

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC  
Form 8-K  
February 20, 2004

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 19, 2004**

### Carriage Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-11961**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**76-0423828**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1900 St. James Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Houston, Texas 77056**  
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
**(713) 332-8400**

**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished as part of this current report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Press Release by Carriage Services, Inc. ( the Company ) dated February 19, 2004.

**ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

In the press release dated February 19, 2004, the Company announced and commented on its financial results for its fiscal fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by this reference. The information being furnished under Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition, including the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities of that Section.

The Company's press release contains non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, the Company has provided quantitative reconciliations within the press release of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Carriage Services, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CARRIAGE SERVICES, INC.

Date February 20, 2004

By: /s/ Joseph Saporito  
Joseph Saporito  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Description</b>                                               |
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