



Carl M. Goode Jr.

November 1, 1954 - August 5, 2024

On August 5, 2024, surrounded by his loving family, Major Carl Matthew Goode Jr. of Bowie, Maryland, entered into eternal rest. A true soldier, he transitioned peacefully from this world, answering the call of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Born on November 1, 1954, in Stuttgart, Germany, Carl was the son of the late LTC (Ret) Carl M. Goode, Sr. and Mildred A. Goode. A global citizen with deep roots in Petersburg, Virginia, he spent his formative education years in Japan, France, and Germany, cultivating a broad worldview.

Destined for a life of service and learning, Carl was a pioneer in education. He and his siblings were among the first Black students to integrate the Petersburg Public School System. He graduated from Petersburg High School and then went on to attend the prestigious West Point Military Academy, where he honed his skills in discipline and service. His commitment to excellence continued at the University of Richmond, where he earned a B.A. in Economics, and at National Louis University, where he obtained a Master's in Education with a concentration in curriculum development. A naturally gifted and standout athlete, Carl excelled in the sports of football, baseball, and wrestling. Particularly gifted at football, he thrived as a safety and tailback while at West Point. He relished the physicality of the game and football remained one of his lifelong passions.

Carl's early career was spent dedicated to distinguished military service. Rising from Private to Major in less than 20 years, he served several overseas tours in Germany, Japan, South America, and Central America. His military service included commanding a mechanized infantry company, and serving in various leadership roles, including chief logistician for a battalion, mortar unit officer, and personnel officer for a brigade. He earned the distinguished honor of being an Airborne Ranger and amassing accolades to include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and numerous other expert badges. Given his level of expertise, he also served as a weapons instructor. He was committed and proud to serve his country and sincerely loved the time he spent in the Army. As a lasting symbol of his service, he will be laid to final rest at Quantico National Cemetery.

While serving, Carl pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and embodied the organization's principles of leadership, scholarship, and service. The discipline, camaraderie, and unwavering commitment to accomplishing any mission instilled in Carl during his time at West Point and subsequent military service were the bedrock upon which he built his extraordinary life. His ability to adapt to challenging situations, coupled with his innate sense of duty and honor, were hallmarks of his character. These qualities, forged in the crucible of military experience, served him well throughout his career as an educator and community leader.

After a distinguished military career, Carl transitioned to a civilian role as an educator. He excelled as a classroom teacher in Chesterfield County, Virginia; the District of Columbia; and Prince George's County, Maryland becoming a highly sought-after expert in standardized test preparation. His influence extended to universities including University of Maryland, Howard University, and Virginia State University, where he shared his knowledge and expertise.

He co-founded and led the Empowering Minds Foundation, Inc (EMF). As President for over eight years, he transformed the organization into a powerful force for educational equity. Under his leadership EMF expanded its reach, providing high-quality test preparation courses to countless students and opening doors to higher education. Carl was deeply committed to his students and raising educational standards. He worked tirelessly to provide his students with opportunities and prepare them for college success.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Carl was a dedicated family and community servant. Involved in organizations such as the Ernest Everett Just Foundation, M-Tech, Mentors ONE on ONE, Valu-Teachers, and A Kingdom Men, he mentored and inspired countless young people. His passion for education and his unwavering commitment to uplifting others created a lasting legacy. His impact will be felt for generations to come.

He was preceded in death by his father, LTC (Ret) Carl M. Goode, Sr.; mother, Mildred A. Goode; sister, Pearl A. Goode; brother, Capt. (Ret) Alfred A. Goode, Sr.; and nephew, Alfred A. Goode, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife: Magdalene Goode, one son: Antwaune Goode (Jackee), eight daughters: Dr. Nikita Garris-Watson (Bishop James), Sachiko Wooten (Markus), Tiffeny Jones (Jason), Brandi Lambert (Quintrail), Cierra Gravely (Wesley), Mildred Goode, Carlene Goode, Floannie Goode, sister: Sachiko Goode, sister-in law: Beverly Goode, two nieces: Michelle Goode, Melodie Goode, sixteen grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

The Carl M. Goode Jr. Scholarship fund has been established to honor his

commitment to education. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please visit: www.givesendgo.com/carlmgoodejr

Special Parking Information (PDF with images can be found in the Tribute Wall of this website):

Guests of the visitation and funeral services for Carl M. Goode, Jr. on Friday, August 23rd are only permitted to park at the University of Maryland – College Park Regents Drive garage.

Guests are NOT PERMITTED to park in any other areas on the campus or they will risk being towed.

Regents Drive Garage Address:

8056 Regents Drive

College Park, MD 20740

Parking in the garage is FREE for all guests.

Four university shuttles will be at the garage to take guests to the Chapel in lieu of walking. It is about a 7 minute walk to the Chapel. The shuttle service is FREE for all guests.

