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Carter Wayne Yarborough July 12, 1969 – June 24, 2018 Carter, 48, of Spring Valley passed away Sunday, June 24, 2018 from a motorcycle accident. Carter was born in Houston, TX to James and Wanda Yarborough. The family moved to California in 1976, where Carter attended Monte Vista High School, graduating in 1987. He ran Track and Cross Country for Monte Vista High School and earned an athletic scholarship to Cal State L.A. Carter had a highly successful college career, winning NCAA titles in the 10K and graduating with a degree in Sports Medicine. In 1996 Carter joined the United States Army, where he served his country until 1999. For the past twenty years, Carter worked at Sycuan Casino, where he was loved by everyone he encountered. He also coached Cross Country and Track at Valhalla High School for two decades, where he was lovingly known as “Coach Carter.” He was a unique coach; he ran alongside his athletes during every practice, motivated them in a calm way, and cared deeply about each and every one of them. Under his guidance, many of the athletes continued their athletic endeavors into and throughout their college careers. He will be remembered as a father figure to numerous runners. With Carter leading the way, the Norsemen achieved one of the most successful winning records in the history of Valhalla High School, with a combined 10+ League championship wins and 2 back-to-back CIF championship wins. He will be remembered as a compassionate, kind and easygoing man with a love for family and community. He is survived by his mother Wanda Yarborough-Puckett, stepfather Charles Puckett, sister Twyla, brother-in-law Hansa and nephew Marley La Fond. He is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, extended family and friends. Carter is preceded in death by his father, James Yarborough. He left behind a legacy of loyalty, perseverance, and strength.



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CE

Celeste posted:

I am his sister and I had spoken to him a few weeks before. He was looking forward in training my son in track which was my brothers love. He was a champion maker and so proud of his girls! The Pantry was his breakfast spot for the team especially in the November finals. My brother was a magical man heaven has received one of the great ones.

March 17 at 8:25 AM

SL

Sarah Larson posted:

Although I didn't know Carter that long, he truly gave me hope that there are good people in this world. I am grateful for the time we did share. Sending prayers to his family and friends as they get through this difficult time.

July 6 at 12:52 PM

JM

John/ Deloris And Jordan Monroe posted:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. We will always remember Carter as a kind person. Deeply sorry for your loss.

July 5 at 4:52 AM

DA

Deborah Austin posted:

You will always hold a special place in my heart. I cherish every memory we share. My prayers and love are for your sister and mother and all who love you.

July 3 at 11:56 AM

FS

Floyd Sangster posted:

With Deepest Sympathy & Condolences to the Family... Carter was a Wonderful person.

July 2 at 3:39 AM



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MC

Michelle Clay posted:

Carter was my daughters coach for 4yrs cross country/ Track I have to say he was an amazing coach and very understanding and caring to his athletes His death has hit both of us hard. He will forever be in our hearts ??

July 1 at 12:25 PM

BC

Barbara And Barry Carlton posted:

Our daughter and son, Lauren and Ian Carlton, both ran four years of cross country and distance track with Coach Carter. Lauren started as a freshman in 2005, the year that Carter became head coach, so we saw him build both girls' and boys' teams from the beginning. In her four years he took the girls' team from last in the League to League Champions and CIF Champions and to State for the first time ever. Ian's four years, starting in 2009, likewise saw the boys' team progress from near last in the League to League Champions. The teams grew deeper over these years, but Carter's coaching skills made these accomplishments possible. Both Lauren and Ian loved Carter, and both will remember him all of their lives. He coached them to be the best athletes they could be, but he also cared about them as whole people, not just about their athletic performance. He didn't yell, he encouraged. He didn't berate, he inspired. He ran with them. He was always an understated but rock-solid presence with a dry sense of humor. He earned their trust, and ours. Both are still runners, and always will be. We, too loved Carter and we, too, will remember him all our lives. During those eight years we came to feel like Carter was an honorary member of our family, and when they were past, we thought of him as a friend. I hope his family knows how much he will live on in the hearts of the many, many young people he coached and in the hearts of their parents.

June 28 at 4:48 PM

GG

Greg Greiner posted:

God bless you always Coach Carter. -Greg Greiner

June 28 at 4:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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