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Philip Lindsay Carruth, D.D.S. passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at the age of 84. He was born in New Orleans, LA, on November 30, 1939 to parents Luther Edward Carruth and Alma Ballam Carruth.

He is survived by his loving wife, Edwina “Winnie” Whitman Carruth; his children, Julia Kathryn Carruth Hosea (Andrew) and Laura Ann Carruth Pickett (Alex); and his grandchildren, Abigail Grace Hosea, Samuel Matthew Hosea, and Benjamin Carruth Pickett. He is also survived by his nieces Susan Carruth-Ryan, Jean Simpson Blanche, Mary Clare Carruth, and Roberta Carruth-Taylor; nephew Gurucharan Khalsa; and many great nieces and great nephews, cousins, and wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Luther Edward Carruth, Jr., Anna Kent Carruth Simpson, Walter Kent Carruth, and Julian Reade Carruth.

Philip grew up in Ponchatoula, LA, attending school there, and went to Chamberlain Hunt Academy in Vicksburg, MS for high school. After a four-year enlistment in the U.S. Navy, primarily on the U.S.S. Kittyhawk, he graduated from Northeast Louisiana University with a B.S. in Pharmacy in 1966, and briefly took over Carruth Drugstore in Ponchatoula, LA.

After marrying Winnie in 1967, they moved to Memphis, TN where he graduated from University of Tennessee in Memphis with a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1970. After completing a dental internship with the New Orleans VA Hospital in 1971 and a general practice residency in San Diego in 1975, he spent the majority of his career at the VA Medical Center in New Orleans, becoming Chief of the Dental Service in 1982 and retiring in 2006.

Philip was an active participant in continuing education and organized dentistry; he was a fellow of both the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and the International College of Dentists. He served on several ad hoc committees of the American Dental Association (ADA) and on the Test Construction Committee and Examination Committee of the AGD. During his VA career, Dr. Carruth served as the first VA delegate to the ADA when federal services were allowed individual delegates.



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In addition, Philip became a part-time associate professor of clinical prosthodontics at LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD) in 1982. After retiring from the VA, he switched to full-time status at the LSUSD, where he was the course director of removable prosthodontics until 2014 when he reduced his teaching to part-time status. While at LSUSD, he received the Shawky Mohammad Distinguished Faculty Award, and he was awarded a golden apple for Excellence in Teaching - three times - an award voted on by third-year dental students. He loved teaching at LSUSD so much he failed retirement there several times.

Because the VA and LSUSD did not keep him busy enough, Dr. Carruth continued to serve his country in the Reserves, retiring in 2001 as Col. Carruth from the Louisiana National Guard. Besides God and his family, the only thing he loved more than the military and teaching dentistry was the Chitlin' Switch, a family fishing camp only accessible by a 30 minute boat ride built on the Tangipahoa River in the 1930s. He grew up going there with family and friends and continued this tradition with his family, and is where his daughters and grandchildren all caught their first fish. For a man who needed to stay busy, there was always a project or ten that needed attending to at the camp. He always enjoyed bringing family and friends for a fish fry, shrimp boil, and fun adventures "down the river".

After living in Riverwood subdivision in Covington, LA since 1983, Philip and Winnie moved to Christwood Retirement Community in 2021, where Winnie remains in the Longleaf Memory Care section. Up until just a few weeks ago, Philip was able to maintain his active lifestyle with healthy eating and working out in the gym. We are so thankful he was able to visit Memphis at the end of May for his two grandsons high school graduation festivities.

The family would like to extend their most sincere thanks for the compassionate care given to Philip during the last couple weeks of his life by the ICU staff at St. Tammany Parish Hospital and the hospice care at Christwood.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association <https://www.alz.org> or St. Timothy on the Northshore <https://www.sttimothyns.org/give>.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the memorial services at St. Timothy on the Northshore, 335 Asbury Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448 on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 3:00pm with visitation at the church on Friday beginning at 2:00pm.



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Family and friends are invited to a reception at the church immediately following the service.

