



Mr. Nearlin Carter Jr.

March 28, 1941 - June 20, 2025

Captain Nearlin Carter Jr., a beloved father, husband, and community pillar, passed away on June 20, 2025, at the age of 84. Born on March 28, 1941, he was the fourth eldest of nine children born to Caroline Jones and Nearlin Carter Sr.

At just 17 years old, Nearlin enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on May 24, 1959. Over two decades, he served his country with honor and distinction, rising through the ranks to retire as a Captain on May 31, 1979. Nearlin married Vivian DeLoris Montgomery, and from their union came three cherished children: Tracey LeAnn Carter, Nearlin Carter III, and Kevin LeRoy Carter. Though their marriage ended, they remained united in their shared love for their children. Vivian and Nearlin also shared mutual respect, and her memory continues to be cherished by those who knew and loved her.

Tragically, Vivian passed away in a car accident while on a road trip with her sisters when their children were still young.

Nearlin later found profound love and partnership with Sadie Cleo Garrison, who became his devoted wife and life companion for nearly fifty years until her passing. Their bond was a testament to deep affection, shared joy, and mutual respect. Together, they created a life filled with meaningful moments—dancing, traveling, playing card games, enjoying the beach, and cherishing the embrace of family and friends. Their compatibility and shared love for life were evident in everything they did.

When Sadie became ill, Nearlin was steadfastly by her side, providing her with

loving care and support until the very end. United in purpose, they nurtured a blended family rooted in love and unity, raising Gwendolyn (Carter) Jackson, Etta Yevonne Carter, Tracey LeAnn Carter, Nearlin Carter III and Kevin LeRoy Carter with unwavering care and devotion.

Nearlin and Sadie's love also extended to those they helped raise as their own, including Sean and Kiley, Etta's sons, whom Nearlin loved and guided as a father figure. After Sadie's passing, Kiley demonstrated extraordinary dedication, regularly traveling from Minnesota to Milwaukee to care for Nearlin. Recently, Nearlin Carter III (Butch) also moved back home, joining Janice Taylor (dad's companion) and Kiley in providing full-time care for their beloved father and grandfather. Their collective love and support ensured Nearlin's final days were filled with comfort and peace.

Later, Nearlin embraced a special bond with Pauline Thomas. Although they connected later in life, their relationship was just beginning to grow, and they kept in touch, nurturing their connection as father and daughter.. Nearlin was also blessed with another daughter, Sabrina Ivy, whose presence brought love and joy to the family. Their bond developed over time, and she became a cherished part of his life.

In his later years, Nearlin found companionship and joy with Janice Taylor. Together, they dreamed of a future filled with love and adventure.

When Nearlin faced a debilitating stroke, Janice stayed unwaveringly by his side, providing care and steadfast support through every challenge. Her love and devotion never wavered, and she remained with him until his final breath. Nearlin shared a deep bond with his siblings: Irene Parker, Corene Carter, Lorene Horton, Annabelle Cannon, Melvin Carter, Stephanie Woods, Joann Carter, and Errol Carter. Today, only Stephanie Woods and Errol Carter survive him. Their relationships were marked by love, laughter, and cherished memories that enriched their family legacy.

Nearlin's legacy lives on through his grandchildren and great-grandchildren: From Gwendolyn's (Daniel) children: Monique DaShawn Jackson, Marcel

Danté Jackson, and Mendell Daniel Jackson; and his great-grandchildren Kianté DeSean Jackson, Kamari Daniel Sanchez, and Kymani Daunte Jackson.

From Etta's children: Kiley Sorale Demery (Jenna) and Sean Micheletté Whittington; his great-grandchildren Kayla Shanté Demery, Kiley Sorale Demery Jr., and Amaya Etta Jane Demery and his great, great-granddaughter, K'onni KiLynn Davis. From Tracey's (Melvin) children: Johnny Wade Middleton and James Woods; and his great-grandchildren, Kaleb Middleton, Oakland Middleton, Silver Christman, Ézykiah (Momma's) Woods and Bellarose Woods.

From Nearlin Carter III's child: Jessica Burgess (Mike), Trinity Dement, Addison Burgess, Ava Burgess and Arya Burgess. From Kevin's (Angie) child: Kevin Carter Jr (Jessica), Donovan Hamsher, and Quianna Spencer; and his great-grandchildren, Abigail Carter, Trinity Reyes and Nalley Reyes.

From Sabrina's child: Skylar (need Skylar's last name). Nearlin's love poured out equally to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in his heart and life.

