



## Rev. Carl Robinson

February 5, 1922 - September 21, 2012

Now and again a person will enter your into your life and leave an everlasting impression on your heart, Rev. Carl Wright Robinson was such a person. His ministry here on earth ended on Friday, September 21, 2012 and his new life began as he was escorted through the gates of heaven. Yet he will always live, because he will live in each of us.

He was born in Belfast Mills, Virginia and was the son of the late George Washington and Amanda Jane Jackson Robinson. Carl had attended Lebanon High School, King College and the University of Pittsburgh. He served his country during the WWII era in the Army Air Corps. He married the love of his life, Dorothy Elma Brown Robinson and together they shared 45 years of happiness. Throughout the years He was associated with several businesses such as Vernon's grocery, the Old Wardell Ham Store, Helton & Robinson Grocery, Middle Creek Mining, Robinson Superette, Richlands Tire Service (B.F. Goodrich) and Robinson Repair. Carl had lived in the Richlands area for over 60 years. Carl enjoyed fishing, beekeeping and had dedicated his lifetime to evangelizing. Above all else was his true calling, the ministry and he served as the pastor of Swords Creek Free Pentecostal Church, "The Block Church" for over 53 years and had performed 573 weddings and numerous funerals.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dorothy Elma Robinson; daughter, Bonnie Carol Robinson; Son-in-law Ronald VanDyke; Sisters, Mary Maxie Helton, Eula Virginia Taylor, Carrie Leora

Settle; Brothers, Clyde Wilson Robinson and James Edgar Robinson.  
Deceased In-laws, Archie Helton, Banner Taylor, Sanford Settle, Earmel Brown and Whitney Thatcher.

Those who remain to carry on his spirit are:

His daughters:

Mary Ruth VanDyke of Richlands, VA

Nancy Naomi Campbell and husband Lynn of Richlands, VA

Emily Carlene Altizer and husband Rev. Michael Altizer of Richlands, VA

Foster-daughter, Pauline Keen Reedy and husband James of Richlands, VA

Sister-in-laws, Doris Robinson, Ruth Short, Helen Thatcher and Eleanor Brown

He is also survived by 9 grandchildren, Vanessa Barker, Jackie VanDyke, Rhonda May, Christy Bunker, Teresa Conner, Kendra McVay, Katrina Harris, Stephen Altizer, Jessica Dye, Melinda Varney, Angela Davis and several great-grandchildren, niece, nephews and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services for Rev. Carl Wright Robinson will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, September, 25, 2012 at the Swords Creek Free Pentecostal Church "The Block Church" in Swords Creek, Virginia. Officiating will be Rev. Ancil Childress, Rev. Steve Perkins, Rev. Mike Altizer, Rev. Jim Richardson, and Bro. Lynn Campbell. Interment will follow at the Greenhills Memory gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Grandsons and Nephews will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Donnie Smith, Cheyenne Harris, Bob Nassif, Arnold Short, Doug Northern, John Reedy, Bob McFarlane, Luther Stinette and men of The Block Church

Friends may call beginning at 6:00 pm on Monday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. A one hour visitation will be held at the church prior to the funeral service on Tuesday. Special Thanks to Mayfair Assisted Living and Helping Hands Hospice. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of the arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Carl Robinson*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



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January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *He was my 1st pastor. He was truly a great man of God and now he is finally at home with his God that he served for so long to get his reward. He will greatly missed by many people. May our God show you his love and comfort at this time.*

**Cathy (Whited) Cordle** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May the Lord wrap you in His arms and comfort you. We love you!*

**John & Becky Mullins** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I cant find the words to say how saddened I am of Rev. Carls passing.  
I have never had the pleasure of meeting anyone as wonderful as Carl. I loved him as I know he did all of us at KFC. I am trying to be strong as I know he would want us to be. He has gone home and I am so happy for that comfort. We know where he went. We have lost a saint and HEAVEN has gained an ANGEL. I will always remember his great smile and generous nature. My prayers are with all of his friends and especially his family. GOD will help you and give you all strength as he will me to accept his passing. GOD BLESS.  
Claudette Arms ( Blondie to Carl)

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**Eddie & Lora Shelton** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Carlene, so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family. I read something very comforting today...if we keep our heart full of Christs' love, & the holy spirit, there isn't any room for sadness, pain, discontent, or strife. I pray you will find comfort for your aching heart in Christ Jesus.  
Minnie

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**Minnie Phipps/Lakey** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ To the family of Rev. Carl,  
May God Bless, keep, and comfort you until you meet again! God blessed him to show us the way for many years and we must be steadfast in following his teachings!  
the children of the late Carson and May Ferrell Vencill  
Ralph Vencille, Marie Vencill Wyrick Jones, Helen Vencill Custalow,  
Jerry Vencill

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**Helen Vencill Custalow** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I only knew Papaw for a few years but had a great deal of respect for him. His dedication to his family was instantly apparent. I am honored to have know him and to have been part of his family.

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**Wade Barker** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ He always introduced me as his oldest granddaughter, a title I've proudly held. Life wasn't the same after losing his oldest daughter, my sweet mom less than 2 years ago. Now he's with her, Mamaw Robinson and all those welcoming him through the gates of Heaven.

Words can't express what a good man he is and the inspirstion he had in my life.

With all my love, respect, and honor to you, Papaw,

Love,  
Vanessa

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**Vanessa VanDyke Barker** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ He was the most amazing man I ever knew and I know he is rejoicing in heaven right now, something he's been waiting for a long time. I remember all the great times I had with him and the memories we shared he was truly perfect. I love you papaw! I know now you are happy.

