

Doug Carmichael
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Paul Douglas “Doug” Carmichael was born on November 29, 1950 in Dallas, and for the most part, has been a lifelong resident of Pampa. He began his public education at Austin Elementary School when it first opened in 1957 and attended Robert E. Lee Junior High School before attending Pampa High School from 1967-1969. At Pampa High, he was a member of National Honor Society, Key Club, Quill and Scroll, Junior Classical League, the golf and tennis teams, and was copy editor of the Little Harvester.

After graduating from Pampa High School in 1969, he received his bachelor’s degree in business administration in the centennial class at TCU in 1973. At TCU, he was a member and president of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and a member of the Interfraternity Council. In 1974, he graduated from Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science and joined the staff at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors in Pampa. In 1976, he left to pursue a master’s degree in business administration from TCU, which he received in 1977. Doug then worked for Electronic Data Systems in Dallas and Burroughs Corporation in Fort Worth before returning to Pampa in 1979 as a third generation in the family firm. Upon his father’s retirement in 1997, Doug became president of the firm.

Doug has been a licensed funeral director and embalmer since 1975. He was appointed by Governor Rick Perry and served as a member of the Texas Funeral Service Commission for five years. In 2009, he was named as “Funeral Director of the Year” by the Panhandle Funeral Directors Association in Lubbock. In 2014, Carmichael-Whatley was honored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce as “Business of the Year.”

Doug is an active member of the First United Methodist Church where he has chaired and served on every board. He is a 35-year member and a past president of the Pampa Lions Club where he received the Jack Wiech Fellowship, an award given for supporting the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, and the Melvin Jones Award, which is the highest award given in Lions

International. Doug is a board member of Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa Youth and Community Center, Clarendon College Pampa Center Foundation, Amarillo College Mortuary Science Department, and Pampa Education Foundation. He also serves as a trustee of the M. K. Brown Foundation.

He has served on the boards of Salvation Army, Community Day Care Center, Hospice of the Panhandle, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and Pampa United Way. In his spare time, he enjoys playing racquetball. His family includes his wife, Sara, his two daughters, Ann Carmichael of Washington, DC and Lee Evans and husband, Dr. Will Evans, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; his granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Evans, of Colorado Springs; his parents, Bob and Virginia Carmichael; and his sister, Ann Holloway and husband John of Dallas.