



Carter Leslie Osleber

December 22, 1943 - January 20, 2023

Carter Leslie Osleber, 79, passed away on January 20, 2023 after a year long battle with a series of strokes. He was born on December 22, 1943 in Chicago, IL, the third of seven siblings to Charles and Helen Osleber. Carter is survived by Edith Osleber, his wife for 58 years; daughter Rachel Osleber Smith (Mike) and grandsons Michael III and Carter; son Michael (Lindsay) Osleber and granddaughters Sarah and Layla; brother Raleigh Osleber (Pat); sister Darlene Nieman; sister Cheri Joyner; sister Mercie Reams (Jim); sister-in-law Nicki Osleber; aunt Norma Fielder, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Charles and Fred, his brothers-in-law Walter Nieman and Bill Joyner, and sister-in-law Heidi Osleber.

After his high school graduation from Wells High School, Carter earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from University of Illinois and later on a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

Having gotten his incredible work ethic from his father, Carter started delivering newspapers and working in the family's general store when he was ten years old and never stopped working until his first stroke occurred in late December 2021. He became a Chicago policeman in

1967. Over the course of seven years, the number of awards he received reflected his extraordinary courage and talent as a law enforcement officer, sometimes working with his two brothers Raleigh and Fred, also Chicago police officers, which made him very attractive to the newly formed Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Carter was accepted into DEA training, finished first in his class of Special Agents and for this was given his choice on where to start his career. He joined the West Palm Beach Regional Office in 1974. He made numerous large drug cases that put high level drug smugglers and dealers in federal prison, making the West Palm Beach RO the most productive per capita in the entire Miami Field Division and possibly in the country. His DEA work brought him to places like Central and South America, the Caribbean Islands, Europe and Southeast Asia, sometimes undercover. He had incredible working relationships with the local and state law enforcement and other federal agencies and was cited as a natural leader and a cop's cop. He won numerous awards for his outstanding performance including The Administrators Award. After an unprecedented twelve years of service in West Palm Beach, he was promoted as Group Supervisor in San Francisco where much of the focus was battling the cocaine trade from Columbian and Mexican cartels, as well as the heroin trade in Southeast Asia. After almost four years, he transferred to DEA Headquarters in Washington, DC where he rose through the ranks holding several positions including senior inspector, and his favorite, Chief of Firearms Training in Quantico, VA. After mandatory retirement from DEA, Carter served as an investigator for the U.S. Government for his remaining 21 years. If he had more time, he would've been a great teacher of law enforcement, history and military aviation. He was a walking encyclopedia.

Carter loved his family, his work and his fishing and not necessarily

always in that order. He began scuba diving in Lake Michigan in the 1960s, so his move to Florida provided a tropical underwater haven and he passed this love onto his children. When both children settled in Little Rock over time, Carter & Edith made their last move from DC to Little Rock in 2017. We had five wonderful years back together as a family and we miss him terribly.

On Monday, January 30, 2023 at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home Jupiter FL (visit <http://www.taylorandmodeen.com/> for directions and condolences) there will be a visitation from 9:30-11a.m., and an 11a.m. memorial service followed by interment at Jupiter Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Carter's name to Humane Society of Pulaski County (14600 Colonel Glenn Road, Little Rock, AR 72210).

Cemetery Details

Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line Road
Jupiter, FL 33469

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carter Leslie Osleber*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Carter was a beloved background investigator for OMNIPLEX for as long as I can remember. When he lived in Northern Virginia, it was always a treat when he would pop into the office and make everyone's day a little bit better. Even when he moved to Florida, his was always a call I looked forward to receiving. He will be remembered and missed by many!*

Katie Clister - February 03, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Carter was an amazing agent, full of energy and instinct. I came in as a brand new agent to West Palm Beach and Carter was always there to lend his insight, and guidance - whether we asked for it or not. (lol) He included us all in his far-reaching and dynamic investigations. Even after leaving West Palm Beach, Carter had a hand in assisting me way down the road in my career. I am forever grateful for having known Carter.*

Kimberly Christy - January 29, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *3 files added to the album West Palm Beach Office*



Jack Courtney - January 28, 2023 at 01:01 PM

TV

“ Carter was a man of integrity, high intelligence, sharp humor, and an unparalleled work ethic. As an investigator, his energy and abilities were second to none, and he was adept at passing along his skills to younger agents. There was no one quite like him, and he will be missed.

Terry Valentine - January 27, 2023 at 09:20 PM

WD

“ I first met Carter in San Francisco when he transferred there to be a Group Supervisor for one of the Enforcement Groups. Not sure the exact dates but I later transferred on to Sacramento RO in January 1988.

Carter was an ordinary guy in the most positive way. He was the same, day in and out, easy to talk to and more importantly, available to answer a question or give direction if needed. I do know his heart was truly into being a federal law enforcement agent and he was very proud of his many accomplishments.

God Bless You, Carter and my deepest condolences to his family.

