



Carl Lewis Wilhelm

April 18, 1941 - May 8, 2023

Carl was born and grew up on a farm in rural Ontario, Canada on April 18, 1941. He met Jesus as his Savior as a young child during Vacation Bible School, and when he was a teenager he began to serve the Lord in the church. There he met Sherri, the love of his life, whom he wed on May 8, 1965. Carl graduated from Business College and worked as an accountant in Toronto for about 5 years. Following God's call into foreign missions, he and Sherri attended Ontario Bible College. Upon graduation in 1968 they immediately left to serve with World Radio Missionary Fellowship in Quito, Ecuador where they lived until 1980. Carl started as Business Manager, then as his management gifts grew and were mobilized, he became a hospital administrator for their two hospitals, then as Director of the entire Medical Division.

In 1980 the family moved to Stone Mountain, GA when Carl had been recruited to a leadership position with the Presbyterian Church in America's Mission to the World. Over the years his leadership responsibilities grew to include providing oversight and guidance to a large number of missionaries around the globe. He was known for his ability to ask good questions, challenge others to think bigger, mediate broken relationships, develop partnerships, come alongside those who were hurting, and think about kingdom expansion. Those he challenged most seemed to be the ones who loved him most. He served twice as Interim Coordinator (chief administrative

officer) of the mission during transitions in his 15 years with MTW.

Upon arriving in Georgia the family joined Perimeter Church where Carl served as an elder almost from the start. In 1995 Carl joined Perimeter staff as Global Outreach Director. He had a God given ability to “dream dreams” for the church and to speak in a way that many said helped them work through holy discontent as they learned to run to what God was calling them to. He cast vision for what was often big, surprising and hard, but of the Lord. He impacted many leaders at Perimeter.

Carl always modeled passing the baton to younger leaders so at age 60 he stepped down from leadership to serve in several other areas of Perimeter. He especially loved his years serving in the Shepherding Department ministering to leaders and members, until the advance of Parkinson's Disease caused him to “retire” in 2015. Even then he continued to minister to many through the Parkinson's Support Group he led, his discipleship group, mentoring, conducting weddings, marriage counseling, encouraging and praying for many.

Through all the seasons of life, he was a man of prayer and a God watcher, always looking to see what God was doing and giving Him praise for His work on earth.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Viola Wilhelm, and 2 dear sisters, Melissa Raymer and Murlene Wilhelm. He is survived by 2 more sisters, Ada Wilhelm and Ruthi Mathewson, as well as Sherri's eight siblings and their spouses who loved him dearly and were loved by him.

His beloved children include Heidi Harrison, Andrea Wilhelm (Peter Lake), Gregory Wilhelm (Esther), and Roger Wilhelm (Lynn). He was exceedingly proud of all his grandchildren: TC Harrison, Josiah Harrison, Aden Wilhelm,

Luke Wilhelm, Benjamin Wilhelm, Clara Lake, Elsi Wilhelm, Madelyn Wilhelm and Rebekah Wilhelm.

Carl met his Lord and Savior face to face - the One He loved most and worshipped well - on May 8, 2023. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Perimeter Church with Rev. Randy Schlicting and Rev. Randy Pope officiating.

“I consider my life worth nothing to me if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given to me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.” Acts 20:24

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Perimeter Church
9500 Medlock Bridge Rd.
Johns Creek, GA

Tribute Wall

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“ To Sherri and family: May God’s peace, comfort and strength be yours as you navigate without Carl in these days following his homegoing. He was a man who loved the Lord and served Him well. I was privileged to serve with him in ministry in Ecuador. Doug Peters - Orlando, Fla.

Doug Peters - June 27, 2023 at 01:10 PM