

Julius Carroll Trotter, Jr.

Birth: Dec. 20, 1917
Alabama, USA
Death: Mar. 12, 2009
North Carolina, USA

Dr. J. Carroll Trotter, Jr., formerly of Wake Forest, died on March 12, 2009, at Carolinas Medical Center in Concord, NC following a brief illness.

Born on December 20, 1917, in Prattville, AL, Carroll spent his childhood in Birmingham. He graduated from Howard College (Samford University), where he was student body president and a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He earned a B.Div. and a doctorate in Greek New Testament from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He returned to Alabama and served as pastor of churches in Eutaw and Thomasville.

In 1955, he joined the faculty of the newly established Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, retiring in 1983 as Prof. of Preaching and Speech. Throughout his teaching career, he enjoyed serving as interim pastor for over 50 churches in central and eastern NC.

An advocate of good Town and Gown relations, he participated in a variety of community activities, for which he was recognized in 1973 with the Wake Forest Citizenship Award. He was instrumental in establishing the United Fund Program (United Way) in Wake Forest, and he served as a member of the Town Council from 1969-73. A Paul Harris Fellow, he was a faithful member of the Rotary Club, taking leadership roles as president in 1960 and as secretary for a decade.

A lifelong outdoorsman, his other interests included solving daily word puzzles, reading mysteries and biographies, woodworking, cultivating and sharing camellias, and listening to classical music. He was an avid fan of the Red Sox, the Braves, the WFHS Bulldogs, and the Tar Heels.

After his retirement from the ministry, he was active at Wake Forest Baptist Church as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and choir member. His final five years of life brought him the pleasure of making new friends at Taylor Glen Retirement Center and McGill Baptist Church in Concord, NC.

Carroll was preceded in death by his parents, Julius Carroll Trotter and Thomasella Fallon Trotter, as well as his younger brothers, Fallon and Donald. He was married for 49 years to his college sweetheart, Ruth Mims Oliver, of Birmingham, who died in 1991. Their first child, David, died in infancy.

Surviving are a son, John Carroll Trotter and wife, Debbie, of Cody, WY; a daughter, Betty Bouldin and husband, Thomas, of Chapel Hill; three devoted grandchildren, Ross Whitfield Trotter, Elizabeth Jane Bouldin, and Katherine Anne Bouldin; and his special friend of many years, Alice Keasler, of Concord.

Family links:

Spouse:

Ruth Mims Oliver Trotter (1919 - 1991)*

Children:

David Trotter (1947 - 1947)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Cemetery

Wake Forest

Wake County

North Carolina, USA