



Dr. Carl David Waddle

September 25, 1938 - December 26, 2021

Dr. Carl David Waddle passed away in Fresno on December 26, 2021, at the age of 83. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie Lee Simpson Waddle, his parents Everett Austin Waddle, and Pencie Evelyn Hefner Waddle of Farmersville, and his brothers Duain Waddle and Johnny Waddle. Carl was born September 25, 1938, in rural Clinton, Arkansas. After moving to California in 1953 he attended Exeter Union High School (class of 1955). At the age of 17 Carl worked at Sprague Electric in Visalia where he helped design and build the electrical system for the first American Satellite, his name is carved in a junction box and will forever remain in space. He attended College of the Sequoias in Visalia for a brief time. He then enlisted in the Navy in 1956 where he served as an electronics technician based out of Treasure Island, California before being deployed on the USS Charles R. Ware, a Gearing-class destroyer. During his time at sea, he corresponded with his high school sweetheart, Dixie Lee Simpson, who was finishing her college education at the time. The two married after his completion of military service, and her graduation from Fresno State University in 1960. After they married, Dixie began teaching elementary school, and Carl completed his undergraduate work at San Jose State University (class of 1964). He followed his undergrad work with a Master's degree in Linguistics from San Jose State University (class of 1965). Carl started working as an assistant professor at Fresno City College that same year. He completed two PHD's at the Jaime Balmes University in Guadalajara Mexico, one in Philosophy the other in

Spanish Linguistics (class of 1971). For 50 years, Carl was a beloved educator and Dean of Humanities at Fresno City College. His passion for linguistics and helping his students and faculty served him and others well. He was a published author and a true renaissance man, but his heart was always in education. He also graduated from the Nursing program at Fresno City College in 2000 and became a registered nurse. He used his knowledge and skills to help build the Fresno City College Nursing program into what it is today as well as donating his time to the health and wellbeing of diabetics in the Mexican American community. He fostered and understood the positive impact thousands of students would have on the world at large for years to come. He is survived by 6 nephews and 4 nieces, and 3 God children. He looked forward to rejoining Dixie, his wife and high school sweetheart. He said in her obituary "I will cherish our memory and anticipate, by God's Grace, our joyful reunion". Carl was a communicant at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Fresno. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at St. George Greek Orthodox, 2219 N Orchard St, Fresno at 10:00am. Graveside Services will follow immediately after the funeral at Mt View Cemetery, 1411 W Belmont Ave, Fresno at 11:30 am. A live stream may be seen at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgegreekorthodoxchurch/>

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

1411 W Belmont Ave
Fresno, CA 93728
(559) 233-3327

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
2219 N. Orchard Street
Fresno, CA 93703
<http://www.stgeorgefresno.org/>

Graveside Service

JAN 12. 11:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Carl David Waddle*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Dr. Carl David Waddle.*



January 09, 2022 at 12:14 PM

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“ ONE OF MY BEST MEMORIES I HAVE ARE THE FRIDAY BEFORE HE PASS ME AND MY GRANDAUGTHER ZAYAH WENT BYE TO SEE CARL I CAME THAT THURSDAY AND THEN I CAME THE NEXT DAY WITH ZAYAH AND ZAYAH JUST LAID ON HIS CHEST AND SAID SHE WAS NEVER LEAVING CARL JUST LAUGH AND HUGGED HER BACK TELL HER THAT HE LOVE ❤️ HER SO MUCH AND DO GOOD IN SCHOOL WHEN I CAME BYE ON FRIDAY TO BRING HIS XMAS GIFT ZAYAH HAD PICKED OUT SOME SPONG BOB PJ ❤️ HE KEPT TELLING ME THAT HE ❤️ LOVED ME AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LOVE I SHARE FOR HIM I WILL MISS CALLING HIM TALKING FOR HOURS SITTING OUT SIDE WATCHING DIXIE RUNNING AROUND THE TREES I KNOW HE WAS TIRED AND I KNOW HE MISS DIXIE ❤️ IN MY ❤️ HE IS AT PEACE NO MORE PAIN I KNOW WHERE HE IS GOING GOOD FAITHFUL SERVANT LOVE YOU ❤️ CARL TO CARL FAMILY HE LOVED EVERYONE SO MUCH BRAIN MIKE I KNOW IT WAS HARD AT TIME TO FIX HIS PHONE BUT I LOVE THE PATIENCE THAT YOU BOTH HAD TRYING TO DO THE THINGS FOR HIM LIVING SO FAR AWAY HE ❤️ LOVE YOU SO MUCH I SCEEN THE LOVE YOU BOTH HAD FOR HIM THANK YOU BOTH FOR LETTING ME ON THIS JOURNEY ❤️ FOR CARL 🙏 RIP

Claudette Johnson - January 08, 2022 at 05:55 PM