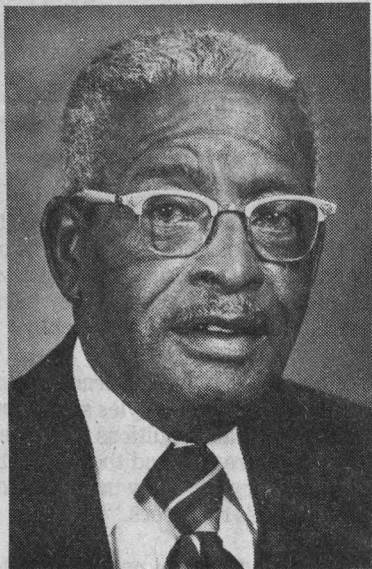


Carson, college trustee, dies

John Harold Carson, a member of the Western Piedmont Community College board of trustees, died Sunday morning.

Mr. Carson, a resident of 417 W. Concord St., Morganton, died at Grace Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

He was born in Burke County, a son of the late Rev. Martin California Carson and Lucy Happoldt Carson.



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Mr. Carson, a prominent educator, was involved in many community affairs. He graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte with a bachelor's degree in English, after which he received his master's degree from Columbia University in New York City.

He served for many years as a member of the staff at Olive Hill High School, where he was a teacher, coach and principal. He was named coach of the year several times, and was executive secretary of the N.C. High School Athletic Association. He was a life member of the National Education Association.

Mr. Carson was a life-long member of Slades Chapel AME Zion Church, where he was a trustee and church treasurer. He was also a past master of the Mason's West Lodge 70; a past director of Mountain View Recreation Center; a charter member of the Morganton Human Relations Committee; a former director of the Morganton Housing Redevelopment Project; a member of the Morganton-Lenoir chapter of the Johnson C. Smith Alumni Association and of the Asheville Consistory Gizeh Temple 163 of the Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frankie M. Carson, of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Beverly C. Foster of Morganton; a brother, Wilford Carson

of Morganton; two sisters, Miss Esther Carson and Miss Lucille Carson, both of Morganton; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Slades Chapel AME Zion Church with the Revs. John F. Green, James F. Wills, Eugene Avery and W. Flemon McIntosh Jr. officiating. The body will be placed in the church 30 minutes before the service. Burial will be in the Olive Hill Cemetery, with Masonic rites.

The family will receive friends at Ebony Funeral Service Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Slades Chapel AME Church building fund.