Chapel address:

7764 Regents Drive

College Park, MD 20740

Following the service, the shuttles will return all guests back to the garage.

The shuttles will depart after the hearse leaves the Chapel.

Parking in any of the lots to include Lot Y, Lot L, Lot C1 and Lot C2 is strictly prohibited and may result in your vehicle being towed.

Please be sure to arrive early to allow ample time for parking.

The services are as follows:

Viewing/Funeral Service:

University of Maryland Memorial Chapel

7744 Regents Drive

College Park, Maryland 20742

Friday, August 23, 2024

Viewing 9:45 am

Service 11:00 am

Repast:

March Life Tribute Center - Laurel

7601 Sandy Spring Road

Laurel, MD 20707

Friday, August 23, 2024

2:00 pm

Celebration of His Life (Cry Die):

Afrikabana Lounge Center

13501 Baltimore Avenue

Laurel, MD 20707

Friday, August 23, 2024

6:00 pm

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 23. 9:45 AM (ET)

University of Maryland Memorial Chapel
7744 Regents Drive
College Park , MD 20742

Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

University of Maryland Memorial Chapel
7744 Regents Drive
College Park , MD 20742

Repast

AUG 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Laurel
7601 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, MD 20707
(301) 490-1550
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Celebration of His Life (Cry Die)

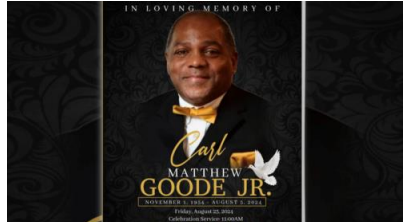
AUG 23. 6:00 PM (ET)

Afrikabana Lounge Center
13501 Baltimore Ave.
Laurel, MD 20707

Tribute Wall



“ *March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl M. Goode Jr.*



March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel - August 23, 2024 at 08:20 AM

CM

“ *Was my company commander.
I had the privilege to play drums at his anniversary party on fort ord..
Manchester for life rest easy Sir.
SGT Mcpherson*

CASSIUS D McPherson - December 23, 2025 at 08:48 PM

CM

*Auto correct that should say
Manchu.*

CASSIUS D McPherson - December 23, 2025 at 08:50 PM

EP

“ *Our condolences and prayers go out to the entire Goode family. We are just learning of Mr. Goode's transition. Mr. Goode blessed so many students and families throughout the DMV. He was a tutor, mentor, test prep guru, and a genius who walked in great humility. The time you poured into our son made the difference in his academic growth and development as a young man. We are eternally grateful to you. Love Eric and Jennifer La Point*

Eric and Jennifer La Point - September 15, 2024 at 11:23 PM

FA

“ *Safe journey to Abraham's side, brother*



Fr Maurice Akwa - August 23, 2024 at 02:04 PM

LW

“ *Love Clarence Brown and Karriem Watson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl M. Goode Jr..*



Love Clarence Brown and Karriem Watson - August 22, 2024 at 05:28 PM

RF

“ *Richada & Anthony Franklin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl M. Goode Jr..*



Richada & Anthony Franklin - August 22, 2024 at 10:52 AM

LF

“ *Love, The Jordan Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carl M. Goode Jr..*



Love, The Jordan Family - August 21, 2024 at 11:15 PM

TU

“ *THE BANDJA ASSOCIATION OF THE USA* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl M. Goode Jr..

THE BANDJA ASSOCIATION OF THE USA - August 21, 2024 at 07:58 PM

TU

“ *THE BANDJA ASSOCIATION OF THE USA* purchased the *Peace Eternal Wreath* for the family of Carl M. Goode Jr..



THE BANDJA ASSOCIATION OF THE USA - August 21, 2024 at 07:58 PM

TC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



The March Life Tribute Center - August 21, 2024 at 04:15 PM

TF

“ *Angels come in different forms into our lives. Uncle Carl, you were truly a great man. You have accomplished your mission that you came to this world to do. May you find peace in the land of our ancestors. You will be greatly missed.*



The Fankmeni's - August 21, 2024 at 11:54 AM

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“ *The Fankmenis and Youashis (Delaware) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carl M. Goode Jr..*



The Fankmenis and Youashis (Delaware) - August 21, 2024 at 11:44 AM

SN

“ *You were such a dear soul and always smiling since the first time I met you, our OPISA DC MOYO. You served your country and family well.
RIPP Carl. Gone but not forgotten.*

Susane Njomo - August 20, 2024 at 11:25 AM

YF

“ *Your PwC Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carl M. Goode Jr..*



Your PwC Family - August 20, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl M. Goode Jr..*



August 20, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carl M. Goode Jr..*



August 19, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ *We LOVE you Dad!*

Brandi Lambert - August 14, 2024 at 06:04 PM