



## Franklin Theodore "Ted" Carpenter

May 21, 1947 - October 29, 2022

Franklin Theodore "Ted" Carpenter, 75, of Felch, passed away Saturday, October 29, 2022 at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI due to complications brought on by Agent Orange.

He was born May 21, 1947 in Loudon, TN, son of the late Frank and Beatrice (Cadle) Carpenter. A United States Army war veteran who served his country faithfully in Vietnam, was awarded numerous decorations, citations and medals including a purple heart for wounds received in action. He served from Oct. 31, 1968, was part of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, known as the "First Regiment of Dragoons", and was honorably discharged on March 12, 1970. Frank, known by his friends and family as Ted, was a skilled woodworking craftsman who loved riding his Harley Davidson, touring the U.P. countryside and Montana with his wife. An electrician by trade, Ted built his log cabin with his bare hands. A strong loyalty to his country and his faith in Jesus Christ, Ted was known for his white beard and gruff exterior. He was a member of Mission Covenant Church in Foster City, the NRA (Lifetime member), the DAV, VFW, Order of the Purple Heart and the Vietnam Vets of America. To people who knew him personally, Ted was quick to laugh and always up for a good joke. Ted was blessed with a large and loving family. He was married to his wife of 51 years, Judy (Vergowven) Carpenter on June 20, 1971 in Dundee Michigan. Ted was a father to his two children, grandfather to four grandchildren, one great granddaughter, brother, and friend to many. He will

be sorely missed by his loved ones.

He is survived by this wife, Judy; his daughter, Amy (Robert) Baker; his son, Jeremiah (Kelly) Carpenter; his grandchildren, Brandi (Jonathan) Palmer, Brayden, Nadia, and Scarlett Carpenter; his great granddaughter, Aubrey Palmer; his three brothers, Phillip, Timothy and Mark; his two sisters, Rena Standifer and Becky Gerth; and several nieces and nephews.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Ava Marie; his sister-in-law, Roxane Carpenter; and a brother-in-law, Gary Standifer.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Thursday, Nov. 3 at Mission Covenant Church in Foster City. Funeral services will follow at 11:00am at the church. Pastor Kyle Henderson will officiate. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery. The Felch-Breen VFW Post 4803 will conduct military graveside honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) or the veterans organization of your choice.

Condolences to the family of Ted Carpenter may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Felch Cemetery

Felch, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Covenant Church  
W2376 Cemetery Road  
Foster City, MI 49834

## Funeral Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MD

“ Dear Judy, Amy and Jeremiah and families,  
I remember when you came to live on Hanson Road. You have been Amazing neighbors and friend to our family but especially to my parents for which I Thank you very much. Please accept our deepest sympathies. I have fond memories of the family interactions over the years. I can picture Ted at the kitchen table with my dad and whomever happened to be there at the time having a "gab fest" and solving all the world's problems. God bless you at this very sad time. Love from the Oman Family.

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**MARY AND DUANE** - November 02, 2022 at 12:22 PM

SD

“ All we had to say when Ted called the house was, “Dad, your friend is on the phone.” We didn’t have to specify who the friend was because we joked that Ted was his only friend (in the years since Gary passed). And what a great friend he was. So many great things happened for my family because Ted and Judy are the best kind of friends that are really family.

*I always tell everyone that Ted & Judy are why we live in the U.P and how my parents found God. Consequently, watching God change the lives of big bearded, tattooed, scruffy voiced men and use them to make beautiful families that serve each other, is a big part of why I put all my faith and trust in God.*

*As a craftsman, Ted made the longest lasting furniture I have ever seen. For many years me and my siblings have sat on a wooden laundry hamper made by Ted, even though it wasn’t made to be sat on. It has held up beautifully with full grown people sitting on it and now my kids sit on it when they visit Nana and Grumps.*

*Ted was a charter member of the Carlton Motorcycle club with my dad and it was always a joy to be old enough to hear some of the stories of the old wild days that were so apparent on the exterior of their bodies but didn’t match the interior heart they had for God and family.*

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**Sarah (Moore) Dukes** - November 02, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Franklin Theodore "Ted" Carpenter.



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November 01, 2022 at 08:31 PM

RV

“ Ted is My Brother in law I remember going up to Judy's in the late 70s Ted was the one who got me to liking Journey and Bob Seger. even tho I haven't got to see him much down threw the years he will always be a Brother to me I am glad he gave his heart to Christ many years ago because one day we will have a reunion. and as a child of God it's not Goodbye it's I will see you later. Because Scripture tells us to be absent from the body is to be Present with the Lord Amen. Robert And Susie Vergowven from Trinity NC.



Robert Vergowven - October 31, 2022 at 06:59 PM

CS

Judy, I am so sorry about Ted. I am praying for you and your family. Lots of love to you my friend

Cheryl Heiden Stevens - November 01, 2022 at 09:17 AM

CC

Judy, We send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this difficult time and pray that our Lord will continue to strengthen, surround and comfort you.

With Love,  
Craig & Susan Carlsted

Craig Carlsted - November 01, 2022 at 12:47 PM

LL

We're so very sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers

(Will miss his smile)

Dwight & Lulu

Lulu Lee - November 01, 2022 at 08:23 PM

LW

*So very sorry for your tremendous loss of Ted, Judy. We always enjoyed time spent with the two of you, and with our wonderful Moore family. Roger and I will keep you and all of your family in prayer for comfort and strength. We love you. Big hugs.*



*Lisa and Roger Wachtl*

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**Lisa Wachtl** - November 01, 2022 at 10:13 PM

SE

*No words can be said that haven't already been said. He was my dad's best friend and unbiological family to us. I'm so sorry for your loss, Judy, Amy, and Jeremiah and your family! Today our heartaches but we know he is without pain! Praise God for his life and for the promise of eternity that brings us comfort! Love you all so much!*

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**Steve and Abby Evans** - November 03, 2022 at 09:51 AM

CB

*So sorry for your loss, Judy. It wasn't all that long ago that I saw you and Ted at the VA. I'm glad we had an opportunity to chat at that time.*

*Carole Banos*

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**CAROLE BANOS** - December 06, 2022 at 03:46 PM