



# Robert Lee Carey

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**R**obert Lee Carey, age 82, of Bridgeville, DE, formerly of Newark, DE, passed away on Friday, November 29, 2013, at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, Seaford, DE. Mr. Carey was born in Bridgeville, on August 25, 1931, son of the late Lee and Margaret (Tull) Carey.

Mr. Carey graduated from Bridgeville High School in 1949 and continued on to the University of Delaware where he obtained his degree in Agricultural Economics in 1953. Throughout his studies at U of D, Mr. Carey served in the ROTC and Army National Guard and would be called to active duty shortly after graduation. Mr. Carey would serve for four years with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict before returning Army Reserve status. Mr. Carey would utilize the GI BILL to further his education and earn an additional degree (Masters in Business) from the University of Delaware. After 38 years of dedicated military service, Mr. Carey would retire from the Army Reserves with the rank of Colonel in 1991.

Mr. Carey's spent a lifelong career with the Produce Marketing Association in Newark, DE where he retired as President with over 38 years of dedicated service to the Association in 1996. Mr. Carey was an active board member of the ASAE (American Society of Association Executives) and was past President and actively involved in his school fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau.

In his free time, Mr. Carey enjoyed playing golf, reading, spending time with family, and rooting for his favorite sports' teams; The Phillies, Eagles, and Blue Hens. He was described by his loved ones as friendly and outgoing, who found happiness through making others feel better. Mr. Carey was a loving father who made a positive impression on everyone else around him with his friendly demeanor and infectious sense of humor.

Mr. Carey is survived by his two sons: Bob Carey and his wife Cristina of Bridgeville, DE, and Tom Carey and his wife Marian also from Bridgeville; his daughter, Gayle C. Budd and her husband Tom of Sewell, NJ; his sister, Betty Ann Hardesty and her husband Sonny of Bridgeville, DE; his seven grandchildren: Jennifer Budd and her husband Adam Fulginiti, Sarah Carey,



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Nathan Carey, Daniel Carey, Meredith Carey, Erin Carey, and Rachel Carey; his one nephew, Clifton Hardesty and his wife Wendy; and his one niece, Laura Lee Mitchell and her husband Jim.

Memorial Services will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 11:00 am at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE, where friends may visit one hour prior to services. Interment will be private.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Mr. Carey's name to the Delmarva Teen Challenge, P.O. Box 1271, Seaford, DE 19973

Please sign Mr. Carey's online guestbook on this page.

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## Tribute Wall

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JA

**James** posted:

I am sorry to hear about Robert's passing. It is never easy to deal with the death of a loved one no matter the circumstances. May the God of Comfort give his loved ones the strength to endure this difficult time period until the time when we won't have to deal with death anymore (2 Corinthians 1:3; Revelation 21:4).

December 2 at 8:00 PM

JM

**John And Nan Martin** posted:

Nan and I have been close friends with Bob for fifty three years. He is certainly going to be missed John Nan Martin

December 2 at 8:00 PM

HW

**Harry Willey** posted:

Although I did not have the pleasure of knowing Mr Carey, I know he must have been a very good man, judging from his sons and sister.

December 2 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Julie Stewart** posted:

I was honored to know Bob Carey. I knew him first as the "big boss" at PMA where I worked for several years, and then as a friend who helped my children and me through some tough times. He was a kind, smart, and compassionate man with a wonderful sense of humor (and rhythm!). He will be missed, but leaves behind wonderful memories. Rest in peace, dear friend.

December 1 at 8:00 PM

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CT

**Chuck And Annette Tryon** posted:

Bob was very dear to us through the years with PMA and everlasting. We will miss his friendship so much.

December 1 at 8:00 PM

CB

**Cathy And Tom Bell** posted:

Gayle,Bobby, Tommy and families,We are so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have wonderful memories from Gayle and our High School days. We are in Michigan now and are sorry that we can't get back for the service. Our prayers will be with all of you at this difficult time.Love,Cathy and Tom

December 1 at 8:00 PM

LO

**Loretta** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Bob was a kind, funny and considerate man.Loretta

December 1 at 8:00 PM

JM

**John And Nan Msrtin** posted:

We both stayed active with Bob to the lasts Plea Please accept our donation to Salk Institute in his name.

December 1 at 8:00 PM

BD

**Bob Dipiazza** posted:

Carey Family, please accept my sincere sympathy. Bob Carey was a kind,thoughtful man that had a wonderful influence on my career. We became friends thru the PMA, and Bob will be missed and remembered by me and countless others who he helped to develop over the years.

December 1 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Jack Hassman** posted:

Tom and family: May God comfort you and your family in this time of sorrow. My family is thinking of you and yours and we will say a prayer for your father.

December 1 at 8:00 PM



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CS

**Charles & Sally Stayton** posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy. We met Bon in Naples, FL, 15 years ago. What a positive impact he had on our lives! We ate, laughed and cried together. We will miss you, Bob. Rest in peace.

December 1 at 8:00 PM

BO

**Bruce Obbink** posted:

I am certain Bob is at rest. He certainly put on a great battle during the past few years. My association with Bob was part of my wonderful life working with him at PMA. He was truly a wonderful person. May he rest in peace

November 30 at 8:00 PM

HG

**Hannah And Bill Gardner** posted:

I was proud to know him and worked with him for 8 years before he retired. He and I danced and he was pretty good at jitterbug! His children should be happy to have such a great person in their lives. God Bless him. Hannah

November 30 at 8:00 PM

BS

**Bryan Silbermann** posted:

The Produce Marketing Association family -- staff and members worldwide -- are deeply saddened today to learn of Bob Carey's passing. Bob was a wonderful man who took an idea, nurtured it through deep humility and lifelong commitment, and in the course of 38 years turned it into a worldwide association dedicated to feeding people everywhere the healthiest food imaginable. Bob was a mentor, leader, partner and friend to so many people on every continent -- not bad for a boy from Bridgeville, I'm sure he would say! His legacy can be seen in so much PMA does in 40 countries and in thousands of businesses for whom supplying fresh fruits and vegetables is a daily pursuit done with the same passion Bob showed for life. Go in peace dear friend.

November 29 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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