The Carruth family invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



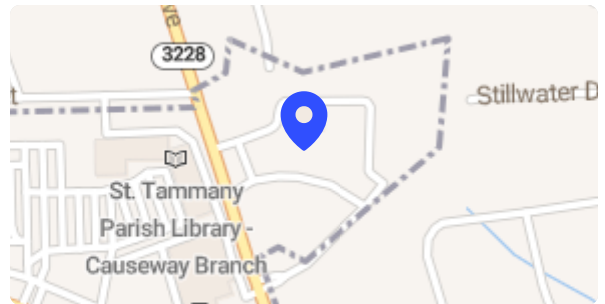
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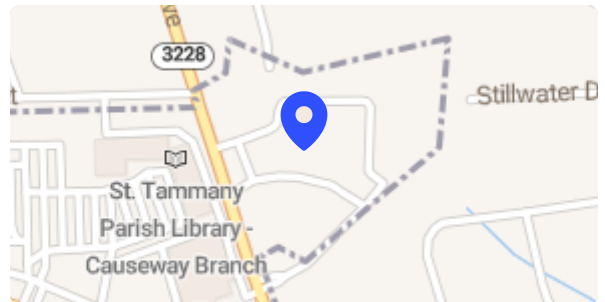
Gathering

- Friday**, July 12, 2024
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
- St. Timothy on the Northshore**
335 Asbury Dr., Mandeville LA 70471



Memorial Service

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SS

Stuart A Fleischner, D.D.S. posted:

I was a GPR dental resident at the VAMC in New Orleans under Dr. Carruth 1981-82. A mutual friend, Nick Utyesonich, just informed me of his passing. I have great memories of him and our short time together. May his memory forever be a blessing.

September 25 at 5:56 AM

CW

Charles Weinstein posted:

Laura, Julia and family, Amy and I want to express our condolences to you on the passing of your dad. He was a very fine person and one with many diverse skills and abilities. He was an awarded educator, a highly skilled dentist, a government administrator and a military commander of the highest caliber....not to mention he could skin a catfish faster than anyone I have ever seen. But best of all was his humane qualities; he was gracious, kind, truthful, and respectful to all. Phil was my supervisor in the VA and my commanding officer in the Louisiana National Guard, but I always looked on him more of a valued friend rather than just a supervisor. Although we hadn't seen each other since retirement, we stayed in touch. It was an honor and privilege to know your dad. He will be greatly missed. Charlie Weinstein

July 11 at 12:11 PM

JW

Judy Wright Walter posted:

The Hope Girls (HG's) had the most wonderful visit with your parents, when Winnie hosted about 8 of us, while your Dad moved out (ha!). Then he took all of us on the swamp ride to his camp....honestly, you can't imagine what a thrill that was! Winnie might remember me as Judy Kay. May your family be filled with such terrific memories!

July 10 at 6:01 AM

JP

Jim Perrin posted:

I only knew Philip during his last years, but his kindness and love for his family was evident from the first meeting. He lived in many places, but he never lost his love for his home town of Ponchatoula. We shared many sweet memories of life in small town Ponchatoula. He will be missed. Jim Perrin

July 10 at 5:48 AM



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Wallace Van Nortwick shared 2 photos to the **Philip Carruth memory from friend at LSUSD** album.



July 9 at 11:03 AM



Chris Disher posted:

What a great guy. Philip and Winnie were good friends with my grandpa Bert and Lou down the river. They were always working together on projects and visiting. I never knew he was a Dr or Vet because all our conversations were about fishing and what did you catch each day! Great memories He will be missed!!Chris Disher

July 9 at 2:53 AM



Jan Lemaire posted:

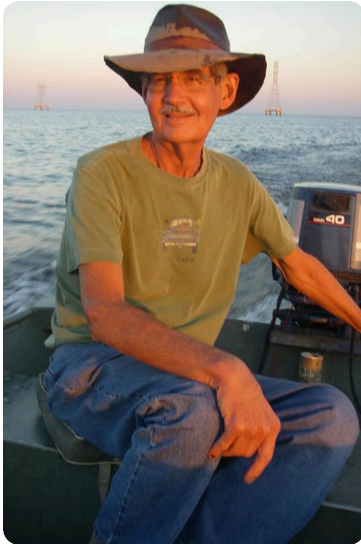
Dr Carruth was a valued colleague both at the VA and in the Army Reserve. His kind, compassionate demeanor made him a sought after member of any team and a pleasure to work with. COL(Ret) Jan Lemaire, USAR

July 8 at 4:16 PM



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July 9 at 11:03 AM



Phil on the lake 10/2010



Retirement party with Prosthodontic Department at camp 10/2015



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Philip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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