

Carson Clay Dykes Jr.

February 21, 1946 - June 11, 2021

Carson Clay Dykes Jr., age 75, passed peacefully from this life into eternity with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, June 11, 2021 at his home in Summertown, TN. He was surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Carson is survived by his beloved wife, Linda Dykes; his dear sons, Evan Dykes (Michelle) of Dayton, NV and Kevin Folds (Juliette) of Woodbury, TN; and his precious daughter, Traci Applegett (Todd) of Rockvale, TN; his treasured grandchildren, who called him Papa, Patrick Dykes, Brianna Berg and Tyler Berg, Devlin Folds and Lindan Folds, Ashley Parkerson (Jose Galvan), Andy Paison (Bobby), Brian Applegett (Taylor), Kellie Applegett, Jane Applegett, Victoria Satterfield, Hudson Applegett, Mollie Applegett, and Henry Applegett; his sister, Joanie Christl (John) of Iowa, his brother-in-law Randal Morgan (Glynda) and sister-in-law Sarah Hoben (Mike); he has 10 great grandchildren, 7 nieces, and 11 nephews that he loved dearly and many cousins that were near and dear to his heart.

Carson was born on February 21, 1946 in Porterville, CA to Carson Clay Dykes Sr. and Faye Dykes. He graduated from Porterville High School class of 1964. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1966, served in the Vietnam War and the Gulf War, and achieved a Bachelor of Science degree before retiring in 1992 as a decorated officer and Captain. While serving he was awarded the Rifle Expert Marksmanship Badge 2nd Award, Pistol Expert Marksmanship Badge 6th Award, National Defense Service Medal 2nd Award, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal 4th Award, Good Conduct

Medal 3rd Award, Navy Unit Commendation 2nd Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation 3rd Award, Combat Action Ribbon, Gallantry Cross with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civil Action Medal First Class Color with Palm, Letter of Performance, Meritorious Mast 3rd Award, Recruiter of the Month, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Letter of Appreciation 2nd Award, Navy Commendation Medal 2nd Award & Certificate of Appreciation. Carson was a devoted man of God. His love for the Lord and his faith in God deepened even more right up to his last breath. He was a member of the Baugus Church of God, pastored by Brother Kyle Conner. He was a loving husband, caring father, doting grandfather, and generous friend. He welcomed all who visited with open arms. Carson treasured the special visits from John, Robyn, Alyson, Derek, and Sarah; and Jori and Kaitlyn. He loved to drink coffee down at The Outpost at NACO with all his friends. He was a gifted storyteller and lived to tell of his adventures and share his life experiences. He loved to inspire young people to work hard to achieve their dreams and give encouragement and guidance for success to all the young people in his life. He loved to travel, play golf, and cook amazing food. He held the revered title of Chef Papa, when we traveled with family, for making the world's best tacos. He treasured our family get togethers, especially our yearly trips with 36 of us to Florida. He loved to teach his grandkids and kids in the neighborhood how to pitch a softball, how to wheel and deal when buying a car, and cultivated a love for classic muscle cars. He was an avid reader and loved to share good books he found with others. He loved going to car shows and visiting the Barrett Jackson Museum. Carson loved the Lord his God with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength; and he certainly loved his neighbor as himself. He poured out that love to his family and friends and desired to see all of us grow in our faith in Jesus Christ.

Visitation with the family will be held on Friday, June 18 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the McDonald Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 19 beginning at 1:00 PM at the McDonald Funeral Home with Kyle Conner officiating.

Burial Services will be held in his hometown of Porterville, California.

Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him:

I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Visitation

JUN 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

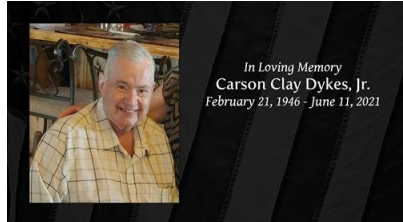
JUN 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Carson Clay Dykes Jr.*



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - October 25, 2021 at 10:29 AM

RD

Met Carson when we attended Warrant Officer Basic at Quantico in 1982. We wound up stationed at 29 Palms, CA. He was the Exchange Officer, I was a Maintenance Officer at the Self Propelled Artillery Battalion. We made a point to visit on a regular basis. Lost track of Carson for a number of years, caught up with him for dinner in Carson City NV in 91 on my way back to Camp Pedleton from a hunting trip to Utah, yeah I went way out of my way for that dinner. Lost track again, couldn't find him in NV. Just Goggeled him and found out my old friend was gone. My very best to his family. Semper Fi! Ralph Dawson Sends