He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family members who were touched by his love, wisdom, and unwavering support. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sadie Cleo Carter (May 22, 2016); his daughter Gwendolyn (Carter) Jackson (May 1, 2022); and his son-in-law, Sgt. Major Daniel Jackson, a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps (June 8, 2024).

He had a rich and vibrant life, filled with passions that reflected his strong and loving character. As a dedicated Marine, he served four tours in Vietnam and was recognized with numerous commendations for his service. Among his honors were the Rifle Expert Badge, Pistol Expert Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal with three stars, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, and

the Vietnam Campaign Medal. These honors stand as a testament to his bravery, skill, and unwavering commitment to his country.

A skilled boxer in the Marine Corps, Nearlin earned a reputation as a formidable fighter, showcasing his determination and resilience. After retiring from the military, he relocated the family from California to Milwaukee and began a second career as the Manager of Miller's Warehouse Distribution and Shipping Department, overseeing operations with precision and dedication. Later, he worked for Milwaukee County, managing several golf courses, where his leadership and love for the game shone through. Nearlin was also an avid golfer, winning numerous trophies that reflected his competitive spirit and passion for the sport.

Nearlin's love for reading enriched his sharp mind, and his presence brought warmth wherever he went—especially at George Webb Restaurant, his daily gathering spot for years. There, he bonded with close friends like Glover, Gale, Arthur, Jay, John, and others, sharing laughs and creating cherished memories. In retirement, Nearlin was honored by the American Legion, where he was slated

to serve as President. Though unable to fulfill the role due to health challenges, the Legion respected and admired him so deeply that they held the position open for a full term in his honor.

Despite his stern and commanding appearance, Nearlin was known for his kindness, warmth, and deep care for others. He was a protector, a teacher, and a guiding influence on both family and friends. His wisdom, humor, and generosity left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him. Captain Nearlin Carter Jr.'s life was a testament to love, service, and resilience, and his memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

VA Union Grove Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel - Milwaukee
6630 W. Hampton Avenue
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

EC

“ Happy Heavenly Birthday dad!. I love you with all my heart

Etta Carter - March 29 at 10:44 AM

GF

“ Governice Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nearlin Carter Jr.



Governice Ford - July 13, 2025 at 09:13 AM

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“ Love, Your Fresenius Family (Shorewood) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Nearlin Carter Jr..



Love, Your Fresenius Family (Shorewood) - July 11, 2025 at 10:28 AM

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“ Love, Your Fresenius Family (Shorewood) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Nearlin Carter Jr..

Love, Your Fresenius Family (Shorewood) - July 11, 2025 at 10:28 AM

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“ To the family of Near Carter I offer my condolences and ask the Lord to give you all the strength that is needed at this time. I worked with Near at the Miller Brewing Co. Rest in peace Near



Presley Carlyle - July 10, 2025 at 08:54 AM

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“ Jane and Ken Sears and Family purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Nearlin Carter Jr..



Jane and Ken Sears and Family - July 07, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Honoring Dad: His Legacy in Photos



Etta Carter Mba Pllc - July 07, 2025 at 07:57 AM



Dad, I miss you every single day.

Even though I want to believe with all my heart that Heaven is real — that it's a place where we'll be together again for eternity — it's hard. It's hard because the people who shaped me, who guided me, who poured their love into me — you, Mom, my sister, our grandparents — you're all gone from this earth. And right now, it feels like that beautiful, powerful circle that held me up is closed.

You were more than my father — you were a part of my foundation. And while I know God placed so much love in each of your hearts for me, I'm feeling the weight of that absence more than ever. I feel the loss of each of you — all at once — and it hurts in places I can't quite explain.

Still, I hold on to the love you gave, the lessons you taught, and the strength you lived with. I carry all of you with me, even when the ache of missing you feels overwhelming. I hope you know how deeply you are loved, how much your presence mattered, and how much your absence is felt.

Etta Carter Mba Pllc - July 07, 2025 at 08:07 AM

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Condolences, as now retired President of Brewery Workers Local 9 UAW, AFL-CIO, during our working years we always had a respectful working relationship. May he rest in peace.

Jay Kopplin - July 07, 2025 at 09:44 AM



I knew of Near, as we both worked at Miller at the same time, but he at the brewery and me in corporate. I now wish we had connected, because as a former Marine, I know we would have become close. RIP, Near.

Martin Costello - July 07, 2025 at 10:46 PM