



William Carpenter

May 17, 2009

KINGSFORD - William "Bill" E. Carpenter, 78, of Kingsford, formerly of Niagara, died Sunday, May 17, 2009, at his home.

Bill was born on April 16, 1931, son of the late Clyde and Helen (Irwin) Carpenter. After graduating from Immaculate Heart Academy in Watertown, N.Y., he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for two years.

Bill married Marjorie McGarry on Dec. 13, 1952, at Holy Family Church in Watertown, N.Y.

Bill was employed for 20 years at the New York Air Brake Co. In 1971, Bill and his family moved to Niagara, after he accepted a position at Grede Foundries in Kingsford as foreman of the melting department. He eventually worked his way up to customer service representative. Bill retired in 1995, but continued working on a part-time basis for several years as a consultant at Grede.

He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed following the Green Bay Packers and Notre Dame Fighting Irish. In his early years, he played semi-professional football in New York and was also a wrestling, lacrosse and semi-pro football referee.

Bill was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church and Green Acres

Golf Club.

Volunteering was an important part of his life, and he dedicated countless hours working in the food pantry at St. Anthony Catholic Church and coaching football and little league baseball in Niagara. Bill enjoyed golfing, camping with family and friends and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marjorie; seven children, Joy (Steve) Pfeffer of Verona, Wis.; Mike (Kris) Carpenter of Niagara; Amy Barglind of Kingsford; Mary (Logan) Carter of Dayton, Ohio; Peter (Tracey) Carpenter of St. Joseph, Mich.; Dave Carpenter of Portage, Wis.; and Steve Carpenter of Verona; one brother, Robert (Gerri) Carpenter of Tacoma, Wash.; one sister, Bonnie Sharlow of Watertown, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren, Heather Finley, Kelly (Kurt) Stumbris, Katie (Nate) Watrouba, Maggie Carpenter, Ben, Emma, Abby and Matthew Carpenter, Sean and Meaghan Carpenter, and Toni Carter; seven great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; two special young men, Tony and Kurt Neuens; and his beloved dog, Spooky.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Beverly Cerow and Barbara Carr and a grandson, Patrick Pfeffer.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Burial will be in Niagara Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bill's four sons, Mike Moreau, and Don Waarala.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit Loan Closet.

Condolences to the family of William "Bill" Carpenter may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Amy, you and I were just talking about your dad a couple weeks ago, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Ernesto (Pancho) always spoke so highly of him when he worked with him at Grede Foundries. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kathie Campos - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Marge
I was so sorry to hear about Bill. I have such fond memories of him while growing up. Our family always thought of yours as extended family. God Bless you all.

Love Rick

Rick Nichols - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Friends:

Although many years and many miles have separated us, our love and fond memories of you endure. With deepest sympathy for your loss,

The Thompson Family: Leo, Sonja, Don and Lisa

Thompson Family - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Margie,
I'm thinking of you and your entire family during this difficult time. May your memories bring you comfort. I reflect upon my own memories visiting you, Bill, Joy, Amy and clan in Brownville, NY with my mom Liz and sister Jaye. Cherish those times, God Bless, Stay Strong.

Kim Johnson - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *The 60th graduation class members will miss your not being with us on July 15-16th. We are still dedicated IHA alumni. Marge you were luck to have married such a nice friend over 12 years at Holy Family in Watertown. May GOD bless your soul*

sally washer - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *I was a friend of Bills from Watertown NY during his formative years I remember him beating Watertown High School in football late 40's although I have not seen him in years I thought of him often. May GOD Bless his soul and my condolences to the family*

Ed Prevost - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Marge and Clan, First we want you all to know what a wonderful thing that you cared for Bill until the end. It's not an easy thing to do, however, in time to come you'll realize that it gives you an inner peace that they met their end with thier family and familiar surroundings, nothing is better than that. It was a priviledge to know and love Bill as we did. He was more family then neighbor. He had a way of making you feel good about yourself, especially for all our children. He's in God's hands now, and free of pain with Patrick at his side.
We love you all.