Ralph Dawson - December 28, 2021 at 08:46 PM

JA

“ *One of the nicest people I have had the pleasure of meeting. And yes, Carson, it does d as now in Nevada.*

Jo Ashworth - October 12, 2021 at 10:57 PM

DK

“ *I met Carson when I was a kid when he would come out to the ranch with Charlie Shannon. He was always a very nice person.*

Donna Fowler Kelly - June 30, 2021 at 07:02 PM

RW

“ I served with Carson in HMM-161, in New River, NC and in Quang Tri, South Vietnam. Simply put, he was one of the most decent human beings I have ever met. Every memory of him is positive, even when we were in the worst of situations. Semper Fi.

Ronald Winter - June 29, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JB

“ I grew up with Carson, living a block away from each other. Had so much fun when we were young. Remember one occasion when young and dumb, everyone had a burn barrel, so what can go wrong? Found some of my dads 22 short, bullets, tossed them in barrel and stood about 20 feet away when they went off. Fortunately the holes appearing in side of barrel did not come our way. 😬😬. Was a great friend, even though we never saw much of each other after High School. RIP my friend and thank you for your service. 😞



Jack Brassfield - June 24, 2021 at 01:03 PM

LL

“ I had the privilege to work with Carson for several years when he worked at Meek’s Lumber in Carson City Nevada. He was a man of integrity and was a joy to be around. He would always whip us youngsters into shape. I as well loved to hear his stories. He had done so much in his lifetime. He was a proud marine. Talking with him it amazed me how we cross paths in the past. Carson was the recruiter at my hometown high school the same time I attended. He asked me were I hung out at at that time and I had told him I was probably in the smoking area where I didn’t belong ! He would laugh. I was scheduled to come to Tennessee to stay a week with my best friend of 48 years and we planned on seeing Carson on June 22nd. I’m heartbroken that I did not get to see my friend one last time. I spoke with him a week before his passing and he seemed excited I was coming to see him. It was an honor and a privilege to know him. Carson you will be deeply missed. Rest In Peace my friend.

Linda Lamb - June 19, 2021 at 12:46 PM

KS

“ Karen Souza lit a candle in memory of Carson Clay Dykes Jr.



Karen Souza - June 17, 2021 at 11:55 AM

LS

“ Carson never met a stranger, and always spoke well of others. I can't remember him being mad or saying a foul word. Growing up in the small town of Porterville, everybody knows everybody. I, and my family, always considered Carson and his family as a part of our family. My wife and I have known Carson for over 60 years, and have continued to stay in contact. He was always faithful to call or visit, asking how everyone was doing, talking about friends and growing up. Carson was a good Christian and served his country faithfully in the Marine Corp. Once again Carson, "Thank You For Your Service", and we will miss your visits and phone calls. Condolences to Linda, and family . Until we meet again. Sincerely, Larry and Janice Smothermon, Porterville, CA

Larry and Janice Smothermon - June 16, 2021 at 07:10 PM

MT

“ Michelle Terry lit a candle in memory of Carson Clay Dykes Jr.



Michelle Terry - June 15, 2021 at 01:17 PM

JS

“ I met Carson several times when Linda and Carson would take their long drive from their house in Tennessee to Carson City and visit people along the way. The last time I was with Linda and Carson we were at lunch at the Golden Dragon and Carson shook my hand like we were friends for many years. He would shake your hand like he was your best friend and like you were the only one in the room. I don't know if Linda knew that but it meant a lot. Thank you for treating me like I was your best friend. You will be missed. I hope to meet you again one day Carson and I get to shake your hand like you were the only one in the room.

John Schepperle - June 15, 2021 at 12:09 AM

LT

“ Linda Tonguett lit a candle in memory of Carson Clay Dykes Jr.



Linda Tonguett - June 14, 2021 at 11:10 PM

LT

“ Bro Carson was one of the best men to walk on earth. It was such a true blessing to know him. He always had an encouraging word for you no matter what he was going through. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family.

Linda Tonguett - June 14, 2021 at 11:09 PM