



David G. Carpenter, Sr.

July 20, 1941 - October 13, 2020

David G. Carpenter, Sr., age 79, of Middletown, DE, passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Born in Water Mill, NY on July 20, 1941, he was a son of the late Anthony C. and Mildred (Wright) Carpenter. David retired from New Castle County in January of 2009 after 29 years of service. He finished off his career as a Building Maintenance Supervisor after being a Painter Supervisor, Painter, and Building Maintenance Mechanic. David was charged with the Public Safety Building since its construction finished in 2007, along with multiple other sites, and was responsible for the development and construction of the Paint Booth in the Conner Building. He served as a President for AFSCME Local 459 during the Greenhouse Administration into the Gordon Administration. David was a Life Member of Wilmington Manor Fire Company, serving as Engine Captain, as well as the Fire Prevention Committee Co-Chair. He was instrumental in bringing the Sesame Street Fire Prevention program to the County and throughout the State. He also served as the Fire Prevention Co-Chairman of the County Firefighters Association Committee, and the Christiana Mall Fire Awareness Weekend Committee for 12 years. Prior to his County Career, David co-managed the DuPont Parkway Apartments in New Castle. Additionally, he previously managed several Farms

in Delaware and others in Florida and North Carolina for the family business, A.C. Carpenter Inc. Potatoes, of Southampton, NY and Long Island, NY. David cherished spending time with his family watching Atlanta Braves baseball games, picking crabs, and driving his John Deere tractor. David was a dedicated member of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his wife, Michelle B. "Mickey" (Cantlin) Carpenter; and siblings, Mildred M. "Midge" Zaloga, Joyce Carpenter, Anthony A. Carpenter, Robert Carpenter and Marianne Hedrick. He is survived by his children, Michelle C. "Shelley" Bridge (Harry) and David G. Carpenter, Jr. (Shelly), both of Middletown; grandchildren, Harry "J.B." Bridge V, Jessica G. Bridge, Paul Anthony Carpenter and Sarah M. Carpenter; sister-in-law, Darlene Carpenter of Lexington, KY; brother-in-law, Jerry Hedrick of Duncan, OK; companion, Linda Levi of Middletown; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Lucky.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 pm until 7 pm on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 275 East Main Street, Middletown, DE. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 am on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 2431 Frazer Road, Newark, DE. Interment will follow in New St. Paul's Cemetery, Cox Neck Road, New Castle, DE. Face masks and social distancing will be required for all in attendance.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in David's memory to the Wilmington

Manor Fire Company, P.O. Box 645, New Castle, DE 19720, Delaware City
Fire Company, P.O. Box 251, Delaware City, DE 19706, or to Volunteer Hose
Company of Middletown, 27 W. Green Street, Middletown, DE 19709.

Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of David G. Carpenter, Sr.



Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes - August 25, 2025 at 05:14 PM

TM

“ Just finished reading the obit. Would love to hear from one of the children so I can share some stories about Dave and I between 1950-1960.

These were the Hay day of our trips around Mecox which would take up a whole Saturday, our bike races , the bike repair shop in the Tower. And, our Naval Invasion of a neighboring property of kids. Our homemade bike trailer to pick up penny return bottles around all the potato fields. I saw where Dave liked to pick crabs. I just finished my last run of crabbing for the season on Mecox Bay and we had them last night. So sorry but he and Mickey had a full life. Sincerely, Tim Maran

Tim maran - October 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Shelley & David,

Linda Ward Skehan - October 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Dave and Family,
I am very sorry for the passing of your dad. He was a very nice guy
and was always very friendly and helpful during our days at New
Castle County. Please accept my sincere condolences and prayers.
Bob Fischer*

Robert M Fischer - October 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Dave will be miss. He was a good person. He will be miss at
pockets. God bless the family prayers are with u*

