

Dr. Jerry D. Carroll

January 2, 1940 - October 29, 2010

Jerry Dale Carroll, devout family man, visionary community leader and President of OSU-Oklahoma City, passed away Oct. 29, 2010, at Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City. He had an optimistic attitude about life and throughout his 16-month battle with cancer and encouraged friends and co-workers to move "onward and upward!" Jerry was born Jan. 2, 1940, in Prairie Grove, AR to Ray and Irene Carroll. He graduated from Muskogee High School in 1958; he attended Connors State College, Warner, Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tahlequah and earned his Bachelor of Arts and his Masters of Counseling. Always an advocate of life-long learning, he graduated from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, with his Doctorate of Education.

He married Janice Hays in Tulsa on February 9, 1973. He began his four-decade journey towards excellence in higher education at Tulsa Junior College. He served in a number of positions—Director of Counseling, Director of Admissions, Dean of Student Personnel Services, Dean of Instruction and 1990-1992 as provost of the Metro Campus. Dr. Carroll served as President of Northeastern A&M College in Miami, OK, from 1992 to 1997. There he instituted new systems of financial management, increased enrollment, built the endowment and guided the school through a successful North Central Association Accreditation.

Dr. Carroll was named provost of the OSU-Oklahoma City in 1997, and was later named President. He was the third provost and the first president of OSU-OKC in its 49 year history. He described his own leadership style as “management by walking around”- as he believed one of his most important duties was to listen, talk to others, and seek input. He could be seen strolling throughout campus, chatting with students, giving directions and advice to parents, and interacting with faculty and staff. Through his ability to match the needs of employers with educational programs for students, he grew enrollment from 4,000 to 8,000 in his 13 year tenure at OSU-OKC. He was also responsible for the institution offering its first four-year bachelor degree in 2007.

Dr Carroll served on numerous boards including civic clubs, business committees, honor societies and private organizations, and was a past member of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and a member of the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City. He was a member of First Christian Church, Crescent, OK. In 2008 he served as chair of the annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s Walk for a Cure which was held on the OSU-OKC campus from 2008-2010 and raised thousands of dollars for JDRF.

He is preceded in death by his mother Irene Ross, and his father Ray Carroll.

Survivors include his wife Jan of the home; son Justen Carroll and wife Jennifer; daughter Jayme Hendrix and husband Dustin; granddaughters Madelyn and Morgan Carroll and Hannah Hendrix; sister Barbara Lenius and husband Will; brother Donald Carroll and wife Sharol; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to thank Dr. Brian Geister and the staff at Integris Cancer Institute of Oklahoma, Oklahoma County Hospice, Cancer Care

Associates at Mercy and all those involved in Dr. Carroll's care for the past 16 months.

Dr. Carroll's family will receive friends Tuesday evening, November 2, 2010 from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at the Hahn- Cook/Street & Draper Funeral Directors, 6600 Broadway Extension, Oklahoma City.

A Committal Service will be held 10:00 A.M. Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the Tahlequah City Cemetery, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

A Celebration of Dr. Carroll's Life will be held in Tulsa at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the Dean VanTrease Performing Arts Center for Education on the Tulsa Community College Southeast Campus.

A Celebration of Dr. Carroll's Life will be held in Oklahoma City at 1:00 P.M. Friday, November 5, 2010 at the Church of the Servant, 14343 N. MacArthur Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Jerry D. Carroll Scholarship Fund at Northeastern A&M College, Tulsa Community College or OSU-Oklahoma City, in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home, 303 E. Seventh Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447. 918.756.1677
Online condolences may be sent at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Dean VanTrease Performing Arts Center for Education
10300 E. 81st Street
Tulsa, OK

Service

NOV 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Church of the Servant
14343 N. MacArthur Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Jerry D. Carroll*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Hi Jan! We just find out about your husband today - has pass on.*

Please know that God's love surrounds you at your time of pain, as does ours, If we can help, please know that we are here for you.