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**Ally Ashman** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Bro Carl will be sorely missed by every Christian brother and sister. He was the first pastor to ever let me preach in their church. He was an humble faithful man of God. Great will be his reward. We will lift the family up in prayer. God bless Bro Carl with that Crown of Life.  
Monte & Judy Elswick

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**Monte Elswick** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ My Father in the gospel, I loved him dearly. He will be missed!!!!

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**Rev. Tim Tolliver** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Family, We are sorry to learn of Carl's passing. We let Lola look at it in the paper. I highlighted the names so she could pick those out. She cannot talk, but she mumbled and nodded her head. She understands, but has lost her ability to show emotion. She had no outward reaction to Ruby or Bobby's passing. We speak for Lola in saying that we so appreciate the good neighbors your family was to the whole Sparks family and especially to Lola all those years. We are grateful for knowing Carl and your family.

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**Lola Sparks, Jim Sparks and Pinky** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ We grew up with admiration and respect for Carl and he and our father were always close friends-Ms."Mandy-Jane our first Sunday school teacher-The area has lost a remarkable person and a true servant of God.To the family we offer heartfelt sympathies.

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**Barbara Taylor Pauley** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Iremember the times I called him when I needed help. I knew he would go to the throne room of GOD on my behalf.I will miss you very much.DANNYArjcRp

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**Danny Horton** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Im so sorry for your lost but we know he's in a much better place. if anything we can do please let us know.  
We love you.

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**rita&dennismusick** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Bro Robinson has made it home where he is waiting for all of his family and friends. To all the family and church members our deepest sympathy and prayers are going up for you. Many great and happy memories that will carry you all through the lonely days ahead. Heaven's Sounding Sweeter all the time. Let's all stay ready and it won't be long and we will be reunited once again with all of our loved ones that have made it to their heavenly home. May God Bless You All.

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**Rev & Mrs Bruce Mitchell** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed.

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**Mary Lou Rasnake** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Papa Robbie will be missed. He was a wonderful Grandfather, but more importantly, he was a friend too!  
He showed great pride when he talked about God, his country, and his family. He was the kind of person who put others needs before his own.*

*Our lives will not be the same without you!*

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**Jessica Dye** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *To: Carl's Family, We're so sorry, but we all know Heaven is much sweeter today. He's right there with all our loved ones, including my dear mother, Bertha Martin, Abingdon, VA. Orpha Ann and I extend our deepest condolences to each of you. May God continue to Bless you and comfort your hearts.*

*Love to All,  
Barb & Orpha*

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**Barb Martin Stewart** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Preacher Robinson was one of the finest ministers in Russel, Tazewell, Buchanan area there could be. I remember him from the time we were little coming to see our Grandparents. He will be missed but he earned his eternal home with grace. May God hold each of you in His arms to comfort you.*

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**Jimmie & Mary Keen** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *THANK YOU, REV. ROBINSON, FOR SERVING OUR GOD AND OUR COUNTRY. AT EASE, SOLDIER, REST IN PEACE.*

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**Grace Justice** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Weeping may endure for the night but joy comes in the morning. I am so blessed to have have had brother Robinson shape and mold my life in Christ as a child and young man. He touched my life in more ways than i could ever tell. I loved him with all my heart and the family as well. Just know that i will be thinking of ya'll during this time and praying for everyone as well. Love from texas, Marcus

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**Marcus VanDyke** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ You all are in our prayers. With deepest sympathy.  
Luther & Betty  
Sorry I am unable to be there. Luther

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**Luther Stinnett** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Vanessa and Family:

*Just a note to say how sorry I was to hear of grandfather's passing. Please remember his memories as life continues to move on for you and the family.*

*You will be in my prayers each day. May God continue to be in your life each day.*

*Margie Snell*

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**Margie Snell** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ To my dear friend Vanessa and the family of Rev. Robinson,

*Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your grandfather (Paw Paw). I know that you all miss him very much. I also know that you will find great comfort in knowing that he is now with his Father in the Kingdom of Glory. Knowing you, Vanessa, and hearing stories about your Paw Paw has helped me to understand what a wonderful family you come from. I feel very blessed to know you and call you my friend.*

*Best regards,  
Diana*

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**Diana Vandenberg** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Girls, I was saddened to hear of your Dad's passing, he was such a special man. I will always remember his and your sweet mothers kindness extended to me while growing up on South Center Street, all the rides to and from school, weenie roasts, but most of all he instilled the need to have a personal relationship with God in those tender young years of my life which have carried me through thus far in my journey, thank you Bro. Carl! Keeping all of you in my prayers that  
God will comfort your hearts now and in the days ahead.*

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**Judy Peak VanDyke** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *A wonderful man of God.He will be missed.prayers for his family .*

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**Lynn Mitchell** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Carl and his family were always there for everyone. I havent seen him for many years but my prayers and sympathy are with the family

betty horton whited - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We want to tell the family that we love all of you and that we were very sorry to hear about your loss. Bro. Carl was a wonderful man and it was a pleasure to have known him. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you and give you all love, comfort, peace and strength during your time of mourning. May God Bless all of you!

Angela Crawford - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our deepest prayers are with the family. But we rejoious for brother Carl,for we know he is with his loved ones that have gone on, and that he is with the lord. Love Buddy & Carol

Buddy&Carol May - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS HE WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON WHOM I LOVED VERY MUCH,,HE WILL BE MISSED SO SORRY I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICES,,,,,,I LOVE ALL YOU GIRLS YOU ALL ARE LIKE FAMILY TO ME.

christine gross - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM