In Memory of John Carver Who Passed Away Friday, August 16, 2024

It is with great sadness and admiration that I advise the GOVERN for IMPACT community and all of our contacts, of the passing of Dr. John Carver, on Friday, August 16, 2024. Please see the obituary below provided to us by Miriam Carver.

John, along with his life partner and colleague Miriam Carver, has truly contributed to positive world Impact through his work in governance and the design and development of the Policy Governance® system.

John developed a unique theoretical framework for governance, the Policy Governance Model. He taught, facilitated, and coached both boards and consultants worldwide. John and John‘s work have had a profound effect on challenging the paradigms of governance thinking and behaviours through providing an effective system and framework for governance which fundamentally ensures governance is ownership (careholdership/primary stakeholdership) informed, purpose-driven, ethical and prudent accountable governance.

I know that the GOVERN community will want show their respects and admiration. GOVERN for IMPACT is also doing the same. We will initiate the launch of a scholarship fund in John’s name at GOVERN for IMPACT. We will be working with Miriam Carver and the GOVERN Board of Directors to further discuss the focus and work of this scholarship and fund. As the GOVERN community knows, we are working hard to bring younger leaders into awareness and knowledge of Policy Governance as they will be so needed in the future of our world and effective governance. There will be a celebration some time in the future in Atlanta, likely in October 2024. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

I had the extreme privilege and opportunity to know John Carver personally, and to learn from his ideas and teaching. The concepts that I learned were life-changing for my governance work and consulting. Rarely, do we get to meet and have relationships with people who literally have a global effect. John Carver was one of those people, and I personally consider it one of the huge privileges of my life. I know so many of you join me in this perspective!

With sadness at this time,
Karen Fryday-Field
CEO, GOVERN for IMPACT

John Carver Obituary

John Carver, age 86 died on August 16 2024 in Atlanta GA.

Born in Chattanooga TN, the fourth child of John Bruce and Lena Edith Carver, John was the proud father of Tanya Moore and Jennifer Jenkins, as well as the loving grandfather of Hannah, Elizabeth and Erin. He was the proud stepfather of Terry Richardson.

A Ph.D. graduate of Emory University, John managed several Mental Health organizations and systems, ultimately developing an interest in governance, the job of the governing board.

John developed a unique theoretical framework for governance, the Policy Governance Model. He taught, facilitated and coached both boards and consultants worldwide. The author of five books and hundreds of articles and monographs, he may have been the most published writer in his field.

A Secular Humanist, John read widely in philosophy, history and political theory.

Since 1995, John was married to his best friend, Miriam.

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