Cousin, Jacksonville, FL 32244

*PJ, Flo and family###imported-begin###P J & Flo
Trantham###imported-end###*

November 27, 2010 at 01:23 AM



“ *Jerry will be missed very much. I enjoyed seeing Jerry every month at the board meetings. What I liked best was actually getting to know Jerry outside the office and playing golf with him. That is when I found Jerry was quite the pranster and not near as serious about life as he appeared in the board meetings. Never forget that left handed slice that man had. You had to make sure you were standing in a safe place on the tee box because sometime you didn't know where that drive could end up!###imported-begin###Dan Bowling, TTCU###imported-end###*

November 04, 2010 at 05:12 PM



“ Dr. Carroll will be missed by many, especially here on the campus at OSU-OKC. My prayers go out to the Carroll family during this time.##imported-begin##Kristi Pendleton##imported-end##

November 04, 2010 at 11:50 AM



“ You and your family are in our prayers and our thoughts. May God be of great comfort to you and your family as you grieve for Jerry.##imported-begin##Eldon and Polly Stone##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 11:52 PM



“ Our prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Christina Lai and Missa Medina##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 09:53 PM



“ Jan, Justen and Jayme,
Donna and I were very sad to hear of Jerry's passing. He put up a great fight. Our heart, thoughts and prayers go out to you. It was a great honor and privilege to work with him at NEO. He was an outstanding educator, leader and an even better person and friend. We will always have fond memories of our time together. I will especially remember the great times we had working our bird dogs and quail hunting around Miami. He will be missed....."Once a Norseman Always a Norseman"...May God Bless You!!! Dale and Donna Patterson##imported-begin##Dale and Donna Patterson##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 03:44 PM



“ *Jan, my heart goes out for you.*
Tom##imported-begin##Tom Hill##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ *I was so very sorry and shocked to see that Jerry had passed away. I spoke with him not very long ago and he acted like he was doing fine. He was such a wonderful man, so kind, gentle and caring. He loved his family and he loved his OSU-OKC. He was so very proud of the school and the accomplishments. The first time I went there to meet Jerry he took me on a tour and you could just see how proud he was. I am so very sorry for your loss, he will be missed by so many but obviously your loss is not even measurable. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you. Rita Mullins##imported-begin##Rita Mullins##imported-end##*

November 02, 2010 at 09:05 PM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Jerry. May your memories be a comfort to you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Alvin and Glenda Mackey##imported-end##*

November 02, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ Dr. Carroll loved his work and he never missed an opportunity to brag on OSU-Oklahoma City and all that has been accomplished throughout the years. He had an easy-going personality and a great sense of humor. It was a pleasure to work with him. We will miss him so much, but his legacy will endure.##imported-begin##Laura Hare##imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 04:39 PM



“ Carroll Family,
Jerry was one of the most endearing and upstanding individuals that I've ever known. His heart was always empathetic to others, and he made a positive impact on so many. I'm a better person having known him. Jan, much love to you!
Rhonda Hooper##imported-begin##Rhonda Hooper##imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 04:13 PM



“ Dr. Carroll had a friendly face and kind smile. He really cared about OSU-OKC and the students. I am saddened that he was called home, but content to know his suffering has ended. My prayers are with his family and friends.##imported-begin##Stormey Akbari##imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 02:33 PM



“ Dr. Carroll was admired, respected, and held in the highest regard by those who knew him. He certainly made a positive influence on many, many, lives. His presence will be greatly missed here at TTCU. Our prayers now continue for his family. Cathy Johnson###imported-begin###Cathy Johnson###imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 12:16 PM



“ God bless Bob and Sue###imported-begin###Bob and Sue Powers###imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 11:12 AM



“ On behalf of the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges please accept our condolences at the passing of Dr. Jerry Carroll. Dr. Carroll was a visionary leader in Higher Education in Oklahoma and will be deeply missed. While we mourn his passing we are also mindful of his tremendous accomplishments at OSU-OKC, NEO A&M, and Tulsa Community College. We were blessed to have known him and recognize his legacy will live on in the lives of countless students whose lives have and will be changed by the power of his dreams and ideals. God Bless!###imported-begin###Gary Davidson###imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 10:07 AM



“ Dr. arol was a fine person. He will be missed.###imported-begin###david scott###imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 10:41 PM



