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Almon Franklin Carr

July 31, 1945 - Jan. 25, 2026

Almon Franklin Carr was born to Almon Rentfro and Frankie Talley Carr in Winston – Salem, North Carolina on July 31, 1945 and peacefully entered his eternal rest on January 25, 2026 after several months of declining health.

A graduate of Western Carolina University and UNC School of Social Work, Almon's 50 year career in mental health services as a clinical social worker (LCSW) and marriage and family therapist (LMFT) included employment at Broughton Hospital, Henderson County Mental Health Center, and J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center as Social Work Director. He also maintained a clinical private practice in Morganton. During his career, he was honored as Social Worker of the Year by the NC Chapter of NASW and elected by his peers to serve as Chair of the NCSW Licensing and Certification Board.

Almon and his wife shared an interest in antiques and history and together they owned Dogwood Antiques in Morganton for twenty years. A long-standing member of the Historic Burke Foundation, he served multiple terms on the Board, participated in planning the annual Revolutionary War event and appraised items donated to the Foundation for the McDowell House.

He is survived by Ann, his wife of 58 years; brother- in- law Jim Hire (Shirley) of Clemmons; sister-in- law Emily Cash (Rodney) of Richmond, Va.; nieces, nephews, grand nephews, cousins, close friends and countless clients who recognize the impact Almon had on their lives.

A memorial service will be held at New Hope Moravian Church, 2897 Sandy Ford Road, Newton, NC 28658 on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow. There will be a private burial for family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Historic Burke Foundation, PO Box 915, Morganton, NC 28680, New Hope Moravian Church or to a charity of one’s choice.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Almon was a treasured friend whom we admire and love. We worked together for perhaps thousands of hours over 20 years of planning and implementing historical interpretation for children and adults through Historic Burke Foundation where Almon may have been the longest-serving Board member. He personified integrity and used his fine intellect and knowledge of history, antiques, and pottery to help make the Foundation and the Captain Charles McDowell House what they are today. We shared many conversations in which he made points that will stay with us for the rest of our lives. We were friends, co-conspirators on numerous projects, pilgrims finding out ways, and we challenged each other. We shared a lot of laughter along the way. The memories are all good, every one of them. We are immensely grateful to have had him in our lives and we will always miss him.

—Linda and Bryant Lindsey

My condolences to Ann and her family. I had the privilege of working with Almon at the Iverson Riddle Center where Almon was our Director of the Social Work Program for many years. Almon was the consummate professional Social Worker with the ability and knowledge to provide our department with leadership and guidance in whatever circumstances we encountered. He spent his life serving others as a Mental Health Professional and in providing Social Work services to the Developmental Disabled.

—Scott McMahan



Prayers for your family during this time of loss

–Tammy Chaoman

Almon offered my my first internship at the formerly Western Carolina Center in the summer of my final year as a bsw student at Winthrop College. Once I graduated he recruited me to come work full time with him in the Summit area of the same institution. 34 years later I retired and Almon was still there, he had just been gone for a period of time but had returned for many years. What a fine, fine man, leader, clinician, supervisor and department head he was. God doesn't make them any better. Rest in Peace. Jean Starnes Ward...thinking of you Anne.

–Jean Ward



Sending my sincere condolences to you and your family Mrs. Carr.

–Ruth Roseboro

I was blessed to get to know Mr. Carr and his sweet, devoted wife Ann. He was a man of such high intellect and always up for any challenge. He had such a kind spirit. Praying for peace and comfort for Ann and the entire family.

–Brianna Hart



–Laura McCoy



I was sad to hear about the pasing of Almon. He was a loving, thoughtful person who cared about people. He will be sorely missed.

Almon and I attended RJ Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem. We graduated in June of 1963. Almon, safely sleep in the Mansions of the Lord.

–BuddyVance



–Richard Branch

What a special man Mr. Carr was! So intelligent and kind. I was blessed to meet you all and inspired by the love and dedication you had for one another. Ann and family will be in my prayers.

–Brianna Hart



Though we never met Almon, we knew him to be a loving and wise healer who greatly impacted the lives of those close to him. Reading his obituary confirms the passing of a very large soul who made a profound impact during his lifetime. Our hearts go out to Ann and Emily and Rod and family as they grieve his loss, and we send our love and blessings and wishes for healing and acceptance and peace.

—Jennifer Yane and Raymond Hensley

—Robert Reynolds



I want to offer my condolences to the Carr family. Almon was my clinical supervisor when I was completing my MFT program at ASU. He always was professional, kind, supportive, and so helpful. The MFT and SW professions have lost a great professional. May God give the family comfort, peace, and strength now and in the days to come. Rama Jean Franklin

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My Dear Ann and Family, I am so very sad. As you know, Almon was one of my main Social Work mentors. He taught me so very much, and encouraged me to return to school to obtain my MSW degree. What a person of integrity! Almon helped the lives of so very many people, professionally and personally. I miss him already.

—Lucy Goodwin



Had the pleasure of working with Almon for many years at JIRDC. He was the kindest person to everyone. By proving with his actions, that caring for others is a worth while pursuit in life, he influenced and enabled many co-workers. May you and family be blessed during this time of loss.

—Robert Reynolds