



## Carl Ross

December 16, 1968 - June 11, 2024

Carl Ross passed away on Jun 11, 2024. His loved ones are composing his obituary, which you will be able to read [here](#).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Carl Ross* ”



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - July 15, 2024 at 01:06 PM

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*First condolences to the Ross family. Angela thank you for this opportunity to speak on your brothers behalf. What can I say about brotherhood? Back in Fall 1987 three young men began an arduous journey that would unite them in a way none had foreseen. Though there were more than three of us who did express the desire, only three of us made the journey. This task was replete with three definitely different personalities (a Detroit brother - Mr. House Music, a DC brother- Mr. GoGo, and me Big Texas- Mr. Houston). Our unity and ultimate transformation into brothers highlighted our strength. Ieesa (Carl) was a great brother and his memory will live on through his progeny and works. Our road trips together in college and our adventures will never be forgotten. Even as I reflect upon him and Reggie Roberts passing and entrance into Omega chapter my heart swells with pride, knowing these two brothers. I think God that I had the opportunity this lifetime to meet them and for us all to become brothers. Recently in the past few years before Carl was unable to communicate in effective fashion, he and I had serious conversations about the inevitability of death as well as his condition plus his prognosis. Let's just say some conversations were heated with us having a few spicy words thrown in, lol but I still loved him. Invariably, I believe he felt the same way. As cantankerous as he could be, he know I could give it back in earnest and we often would laugh at the end. Despite whatever's life trials and tribulations, he was a steadfast, good brother who will be genuinely missed by the brothers of Alpha Chi and the Alpha Sweethearts from that era. He will also be missed by the Fiskites in the class of 1990 and the Fisk community overall. God says from dust we are born and from dust we shall return. No more suffering my LB, eternal rest my good Brother.*

*His progeny beyond his two daughters, Sara and Maryam are as follows:*

*Six Deady Sins*

*The Six Pawns of Genesis*

*The Bloody Four*

*And a multitude of lines after...*

*The Bible reminds us that there's a time for everything and that grief isn't forever. As written in Ecclesiastes 3:1-4:*

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,"*

*There's never just one "season" in life. Today might be time to mourn, but you won't mourn forever. Eventually, you'll heal, and the time to laugh will come again.*

### *THE TEST OF A MAN*

*By Carlyle Straub*

*The test of a man is the fight that he makes,  
The grit that he daily shows,  
The way he stands upon his feet,  
And takes life's numerous bumps and blows.  
A coward can smile when there's naught to fear.  
And nothing his progress bars,  
But it takes a man to stand and cheer,  
While the other fellow stars.  
It isn't the victory after all  
But the fight that a Brother makes.  
A man when driven against the wall,  
Still stands erect and takes the blows of fate  
with his head held high,  
bleeding and bruised and pale,  
Is the man who will win and fate defied,  
For he isn't afraid to fail!  
It's the hurdles you mount and the breaks you get,  
And the shocks your courage stands;  
The hour of sorrow and vain regret,  
For the prize that escapes your hands,  
That test your mettle and prove your worth;  
It isn't the blows you deal  
But the blows you take on this good old earth,  
That show if your stuff is real.*

### *DON'T QUIT*

*By Clinton Howell*

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,  
and you you want to smile, but you have to sigh.  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
Life is queer with its twist and turns  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Success is failure turned inside out,  
the silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
and you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,  
It's when things seem worst, that you must not quit.*

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LLOYD MARTIN - July 21, 2024 at 11:08 PM

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“ *Mr. Ross, DJ Rolex! Glad to have shared music with you and party with you! May you find peace in the presence of The Almighty!---*  
*Blese A. Richardson III(DJB3 of The Big Apple Crew)*



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**Blese A. Richardson III** - October 08, 2024 at 07:22 PM

DP

“ *Carl was a brilliant young man full of energy and hope in his pursuit of excellence as a science major. Carl was an outstanding prospect for our dear fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Chi chapter at Fisk University where he matriculated and graduated. He loved his music and he and his line Brother Reginald Roberts (RIP) would provide some of the best music for our parties and gatherings. We will forever miss our beloved brother Rolex 2-AX-87.*

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**Dynnell Pugh** - July 21, 2024 at 11:21 PM

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“ *May God comfort the family and loved ones in your time of bereavement. We, your Fisk University family and Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will be praying with and for you.*

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**Karriem Dean** - July 21, 2024 at 12:17 PM

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“ I wish dear, always conscientious, and boundlessly wise fraternity brother, Dr. Carl Ross, foremost peace and reverence in his new home of Heaven. He was always a good friend and truly appreciated a vast, eclectic range of African-American and ethnic music. Some of the groups that he enlightened me to are some of my favorite groups today, like Soul II Soul and Loose Ends. Moreover, he always exemplified pride in his race and the historic fraternity of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.

*Bro Carl, please tell our other brothers up there that have passed on that we send our regards and respect in the highest. RIH and God bless always.*

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**Rel Dowdell** - July 15, 2024 at 05:21 PM