“ Family and friends of Jerry, I have known and worked with Jerry since about 1973. I first worked with him in working with veterans and then he hired me in 1997 at OSUOKC to serve as the VP of Student Services. I have fond memories of Jerry and know without a doubt that he made a difference in students' lives. We always knew that he was committed to students and their success. Jerry was a caring person who had outstanding ability to develop rapport with people from all walks of life. I know he shall be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with both his family and his work family.##imported-begin##Pam Davenport##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 07:48 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Jan and to other family members during this very difficult time. Jerry was not only a respected educator, but a great person as well. He was always considerate of others, even when his health began to fail. He will truly be missed by all.##imported-begin##Jack and Mollie Pontious##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 06:25 PM



“ Dr. Carroll will be greatly missed on this campus OSU-Oklahoma City. It was a pleasure to work for him. I pray that God gives Jan, Jamie, and Justen comfort and peace during this time.##imported-begin##Trisha Turner##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 04:52 PM



“ Our prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Paula Blair##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 04:25 PM



“ Dr. Carroll will be greatly missed. He was a passionate about his leadership and was an incredible example of perseverance and a positive attitude. - Cindy Linfoot Swift###imported-begin##Cindy Linfoot Swift###imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 03:11 PM



“ Jerry was a wonderful leader and dedicated servant of the students he served. His leadership and passion FOR osu-okc will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.###imported-begin##Tim and Kathleen O'Toole###imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 02:06 PM



“ I worked with Dr. Carroll as his Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1997 through 2001. I found him to be an advocate for faculty and their organizations.

I last saw Jerry at the Integris Cancer Center in early August. He said "he wished for the good ole days."

I wish sympathy to his wifeCAWL Jan and family who he loved so dearly.

Brenda Harrison, Ed.D###imported-begin##Dr. Brenda Harrison###imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 01:48 PM



“ *Dr. Carroll was a successful man. He knew what was important and led his life in accordance with that knowledge. He went out of his way to help people. I will miss him.*

Chuck Reed###imported-begin##Chuck Reed###imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 12:56 PM



“ *He was an awesome person, friend and educator. How deeply he will be missed in the world he tried to make a better place to live. We loved him much and are hearts are sadden by his loss. We will miss his smile and kindness. God Bless you Jan, Justen and Jayme.*

Dennis, Georgia and Dustin Steele###imported-begin##Dennis & Georgia & Dustin Steele###imported-end##

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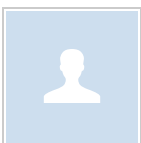


“ *Many great memories of great times spent at TJC in the 70's with Jerry and his memorable cronies; Cagle, Suttty, and the gang. So many stories, so many wonderful memories.*

The world is a poorer place today with his absence.

RIP Jerry.###imported-begin##Jerry Barker###imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the family.###imported-begin##Brian Collums###imported-end##*

November 01, 2010 at 12:13 PM



“ I am assistant professor in Interpreter Training Program at OSU-OKC .. I will miss him around in OSU OKC campus. I will be praying for his family.##imported-begin##Gary Davis##imported-end##

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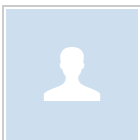
“ I had the privilege of working with Dr. Carroll for nearly four years. He always took time to ask about my family. Once we drove to Goodwell to Oklahoma Panhandle State University for a board meeting and for HOURS there and back we discussed tractors, grain drills, quail population, cattle market, hunting dogs, our philosophy on growing Bermuda grass, and all things good about growing up in the country! It was one of my favorite memories of him!##imported-begin##Evelyn Bollenbach##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 11:35 AM



“ The passing of Dr. Carroll is a very sad event for so many of us who worked with him and knew him as both friend and boss. Dr. Carroll was my boss for 12 years and I learned many things from him. The main thing being kindness and caring. He was definitely a very special man. I offer my condolences and prayers to his family. Jerry Brooks##imported-begin##Jerry Brooks##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 10:00 AM



“ Jerry and I worked pipeline together and attended Northeastern University at the same time. Please accept my condolences. He was a great friend.##imported-begin##Jim W. and Betty McGee##imported-end##

October 30, 2010 at 08:40 PM



“ Dear Jan,

Our hearts go out to you and your family. Jerry was a dear friend and we shall miss him greatly! He was also one of the most highly respected educators in the State of Oklahoma and a role model for every school teacher, professor and administrator whether it be higher education or common education in our state. His passing is a great loss to all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*Clark & Phyllis Ogilvie##imported-begin##Clark & Phyllis
Ogilvie##imported-end##*

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