William Davis, DPM (Ret)
DEA San Francisco

William Davis - January 26, 2023 at 01:22 PM

DI

“ I worked with Carter many times over our decades with DEA. He always did an outstanding job professionally and personally. Many young Agents were taught to be “Special Agents” by Carter. God bless Carter and Carter’s family.

Dr. Richard Inscore

Dr. Richard Inscore - January 26, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Carter Leslie Osleber.



January 26, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ A great investigator, a good friend, and a man who truly loved his family. He will be missed by all.

Jack Courtney - January 26, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ Carter was a fine agent and a great role model for younger agents and recruits. We are all fortunate for having known and worked with Carter. My condolences to his dear wife and family. May he rest in peace.

John Coleman - January 26, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ Meave Sheehan lit a candle in memory of Carter Leslie Osleber



Meave Sheehan - January 26, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ I was never in law enforcement; I met Carter through a mutual hobby. I had an immediate liking for Carter. His enthusiasm was abundant. His knowledge was diverse. His love of country was unquestionable. But, more apparent than anything else about Carter, his love and devotion to his family was above all else.

While he was at Quantico, Carter arranged a tour for me of some of the DEA and FBI facilities. It was an amazing behind the scenes look at things most “civilians” could never hope to see. Carter did things for others, and it was never about wanting anything in return. He did these things out of friendship. Almost 30 years later, Carter and I continued to talk on the phone, and occasionally got together for brief hello’s. Always complimentary, always gracious, Carter was an icon to me who served as a role model I could only hope to emulate. God bless.

Rob “SUDS” Sudhoff

Robert Sudhoff - January 25, 2023 at 11:03 AM

TR

“ I worked with Carter with the Chicago Police Department. We both were Task Force Officers in different command areas. I joined BNDD which became DEA. I was assigned to the same DEA group as his brother Rolli. Carter was a hard charging PO and always had a great reputation with his peers. I followed his career in DEA but never had the opportunity to work together again. I had great memories of Carter when we both were CPD. Several riots, shootings and stories. My condolences and prayers to his family.

Tony Ricevuto

Tony Ricevuto - January 25, 2023 at 12:42 AM

SG

I had a much different role with Mr. Carter. I was his CNA for his last part of his life.

I'm beyond blessed to have crossed paths with such a fine young man...

When I would come into his room, I would always say: The Chief said it's okay for us to take the Cruiser out for a joy ride and find those bad guys with all the drugs and put out APB's on the dealers.

Also, he and I would have our nightly talks. He would listen while I cared for him; I'd tell him how I tested for my local PD and God said No. However, God gave me a gift to care for the dying.

Sweet memories, decorating his last Christmas Tree representing LEO's with blue and white lights...

He will forever be reverted in my heart.

Sara Gates, CNA

Sara Gates - January 28, 2023 at 03:43 AM

PR

“*Carter was my first supervisor with DEA when I was first hired in San Francisco in 1987. I truly appreciated his guidance, dedication, and passion for the job. He taught me to appreciate the opportunities of life and joy of family. Carter loved sharing his knowledge and passion of history, war antiques, and classic war movies. He had a picture of John Wayne in his office with the saying "lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way" which I took to heart throughout my career. He loved his family and his country. Thank you Carter, God bless.*

Paul A. Rozario - January 24, 2023 at 11:59 PM

GL

“ Carter and I worked many Smuggling cases together from the mid 70's to the middle 80's. until I was promoted and assigned to another division within the Martin Co SO. We were responsible for seizing well over 150,000 pounds of marihuana, probably close to 1,000 pounds of Cocaine and Hundreds of pounds of Quaaludes....these cases also came along with the seizure of high dollar amounts of Vessels, aircraft and vehicle seizures. We had a lot of great memories that we shared over the years after our retirement and I will never forget my Friendship with him or his family. I could go on for ever, but his family and friends should know that carter was always a great Cop and friend to everyone that worked with him, I will always remember those long hours that we worked together and the off hours that we shared with his family and friends. My sincere condolences to Edith, Rachel, Michael and the Children of them. You should be very proud of your Father/Grandfather. He was a great asset to the many communities he served.....

Captain Glenn Lockwood. Retired, MCSO

Glenn Lockwood - January 24, 2023 at 06:25 PM

RO

“ I first met Carter in San Francisco, where we both were supervisors. We immediately became friends and confidants. Carter was a joy to work with, and we would discuss some of our operations and game plans. Prayers and condolences for family and friends. RIP Brother.



Rich Oakley - January 24, 2023 at 05:25 PM

JK

“ Great memories of Carter; I had about 4 years on the job and came up from the Marathon RO to do a case with the West Palm Beach RO. It was a buy bust on this millionaire Real Estate developer in the Plam Beach county area, and Carter was the first senior guy to help me write a search warrant for the guys' house, resulting in the seizure of numerous guns and another few kilograms of cocaine. I will always remember how Carter treated me as a young agent, and in future years when our paths crossed, we laughed about that case. RIP Carter, you led a great life.

Joe Kilmer - January 24, 2023 at 03:48 PM