



## Adam Cartwright Hart

September 21, 1921 - January 25, 2018

Adam Cartwright (Carty) Hart, 96, died January 25, 2018 after a long life well lived. Carty was born September 21, 1921 in York, SC to George Henry Hart and Mary Cartwright Hart. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Margaret Johnson Hart; his two daughters Virginia Lee Hart and Katherine Hart Reddel; and his daughter-in-law Donna Rowe Hart.

After graduating from York High School at 14 he went on to receive a BS in Chemistry and Mathematics from Hobart College, and a Masters in Physics from Hofstra University. He joined the US Army after graduation and served in two wars. In World War II he was a company commander with the 442nd Combat Infantry Regiment in Italy; and in the Korean War he was an anti-aircraft battery commander. He retired as a Colonel after serving in the Army for 33 years.

Using his knowledge of guided missiles, he worked as a lead engineer for the Bendix Corporation under contract to NASA to develop avionics to help put American astronauts on the moon. After his work with the space program he became a licensed Professional Engineer; and as an Electronics Engineer he aided a number of corporations in dealing with the complexities and value of the new and burgeoning field of electronics and technology infrastructure.

Although he had astronauts, Senators and NFL Hall of Famers as friends his

true passions throughout his life were his wife and family. He is survived by his son Adam C. Hart, Jr and his wife Ann of Cary, NC; his son Kerry S. Hart, husband of Donna, of Atlanta, Georgia. Three grandsons, Chris Hart and his wife Amanda of Cameron, NC; Kerry S. Hart, Jr and his wife Cassie of Mason, Ohio; and Karl S. Hart and his wife Brittany of Kennesaw, Georgia. Seven great grandchildren, Annabelle Aguilar and her husband Darwin, Brantley Hart, Raynee Redington, Chris Hart, Jr, Chance Spohn, Brittany Hart and Adam Cartwright Hart III; and one great great grandchild Aiden Aguilar. He's also survived by his wife's sister, Barbara Keadle of Winder, Georgia.

He was a member of the Masons, the V.F.W., the Retired Officers Association, and was a Chapter Commander of the South Carolina Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars. He was a full Scholarship Donor to his beloved USC Gamecocks. He was also a long-time member of the St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Columbia, SC.

A small graveside service will be held 2:00 pm Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Rose Hill Cemetery in York, SC; where he will join his wife, daughters, daughter-in-law, parents, his brother and sister-in-law, and dozens of ancestors dating back over a hundred and fifty years. Let the party begin!

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to send memorial contributions to: The Wounded Warrior Project: P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or Shriners Hospital for Children: <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc/donate>

Online condolences may be made to [www.wakefuneral.com/obituaries](http://www.wakefuneral.com/obituaries).

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

229 E Liberty St  
York, SC 29745

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Carty through a mutual friend and colleague here at my firm. For many years Carty joined us for our Friday lunch along with another distinguished U.S. military veteran, Chester “Chet” Guerry, both of whom were of similar age and of similar distinctions in their careers. Both men became dear friends until such time that age dictated an end to their social interactions. Over time I learned first hand of Carty’s varied and reputation laden career. How one condenses so much in one lifetime is hard for me and most others to imagine. Knowing Carty was an inspiration to me as to what it means to serve, to get on with life as it is dealt out, to remain true to others with respect to responsibilities, and to do so in a modest manner without fanfare. I am so grateful and proud that I was given the opportunity to know him and to have had him as a friend.

*Tim A. Jur, Ph.D., P.E.  
President and Chief Engineer Emeritus  
Engineering Design & Testing Corp.*

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**Tim A. Jur, Ph.D., P.E.** - February 05, 2018 at 02:04 PM

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“ During his last few months in Cary, NC, he befriended my mother, Frances Turnage. They both had been fortunate enough to have had amazing marriages and loved to talk about their spouses. My dad was Army, 82nd Airborne during Korean War. They enjoyed talking to each other, and though they both had some dementia, I thoroughly enjoyed talking with them at meals and on the weekends. I was able to spend a good deal of time with him, and we loved listening to his military stories. His achievements were astonishing. We are so sorry for your loss. He was so kind and complimentary.

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**kathy pierce** - February 02, 2018 at 05:57 PM

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“ I loved and adored "Carty" and Margaret! The gift they gave to my Aunt June, Mike, Gary and Randy Bell after the loss of my precious Uncle and their husband and father, Fred Bell. Without hesitation he was there for those 3 boys who lost their father at a very vulnerable age and it was very difficult. He gave to all! When I came to Carolina for college from Florida I believe his love for our Gamecocks made me more die-hard than I normally would be. I considered Carty and Margaret as family and they embraced me from the moment I arrived for college! They also were very encouraging with my nursing career. They also had the 2 biggest Great Danes I ever saw! Hilarious to see them take the entire sofas at the house! I never knew Carty's full resume', what an amazing life and patriot!! I am sure his greatest gift is his grandchildren and great-grandchildren! I loved Carty and Margaret and will never forget them.

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**Btenda Lanaris** - January 29, 2018 at 03:15 PM

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“ A life well-lived. It has been a pleasure having Carty Sr. in NC these past 6 years and to get to know him. He was such a gentleman. He will be missed. We send love to his family for the loss of this wonderful man. Please accept our condolences.  
Love and hugs;  
Jim & Kay

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**Kay Lawton & Jim Brink** - January 28, 2018 at 11:10 AM