

Carrel Clemmons

March 1, 1943 - May 25, 2025

Carrel Glenn Clemmons, Jr., affectionately known to his family as “Junior,” passed away peacefully on May 25, 2025, at the age of 82. Born on March 1, 1943, in the rolling hills of southwestern Kentucky, Junior grew up surrounded by the beauty of caves, lakes, and farmland—an environment that nurtured his lifelong love of nature and exploration.

A man of quiet strength and deep integrity, Carrel dedicated his life to service. He served his country with distinction in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, a chapter of his life that further shaped his discipline and sense of duty. After his military service, Carrel began a 36-year career as a forensic chemist with the Department of Defense. As Chief of Drug Chemistry at the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory, he was a respected leader in his field, known not only for his expertise but for his mentorship and humility. It was at the lab that he met the love of his life, Carol Melton Clemmons. Their partnership—built on deep respect, laughter, and unwavering support—spanned 46 devoted years of marriage.

Carrel found joy in life’s simple and profound pleasures: the rhythm of a good book, the hush of a forest trail, the rush of a race. An avid reader and outdoorsman, he could often be found participating in marathons and 5K races, hiking mountain paths, pitching tents under starry skies, traveling to places near and far, or meandering through museums around the globe. His love for the natural world was matched only by his love for people—especially his family.

To those who knew him, Carrel was more than accomplished—he was kind, gentle, curious, and deeply present. He was a devoted husband, a nurturing father, and a proud grandfather whose face would light up in the presence of his grandchildren. He had a way of making everyone feel seen, heard, and loved.

Carrel is preceded in death by his parents, Carrel Glenn Clemmons, Sr., and Dollie Ree Dyer Clemmons; his brother, James Clemmons; and his son-in-law, Mark Curlee.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Carol Melton Clemmons; his children: Candise Curlee, Jennifer McCarren and her husband Matt, and Michael Clemmons and his wife Elizabeth; and his treasured grandchildren: Matthew Curlee, Walker McCarren, Livia McCarren, and Theodore Clemmons. He is also survived by his brother, Tony Clemmons, and sister-in-law Jackie; his sister-in-law Diane Clemmons; and many dear friends and extended family members who were touched by his grace and generosity.

Carrel Glenn Clemmons, Jr., lived a life rich in purpose, love, and wonder. His legacy is one of steadfast devotion—to his work, his country, and most of all, to his family. He will be missed deeply, remembered fondly, and honored always.

A funeral mass will be held Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, 591 Flint River Rd, Jonesboro, GA 30238. Interment will be at Georgia National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

To honor Carrel's life and legacy, the family kindly invites memorial contributions to two organizations that reflect the courage and compassion with which he lived: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) www.pancan.org, dedicated to advancing research, supporting patients, and improving outcomes in the fight against pancreatic cancer or Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org, leading the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementias through research, care, and advocacy.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church
591 Flint River Rd.
Jonesboro, GA

Graveside

JUN 4. 2:30 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carrel Clemmons*



Parrott Funeral Home - June 03, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JT

Very nice tribute, special memories to enjoy ! 🙏❤️👉
Your childhood friend forever, Joan

Joan Jones Thomas - June 04, 2025 at 09:13 AM

FC

Beautiful tribute of a life well lived. May the priceless memories bring each of you comfort, strength, and peace in your time of need.. 🙏❤️👉

frances Crawford - June 04, 2025 at 12:46 PM

KH

“ *My deepest condolences to the Clemmons' family. Mr. Carrel was a very kind-hearted man and always had a smile on his face. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



Karen Hill - June 04, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ To the Clemmons Family: I am so sorry to hear of Carrel’s passing. I remember meeting him several times over the years, starting with him picking up Jennifer when Mrs. Walker was babysitting Jennifer, Dana and Gerald. Carrel was a very gentle and quiet gentleman. We will miss him. Sorry I didn’t stay more in touch with you, Carol, and Carrel.
 Ella Gordon

Ella Gordon - June 03, 2025 at 05:52 PM



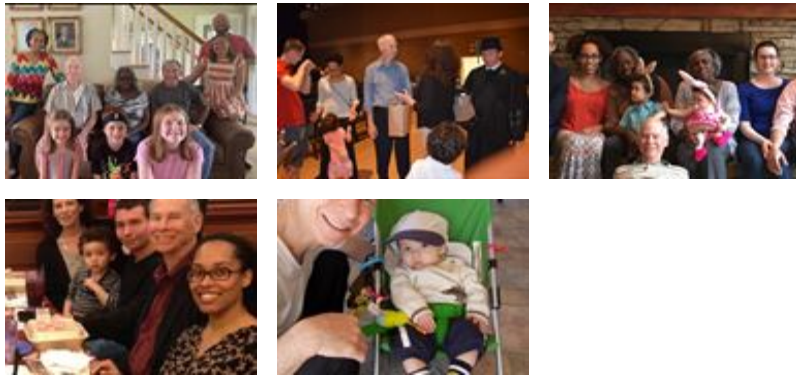
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carrel Clemmons.



June 03, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ 235 files added to the album LifeTributes



Parrott Funeral Home - June 03, 2025 at 09:36 AM

AC

“ Aaron and Shirley Crawford purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Carrel Clemmons.



Aaron and Shirley Crawford - June 03, 2025 at 09:01 AM

CK

“ Carl Kriigel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carrel Clemmons.



Carl Kriigel - May 31, 2025 at 09:06 AM

DJ

“ Dan and Pam Jackson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carrel Clemmons.



Dan and Pam Jackson - May 30, 2025 at 11:27 PM

SP

“ Our family extends sincere condolences and joins you in commemorating Carrel's life. Carrel was always friendly and kind when he greeted us on his walks through the neighborhood. Please accept our profound sympathy, enduring friendship, and steadfast support. We offer prayers for divine comfort and tranquility for your family during this period of mourning and reflection.

Shirley Porter - May 30, 2025 at 06:24 PM

TF

“ Todd Clemmons and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Carrel Clemmons.



Todd Clemmons and family - May 30, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carrel Clemmons.



May 29, 2025 at 11:27 PM

CA

“ My sincere condolences to Mrs. Carol and the Family. From The Aneke's

Chris Aneke - May 29, 2025 at 08:57 PM

KD

“ Sending our condolences and prayers during this difficult time to the family. Will miss seeing Carrel walking through the neighborhood with his hat and a smile :-)



Keith & Deneise Darden - May 29, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carrel Clemmons.*



May 29, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *My condolences and thoughts to his family, with all my heart. He was a beautiful human being, a great mentor and a very good friend in my life. I will miss him very much.*

Edgar Reyes - May 29, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *The most gentle man I have ever known. Your presence will be missed but your love and kindness will forever be present in all who have known you. ❤️pk*



Paulette "pk" Knor - May 29, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *We extend our deepest condolences to the Clemmons family. Carrel exemplified kindness in every way. May your cherished memories provide comfort during this challenging time. Clem and Debbie Smetana*



Debbie & Clem Smetana - May 29, 2025 at 01:01 PM

RP

“ (I apologize for misspelling Carrel's name.)

Robert Poole - May 28, 2025 at 08:37 PM

RP

“ *It is with fondness that I recall serving with Carell and Carol at the Army's crime laboratory. They were a powerhouse couple and their love for one another exuded a cheerfulness that belied their struggles. It is my prayer that Carell now rests peacefully in the arms of our Lord. I extend my deepest condolences to Carol and children.*

Bob Poole

Robert Poole - May 28, 2025 at 08:33 PM

VT

“ *Sorry for your loss! Prayers for the family!!*

Violet Tarry - May 28, 2025 at 05:17 PM