

In Loving Memory



Louis (Lou) Robert Carrigg

February 13th, 1943 – January 9th, 2019



In Remembrance

Louis Robert, son of Louise Martha (Godby) Carrigg Smith and Charles Leo Carrigg, joined his parents and stepfather, Joseph Smith in eternal life on January 9th, 2019. Preceding Lou were his siblings, Stephan and Nancy Carrigg and nephew, Richard J. Peretti.

Lou was born in Indianapolis and raised in Sacramento. He graduated from Christian Brothers High School and attended California State University Sacramento for two years before enlisting in the US Marine Corps. In 1963, Lou served as a radio dispatcher in Vietnam. He was awarded the Rifle Marksmanship Badge, Pistol Expert Badge, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals.

Lou returned to Sacramento to continue a degree in Education and marry his wife, Karen (KC.) They eventually moved to Southern California where Lou began his elementary teaching career that lasted thirty-three years. This is from a local newspaper article about Lou's classroom:

"Lou Carrigg, 6th grade teacher at Casey Elementary School, gives his classroom a personal touch. With freedom of expression, he has turned a simple classroom into a home away from home. Carrigg's classroom is a special place. It is full of thoughtfulness and wonder."

Lou continued his education at Loma Linda University earning a doctorate in Education.

Lou and KC were married almost fifty years and were devout in their practice of faith and charity. Lou was a model son, a devoted husband, a loving, witty and thoughtful brother. His compassionate, generous and caring nature made him a friend to all that knew him.

Lou was a true patriot. His passion for his country never wavered. The world is a better place because of him. Semper Fi.

Military Service July 29th, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
Old Post Chapel
Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium

Celebrating Lou Carrigg



COINS

I want to share with you a spiritual side of my life. About every morning I walk around the parking lot of Stutz's Brother Store 4 times. I call this my Worship Walk because I use this time to talk to God, to praise Him in song. Well, one day I was way down in the dumps concerning some health issues. I asked GOD if He would give me a sign that He has me on His radar. Well, about 10 minutes later I spotted an old penny on the cement. A few days later I again asked God to give me evidence He was listening because I was not sure that the penny I found previously was my answer. So, here is the bottom line. For 3 years I have found penny's, nickels, dimes, and quarters. This is my way of affirming that my GOD is listening to me. The Bible states we are going to have trials and tribulations. And let me tell you, whenever I spot a coin from heaven I honestly believe God places that coin to keep reminding me that He watches over me with His gracious, merciful love. Each coin sends me home with renewed faith wanting to love God more. My anxious feelings often dissipate as I confirm, by His generous coin collection, that God truly desires me to live with Him throughout eternity. Now, I just have to believe that all of you have faced tough times or that you will. I am not telling you to be on the alert for coins. No! No! I am telling you that God is such an amazing, loving, merciful God that He can handle your troubles also. And you know what? What is that Bible text that reads: If you knock, He is standing at the door to be invited in, if you search you will find, and if you ask, you will receive. So, for my Christmas wish, I pray that God will bless you with peace, joy, good health and prosperity.

With Love, Lou

God is still watching over Lou. Goodbyes are so hard
and he will be dearly missed.
But the reunion will be Glorious.