



Hall of Fame NICK CARTER

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If it were not for the late Karl "Nick" Carter, the Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame Tournament might not have gotten off the ground when it did.

He was the man who "put things together" for the first tournament back in 1974. He was called into service when Walter S. "Buddy" Clement, the tournament's founder was transferred out of town just after making initial arrangements for the event.

Carter became involved at the urging of Leland Lawson, a friend who was one of the early tournament supporters. "I knew he (Carter) was a great organizer," said Lawson. "I knew he loved golf and had the time and know-how to put things together. He did and that is one big reason why we have such a great tournament today."

And now Carter has been voted into membership this year for his services to the game in the Roanoke Valley.

Carter was born near Columbus, Ohio. He is a graduate of Ohio State and the Harvard Business School. He is a long-time friend of Jack Nicklaus. Carter lived in Roanoke 22 years until his death in February of this year. He was vice president of H.O. Canfield & Co., a major manufacturer of rubber products.

He served many years on the boards at Roanoke and Hunting Hills Country Clubs. But he had an interest in the sport at all levels and his devotion extended far beyond those two clubs.

"Nick had a great interest in golf," said George Fulton, many time champion of the Roanoke City-County and himself a member of the Hall of Fame. "He always was willing and eager to help anyone who played golf. He would do anything he could to promote the sport."

Carter's widow, Evelyn, lives at 3118 Avenham Ave., SW. Their only daughter, Sally Stone, is the wife of a pharmaceutical products executive living in Colombo, Sri Landka (formerly Ceylon). There is one granddaughter.