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Know that you are still loved by your DPS family.

**Donna Boyer** - May 11, 2012 at 08:46 PM

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“ Diane and family, So sorry for your loss. know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May Gods peace and comfort surround you during your time of grief. Love, Deborah Vaughn Columbia, SC

**Deborah Vaughn** - April 16, 2012 at 04:08 PM

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“ Dian and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. love, Trent

**M. Trent Smith** - April 16, 2012 at 02:44 PM

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“ Battles won in losing the war With the passing of Carl Upshaw, the world has lost a man of character and I have lost a very good friend. It is sometimes hard to express what another person means to you until you lose them. Sports cars. Races at Sebring, Virginia Raceway, Road Atlanta and even spending the night sleeping in his car while the 24 Hours of Daytona was roaring just outside. Golf shared and a U S Open in Atlanta. And, a Jewish Boy eating Lenten Fish on Friday at Transfiguration Church with Carl cooking and serving alongside Dian. Writing a character reference for him for the Pope. Eating dinner often and especially with Adam and Amber. We worked together on projects Æçâ,¬â€œ JimmyÆçâ,¬â„çs super garage in New Smyrna where we erected the roof trusses and were only 1/16Æçâ,¬Å out of square when finished. Getting things ready in the Florida House for a move we really didnÆçâ,¬â„çt want to happen. Enjoying Carl and DianÆçâ,¬â„çs hospitality and playing golf on their course. We enjoyed the DIY projects because we enjoyed the work and each otherÆçâ,¬â„çs company. I first met Carl while he was working up in Chapin and living on Lake Murray. An Indiana boy who worked in his dadÆçâ,¬â„çs drive in theaters and went to school at U of L. He even liked SteakNShake Æçâ,¬â€œ now that is a real friend. He suffered his first heart attack at the Cleveland Grand Prix at Lake Front Airport. He lost most of his family members early because of heart issues and hung in there to win battle after battle. He was a fighter in addition to being a great friend to us all and a loyal husband to the love of his lifeÆçâ,¬â€his free spirit wife Dian. To say I will miss Carl is the worldÆçâ,¬â„çs largest understatement. We exchanged emails. We talked on the phone. Got together all to infrequently. He was always there. Still is in my heart. Sun shining on a hairless pate Smile gracing a friendly face Knowing Carl, such was my fate Enjoying life at a measured pace Worked together, played together and much much more Doing things not every person cared to do But we shared all the joy life had in store Because we shared the time with nothing to rue Lost my friend to the vagaries of life Kept the memories to cherish and make him last Will keep in touch through his wonderful wife And hold to his spirit so very vast GodÆçâ,¬â„çs speed Carl on your new journey forward Open arms wait to your soul enfold WeÆçâ,¬â„çll do our best chart our course toward Your destination and your hand again to hold Cal

Calvin J. Smith - April 14, 2012 at 03:05 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Barry and Karin Hill - April 14, 2012 at 02:34 PM

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“ Carl will be missed much. He was a great friend to us and we love him and Dian. There is no way to truly prepare for the home coming of a loved one. But we know Carl will be in heaven with God and looking over us all. Carl we will have you in our hearts always and you will never be forgotten. May God keep you close.

**Cathy & Ed Hogue** - April 13, 2012 at 11:52 AM

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“ Dian and Upshaw family, Our heartfelt sympathy to you during this time of loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless!

**Paul and Sara Moscati** - April 12, 2012 at 06:12 PM

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“ Dian and Upshaw family, Our heartfelt sympathy to you during this time of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Pau and Sara Moscati** - April 12, 2012 at 06:01 PM