

### **Tyree Carr, M.D.**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.—Dec. 12, 2018**—Tyree Carr, M.D., 69, of Las Vegas, Nevada and IJCAHPO Past President, passed away on December 7, 2018, peacefully with his family by his side after a valiant fight with cancer.



Dr. Carr is survived by his beloved wife, Mary (Taylor) Carr; sons, Tyree Carr II (Rotonya), Deldre (Cheryl), and Leonard; and seven grandchildren. Memorial services will be Monday, December 17, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.; Victory Baptist Church, 500 W. Monroe Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89106.

Tyree Carr, M.D., served on the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO) from 1998 to 2014 as a Council representative. For more than 20 years, Dr. Carr provided rich and robust leadership within IJCAHPO. He served in leadership positions as Treasurer (2004, 2005, 2006); he was then elected as President Elect (2009-2010) which advanced him into the leadership role as President (2011-2012) and Past President (2013-2014). During his time as a Council representative, he served on the Education and Finance & Audit Committees, and as Treasurer of the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation for many years. In 2017, Dr. Carr was honored with IJCAHPO's highest award, the Council Statesmanship award, for his leadership and support of allied ophthalmic personnel.

During his IJCAHPO Presidency, he was instrumental in the significant growth of IJCAHPO's certification program and expansion of its distance education – online education and training initiatives. His strong support of certification and his championing ophthalmic technicians to meet high quality standards resulted in a 37% certification growth to over 19,000 IJCAHPO certified ophthalmic personnel worldwide. Through his vision and leadership, he brought IJCAHPO forward in providing the largest online library of ophthalmic courses for global access, as well as its commitment to the development of additional distance education initiatives such as webinars and simulations. He was instrumental in launching IJCAHPO's ophthalmic profession promotion

and awareness-building campaign with the development of an ophthalmic technician career web site.

Dr. Carr was committed to lifelong learning for his eye care team and ophthalmic technicians worldwide. For 10 years, he taught a wide range of technician courses at IJCAHPO's continuing education programs, webinars, and distance education. His deep personal commitment to continuing education spanned the globe by his travels, often at his own expense, and teaching in Africa – Rwanda, Kenya and Tanzania, to educate and train ophthalmologists, residents, and allied ophthalmic personnel, as well as help them achieve internationally recognized certification.

The humanitarian efforts contributed by Tyree Carr, M.D., are worth far more than any value that can be placed on them. His altruistic character was exceptional and unparalleled. His passion, consistent commitment, leadership, generosity and charitable efforts are attributes that are a rare combination. He demonstrated his unique and noble pledge to humankind through his service in healing those who cannot see, his vision to provide the tools to local physicians to carry on good work when he was no longer on site, and the sharing of his knowledge and skills by teaching the local medical professionals in developing countries. His personal outreach resulted in sustainability of the local medical personnel with the knowledge and skills that he would leave behind. Dr. Carr's legacy in ophthalmology touched thousands of lives around the globe.

The family requests any gifts and memorials be sent to JCAHPO (Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology), Boule Foundation, E. N. Webb Scholarship Memorial, or the Gift of Sight. Dr. Carr will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him. "Rest in peace, Tyree. You will remain in our hearts forever."

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