

# THE SPLASH

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## Meet Carl & Gwen Childress



Carl and Gwen Childress moved to the Fountains on May 4, 2021. Their journey to their home in Franklin began in Lawrenceburg where they both grew up. Both graduated from Lawrence County High, Carl in 1957 and Gwen in 1960. Carl attended Castle Heights Military Academy before entering Vanderbilt University School of Engineering, enjoying three years on Vanderbilt's baseball team. Gwen

attended one year at a local Community College before starting a five-year career with the US Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

They started a long-distance romance in 1962, two years before Carl's graduation in '64 and after a two-year stint in the Army Corps of Engineers in Georgia and Okinawa, Japan. They were married in 1967. Carl's employment with Rust Engineering Company led to several moves: the first to Pineville, LA for two years. The next move let them to Auburn, Alabama where their daughter, Carla was born in 1969 three weeks before a move to Ardmore, Oklahoma. During a 3 ½ year stay, their son Jason was born in 1971.

With a change in companies to Dee Shoring Company, the next move led them to Richmond, Virginia in February of 1973 until their move to Franklin. The 48 years in Virginia was interrupted by a move to Columbia, South Carolina for two years ('75 to '77). Carl built a home they enjoyed for 40 years; Carla and Jason grew up there and came to Tennessee for college and to marry. They blessed Carl and Gwen with seven grandchildren.

During their time in Richmond, they were blessed to be able to travel abroad. Carl's first trip once he returned from the Pacific was a mission trip to Kenya in the 80's. He made several mission trips to the Ukraine over the years; accompanied by Gwen on one trip. There were also trips to Hawaii, Italy, Greece, France and Antigua. They feel very blessed in their 55 years together, but sorely miss their home church in Richmond and the dear friends left behind.

Their life's journey led them to The Fountains after Gwen's cancer surgery and Carl's diagnosis. At this time, their children insisted it was time to come home. Their daughter, Carla researched all the available senior living communities in Franklin and decided The Fountains was the best one to meet their needs. Both Carla and Jason were extremely helpful in facilitating the move and adjustment. Carl and Gwen feel welcome and at home at The Fountains. They are very involved in activities, exercise, morning walks, Bible Studies and show encouragement and compassion to those in need.



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# HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS AT THE FOUNTAINS

We were blessed with a beautiful day for our Alzheimer's Walk! Staff, residents and family members walked in the sunshine for our loved ones. Our Fountains Pageant featured twelve of our ladies and we enjoyed learning more about their lives, interests and accomplishments. Robin celebrated her big "60th" birthday and shared her delicious cake with us! The Puppy Parade was a big success and all the "doggies" got along and enjoyed parading around in the courtyard. We look forward to another month of adventures!



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