Amelia Burley - October 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *A Long time Friend and Fire Fighter, I will miss your Dad, we go way
back when you kids were little at Dupont Parkway Apt.
A great Wilmington Manor Fire Fighting Family
May your Dad and Mom Rest in Peace Now.
God be with you all*

Gary H. Heller and Family - October 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to the Carpenter Family*

Mike Donahue - October 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ While you will be missed here with us Uncle Dave I’m sure that Aunt Mickey, Gramma and Grandpa, Mom, Aunt Joyce, Uncle Tony, Uncle Bob, Aunt Marianne, and little Gramma and Grandpa are all smiling down from above now that you are with them again Shelley and David I’m so sorry for your loss What a truly gracious man your Dad was He will be missed by many

Debbie Bender - October 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ So sorry for the loss of this man. I didn’t know him well, but he employed and mentored my 3 brothers Ken, Mark and Steve Banaszak . He was good to them , and they learned a lot from him. May God be with his family ! Lisa Lewis

Lisa Banaszak Lewis - October 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I worked with Dave through the Newark Free Library. I still have his phone number on my cell contact list – for immediate library help. A very caring man.

susan lipsky - October 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Carpenter and Bridge Family,

Donna Burnette - October 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So sorry to hear about Dave’s passing. He was a nice man and a friend. May God & Jesus be with the family during this time of brevement.

Joe Brown - October 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To the family so sorry to hear about Dave’s passing, be blessed I worked with Dave in Facility Maintenance. Sandra Grinnage

Sandra Grinnage - October 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ So sorry to hear of Dave’s passing. He was a nice man. Thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Pat Lutz Dilenno - October 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Sending love and strength to Shelley, Harry, Dave, Shelly and kids from our family. Sorry we could not be there to help celebrate Uncle Dave’s life of service. We are thinking of you all at this time. Lots of love, Trisha, Ann Marie, Sprout and Hunter.

Patricia Raicht - October 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Possibly one of the most intimidating, selfless, and loving men I’ve known. Prayers for those left behind and happiness knowing our loved ones are welcoming home with open arms. You will be missed.

Ryan Robinette - October 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Dave & Family, so sorry to hear of the loss of you Dad. Our sincere condolences to your entire family.
Sincerely,

William McMichael III & Kathleen McMichael - October 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Shelly and Harry,
So sorry to hear about the passing of your father.

Jean and Randy Willis - October 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Shelley, Harry, and kids,
If you believe in God, we all know that your dad is in a better place with your mom. The hard part is for those of us left behind to only be left with the memories. We have had so many too over the years. I remember both your parents as “salt of the earth” good people. We shared holidays, weddings, births, and birthday parties. I remember their beautiful anniversary party in Delaware City in 2003. I remember your mom’s infamous quote of “you have the compassion of a rock😭.” I remember the picture of u in arm with your dad on the fireplace of their old home. I was fortunate to have you as my best friend and getting them in the package as extended family. I will cherish all our memories over these past 40 years as I grow older🥺

Claire J - October 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ May he rest in eternal peace and joy. He loved his family and we have fond memories of seeing him at football and band performances. Prayers for his family as we know he will be missed.

Murray & Mary Anne Smith - October 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Dave and family – we are so sorry to learn of your dad’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
George & Kathy Giles

George & Kathy Giles - October 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Rest in eternal peace Uncle Dave. We will never forget all you did for us when we lived in DE. My one special memory is you ringing the cow bell at our Cantlin family Thanksgivings and making everyone speak. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. With All Our Love, Kerry & Eric

Kerry & Eric Dietz - October 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Always a gentleman. I'm betting he is happily re connected with his Mickey..
RIP.

Wayne Phillips - October 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ The officers and member send are condolences to you and your family he will be missed.

Stephen Redman Maichle - October 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Me. C,
In addition to being Mitch's bestie, I also remember many things about you from over the years. You will be missed.

Janice Kamalski - October 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Go with God Uncle Dave and be at peace. You will be missed.

Steve and Carol Butsko - October 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM