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Carl Hamilton

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Carl Jewel Hamilton was born in Independence Missouri on 17 January 1933. He graduated from *Holden High School* in May 1950, and from July 1950 to 1955, he served with the US Navy off the coast of Korea aboard the USS Valley Forge during the Korean War.



Carl then served with Helicopter Squadron One as assistant to the Intelligence and Survival Training Officer, and in December 1953, received an honourable discharge from the US Navy. Carl was not from a wealthy family, his Dad was a hard plasterer and ran Hamilton's *Stop and Swap Shop*.

However, Carl had dreams, he completed his studies and graduated from *Cleveland Chiropractic College, USA* in April 1957. He started a practice in *Clinton* and whilst practicing in *Clinton* was elected to the *Trustees of Cleveland Chiropractic College* where he served for 5 years. During this period he also served on the Executive of the *Missouri Chiropractic Association* where he was treasurer for two years.

From 1964 to 1967, Carl was appointed to the *Missouri State Board of Chiropractic Examiners* where he served for two terms. One as president and the other as secretary. In 1965, he was elected as Alderman for the city of *Clinton*. Dr Carl resigned from both positions to emigrate to Australia in April 1967 and built a clinic in Ipswich where he practiced until November 1967, when for family reasons, he returned to the USA.

Upon his return to the USA in November 1967, he commenced practice in *Sedalia Missouri* until March 1971. In April 1971, he again emigrated to Australia and bought back the clinic he had built in *Ipswich*. During his time in *Ipswich* the AMA decided only medical doctors and nurses could use sphygmomanometers. Carl received a visitation from local medics including one that went on to become a prominent politician. They threatened to prosecute, Carl said 'You go right ahead I could use the advertising', nothing happened. He practiced there until he retired for the first time in 1982.

Coming out of retirement he opened a clinic in *Corinda* where he practiced until his next retirement in October 1988.

During this period of time, Dr Carl owned several toys, such as an Aston Martin which he sold for a Rolls Royce which he used to cart hay in the boot to feed the animals on his property. Another reason for selling the Aston was that the police kept picking him up for speeding so they could look under the bonnet. This was a bit hard on his license. He eventually sold both the Roller and his property and bought a house in *Mount Ommaney*.

In 1989, Dr Carl started working as an associate with Dr John Cappola in *Upper Mt Gravatt*. During this time Carl started working with John on a computer program that was to become the well-used practice management program *Capable*.

Dr Carl suffered a heart attack in 1990 under exciting circumstances and was hospitalised. Some Italian mate of his thought he may well die with a subluxation and adjusted his atlas as hard as he could. Others attribute his survival to a small feisty red headed woman that moved in to nurse him and make him eat his greens. She never moved out again. Anne has been friend, companion and eventually his wife. As their partnership grew, they moved to *Mt Tamborine* where in 1990 he set up a part time practice in *Tamborine* and a part time practice in *Oxenford* in 1992. He was now seriously out of retirement.

In 1995, both the *Oxenford* and *Mt Tamborine* practices were sold and Dr Carl finished as an associate in *Mt Gravatt* to retire (again) in the UK. 1994 saw him start a practice in *Fordingbridge* in the United Kingdom where he practiced for four years.

There was a time when Carl thought there was only two kinds of music, Country and Western but in the UK his horizons were broadened by Anne. He became cultured and he ate his greens. He then sold the practice in the UK and returned to Australia seeking warmth and sunlight.

In 1998 Dr Carl once again started practicing in *Upper Mt Gravatt* with Dr John Cappola. Their agreement had always been a handshake. That tells you the nature of the man. Whilst practicing in Australia, Dr Carl served as President of the *Australian Chiropractors Association* for two years. But perhaps more importantly Carl has always been available as a mentor to all that asked, and some that didn't. Many can attribute their success to the selfless interest of Dr Carl Hamilton.

In 2007 Carl reached a milestone. He had practiced chiropractic and served the profession for 50 years.

With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to Carl Hamilton, founding member of ACA QLD, a cherished life member of ACA, and an inspiring mentor whose legacy of guidance and support touched many lives across Australia; our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

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