Phil & Sherri Mangan - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My deepest sympathy to the Carpenter family. Ironically I had passed by the Carpenter home in Brownville NY on Saturday May 16th and thought about the family that I was friends with so many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dan Dupee - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Aunt Margie & family, Sorry about the news. He's with Mom and Bev now, catching up on old times. I hope you don't mind, but I contacted newzjunky.com (Watertown news site) and they posted the obit from the funeral home. I'll keep you in my prayers.

Jerry

Jerry & Laurie Carr - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ TO THE CARPENTERS: WHAT LOVELY MEMORIES WE HAVE OF THAT BROWNVILLE FAMILY. ESPECIALLY MIKE & JOY. MIKE SPENT MANY A DAY AT OUR HOUSE AND WAS ALWAYS SO MUCH FUN. MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE WE HAVE SEEN THE CARPENTERS, BUT THEY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED BILL'S PHONE CALL TO US STATING THAT OUR SON ROY HAD MADE SPORTS ILLUSTRATED AND WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT. HE WAS THAT KIND OF GUY. ALWAYS THINKING WITH KINDNESS. TO THE FAMILY HUGS & GOD BLESS

BRUCE,DORIS, BOOTS, BETH, FRED & ROY

THE BROWNVILLE McADAMS - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Margie, Amy and family, Words can't express how truly Bill will be missed. Wednesday's will not be the same. I was bless to meet you all You are special people. May God give you peace and strength during this difficult time Lisa*

lisa wangerin - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Marge and family, so sorry to hear about Bill. I remember all the good times I spent at your house when Mary and I were in high school. Bill always had such a good sense of humor. My thoughts are with your whole family at this time. Take care.*

Terri Lindstrom - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ To Margie, Steve, and the entire family...My deepest condolences on the loss of Bill. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. His humor was unmatched and his kindness for all the kids in the neighborhood those many years ago was easy to see. I have always felt bad for not seeing all of you more often after moving to Chilton. I am sorry I cannot be with you now. My very deepest sympathy to all of you! God Bless Carp! -Kevin

Kevin Johnson - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Amy, Mike and the rest of the family. Sorry to hear about your dad. You people had a wonderful dad. Dad and mom did a wonderful job with all you kids. Bill always had a smile on his face-was a wonderful guy. he was a father you could be proud of. Sorry to hear about it. Take care and if i can do anything please let me know.

jeff garvaglia - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Marge and family our thought's and prayers are with you all. Bill will be missed very much at Wells Park.

John & Pattie Starzynski - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Amy, Mike and all the Carpenter Family we would like to send our sincere condolences and to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May God Bless you.

John (Belushi) and Lynda Zanon

John and Lynda Zanon - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Marge and Family, our thought and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. I am sure Bill will be smiling down this coming weekend at "Well" while the children are playing on their new Playground. Gpd Bless and our love to all

Richard & Barbara Varney - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Margie:While on site 51 we will always think of you and Bill. It will always be your site. We will miss you deeply, such wonderful friends. You are in our heart and prayers always. We love you both. Bless you Bill>
Lovingly, Bill and Marilyn Hardina

Bill & Marilyn Hardina - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To Grandpa, I Love You. I'm Sorry I didn't get to be there but you always have a special place in my heart and I will hold you close. I will always remember the good times we spent together when I was a child. I will truly miss you and I thank you for the wonderful things you did and gave me in my life time. I know you will be watching over me in the heavens above. I Love You Grandpa.

Love Toni

Toni Carter - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ To my beloved father I love you and you will be missed. Thank you for the wonderful life you and mom gave me. I hope you have find piece in gods hands. I love you, Mary

Mary Carpenter - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Margie and Family. Summers @ Wells State Park will never be the same!!!*

Mark & Debbie Mileski - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *So sorry to hear about your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you at this sad time. Just know that he is in a better place and that he is at peace. God bless you all.*

Tom and Shelly Giguere - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM