

Remembering Our Bishop Nation

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Frank Carter Spencer III, age 67, passed away on August 23, 2021 at his residence. He spent much of his life traveling and living all over the world. He acquired 126 passport stamps and visited approximately 150 countries. He attended North Carolina Wesleyan College in the Fall of 1972. He earned his MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and later became a Certified Public Accountant. He worked for companies both inside and outside of the United States, but finished his career with the Petersburg, Virginia Public School administration. He is survived by one niece, one nephew and three cousins.



William Dale Smith '98, age 65, of Durham, NC passed away on August 30, 2021. Bill was the eldest child in a career military family. He attended The College of Charleston for 3 years. In 1978 he enlisted in the US Air Force. During his last year in service, he participated in the USAF Tops in Blue talent competition, winning the worldwide title in 1982. Upon leaving the USAF, he started a career as a Network Traffic Controller and Engineer at MCI. His career took him to North Carolina where he made a commitment to return to college and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Business Administration in 1998 through the Adult and Professional Studies Program at North Carolina Wesleyan College. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son-in-law, son, brother, sister, three grandchildren and two nephews.



Louis Elias Carreras '89, age 75, of Pikeville, NC passed away Friday, September 3, 2021 at his home. "Lou" was well known for his dedication to employer, Cogdell Cycle Center in Goldsboro for many years before making a career change where he became a college instructor. He spent his remaining working years as a well respected and beloved instructor at Wayne Community College, Lenoir Community College and North Carolina Wesleyan College. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree through the Adult and Professional Studies Program at North Carolina Wesleyan College in 1989. He is survived by one daughter and her mother, one brother, one sister and her husband, one granddaughter and her husband and two great-grandchildren.



Terrell Manquell Hagans '03, age 44, transitioned from this earthly life into eternal rest on Monday, September 20, 2021. He was a member of Word Tabernacle Church in Tarboro, NC. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems in 2003 through the Adult and Professional Studies Program at North Carolina Wesleyan College. He was also a graduate of the University of Phoenix. He is survived by his wife, father and stepmother, mother and stepfather, maternal grandmother, paternal grandmother, one brother, two sisters and a host of other loving relatives and friends.



William Alexander Ritch '83, age 62, passed away Saturday, October 23, 2021. Bill played football and swam competitively through high school and held the NC record for breaststroke for many years. In addition, Bill was a dedicated Boy Scout and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He attended East Carolina University and graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Bill was an ECU Pirate through and through and was one of the founders of the Beta Theta Pi chapter at ECU. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, his father, two sisters, and nieces and nephews.



Joshua Lane Horne '06, so affectionately known as "Josh", age 38, passed away unexpectedly Friday, October 29, 2021. He was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Josh spent his time working at his second home that he loved, Pinehurst Resort Caddie Program in Pinehurst, where he was a veteran caddie for 14 years. He is survived by his mother, two brothers and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



Lt. Col. Donald "Don" Taylor Everett '65, age 79, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Don graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College in 1965 with a degree in history. After graduation he joined the United States Army. He was assigned to South Vietnam and the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry in 1967. He was discharged from the US Army in 1968. Don was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star for Valor. In 1976, Don joined the NC National Guard. He retired from the NC National Guard in 1997, with 21 years of service. Don was Southeastern Sales Manager for Fluke Corporation until his retirement in 2000. He is survived by his two daughters, two sons-in-law, two granddaughters, one brother, one niece and his beloved companion of 30 years.



Herbert Yancey Washington '85, age 71, passed away peacefully at Duke University Medical Center with family at his side on Monday, November 8, 2021. He graduated from Vance Granville Community College with an Associate of Arts degree and went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from North Carolina Wesleyan College in 1985. He also earned his Master's degree in Business Administration from Campbell University while working as a commercial loan officer for Centura Bank. Completion of his MBA brought Herbert to Vance Granville Community College to work in the Student Services Department as an Academic Advisor. He is survived by his wife, brother and sister-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law and his wife, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.



David Hampton Blackwood, age 74, peacefully went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, after a courageous year and a half battle with ALS. He attended North Carolina Wesleyan College from 1965-1967. In June of 1968, David married his high school sweetheart. A year after, he and his wife answered the Lord's call to serve as missionaries in Japan for a 2-year term. David's genuine care for others and unselfish desire to serve led him into a successful, lifelong career in sales, selling data services in the newspaper industry with the Chicago Tribune Company. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, two daughters, two sons-in-law, six grandchildren and one sister.



Ruth Nowell Oliver '69, age 74, from New Bern, NC died on November 11, 2021. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1969 majoring in Mathematics and minoring in French at North Carolina Wesleyan College. She met her husband of 54 years, Dan Oliver '70, while attending NC Wesleyan. Ruth was a well-loved teacher to many over the years and was very involved in the church and the activities of her children. She had an infectious laugh and was a positive light to all that knew her. She is survived by her husband, two sons, two daughters, one sister, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and other family members.