



## Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan

April 7, 1940 - January 29, 2024

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me that day.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8

On January 29, 2024 at 7:57pm, Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan received his crown of righteousness, peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 40 years, Bonnie Sue Garrison Carlan; parents, Johnny and Annie Mae Reid Carlan; brothers, Hoyt and Randall Carlan; and sisters, Mildred Wilson and Grace Gowder.

He is survived by his wife of 10 ½ years, Queenola Roberts Forrester Carlan; daughters, Cretia (Mark) Ariail, Jennifer (Jim) Kent, Lawayne (Jason) Oliver and Amanda “Mandy” Bowen; grandchildren, Ashley (Mike) Ormsby, Lindsey (Kyle) Martin, Alisha (Adam) Sinteff, Haden Ariail, Isaac Kent, Hannah Kent, Gabriel Oliver, Molly Oliver, Rebecca Bowen and Garrison Bowen; great-grandchildren, Gracie, Jeb and Hattie Kate Sinteff, and Everly and Sophie Martin; step-sons, Keith (Kathy) Forrester, Pat (Toni) Forrester and Brian Forrester; sisters, Thelma Brown, Evelyn Baker and Brenda Garrison; and brothers, Gene Carlan and Paul Carlan.

Mr. Carlan graduated from Banks County High School in 1958, one of ten siblings who all graduated from high school. He also graduated from mechanic school at North Georgia Technical and Vocational School. He drove a feed truck at night while attending technical school. He worked at a service station in Commerce where he met his first wife, Bonnie. He then worked at American Tire for several years, saving up money to buy land and starting a crop, cattle and poultry farm.

Mr. Carlan was saved on September 1, 1974 and was called to preach on November 30, 1975. He pastored Liberty Baptist Church for many years and was interim pastor at Line Baptist Church for a short time. He preached many revivals during his ministry. He felt led to start a new church in Maysville and on July 3, 1983 the doors of Solid Rock Baptist Church were opened in an old store building in downtown Maysville. After several years a new building was constructed. He was pastor at Solid Rock for 36 years. In the fall of 1989, Solid Rock Christian School opened and remained open until 1997, closing when Bonnie's health declined. He preached at the Banks County Jail every Tuesday night for many years. He had a radio ministry, "The Way of the Cross", at WJJC radio station in Commerce where he preached for 30 minutes before going on to church to teach Sunday School, then preach the morning and evening services. He also had a radio ministry at WCON radio in Cornelia, which he eventually taped rather than speaking live.

When he was not attending a church function, he was visiting the sick in the community, lending a helping hand and praying faithfully. He enjoyed working on his farm and restoring antique John Deere tractors with his youngest daughter, Mandy who shares his love of farming and tractors, and who lovingly took care of him, along with his wife, until his passing.

He believed the most important factor in life is knowing Jesus as your personal savior. He wants everyone to join him in Heaven.

Funeral services will be at 2pm, Thursday, February 1 at the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home with Rev. Les Fuller, Rev. Terry Head and Rev. Tony Ledford officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 4 to 8pm.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery

2405 Hwy 51  
Lula, GA 30554

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State Street  
Commerce, GA 30529  
(706) 335-3175  
lwfh@windstream.net  
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State St.  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan.*



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January 31, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ *From Your Family at Lindsay Windows purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan.*



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**From Your Family at Lindsay Windows** - January 31, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ *Friends at Pilgrims Athens purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan.*



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**Friends at Pilgrims Athens** - January 31, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

*James & Jane Beck  
Shawn & Wanda Greenway*

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**Wanda Greenway** - January 31, 2024 at 10:16 AM

DA

“ Dana-Holden Savage/ Myra-Tori Arrowood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan.

Dana-Holden Savage/ Myra-Tori Arrowood - January 31, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan.



January 31, 2024 at 10:10 AM

JW

“ Jr, Jonny, & Jenni Wiley purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan.



Jr, Jonny, & Jenni Wiley - January 30, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JU

“ John N Mussette Underwood lit a candle in memory of Rev. Swayne Garvin Carlan



John n mussette underwood - January 30, 2024 at 06:09 PM

RD

“ *Your Dad was a good man, sorry to hear of his passing. Jenny you know where he is now. May your hearts be comforted by memories left behind. Thinking of the family in prayer Love, Aunt Reba Dale*

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**Reba Dale** - January 30, 2024 at 03:43 PM