



George J. Carpenter

March 5, 1947 - May 17, 2017

CARPENTER, George John - 70, of North Cape May died peacefully on May 17, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Born at Margaret Mace Hospital in North Wildwood on March 5, 1947, to the late Earl and Ruth Carpenter, George was raised in Cape May and later, Erma. He graduated from Lower Cape May Regional High School, Class of 1965. In the summer of 1966 he met his best friend and love of his life, Adele, in Cape May. They wed on June 15, 1968, in Philadelphia, PA. George was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968, and proudly served his country in the Vietnam War; he achieved the rank of Specialist 5. During his service, he received the following medals: National Defense Service, Vietnam Campaign with DVC 60, 2 O/S bars, Good Conduct, Vietnam Service, and Expert Rifle. He was honorably discharged in 1970, and was the recipient of the Distinguished Medal of Honor for his service in the Vietnam War. Upon his return, he and Adele settled in Cape May, and later North Cape May, where they raised their beautiful family. He worked in construction for many years until he found his calling when, in 1976, he was employed at Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery. His career there would span 40 years before retiring as the Manager and Superintendent of the cemetery. During his tenure at the historic cemetery, his proudest moment was when, in 2011, he was interviewed by the Press of Atlantic City regarding his life-long work for the cemetery; consoling grieving families and tending to the final resting place of their loved ones. When asked how he managed to take care of the over 158-acre cemetery he once joked, "You can't take a day off. The Grim Reaper never takes a day off." George saw death as "part of the fabric of living. The joy of life is tempered by the sadness and grief of dying, and the two are intertwined." In addition to the cemetery, he was a self-taught chef, and worked at many upscale restaurants in Cape May and Avalon. He was involved with the community as a Pee-Wee Football coach for many years. He was a member and Past Worshipful Master of the Cape Island Masonic Lodge No. 30, F & AM. He was also a gifted artist whose work was displayed and sold throughout Cape May County. He was predeceased by his parents, Earl and Ruth and his brother, Stephen. George is survived by the love of his life, Adele (nee Doyle), his three daughters, Laura (James), Colleen (Jeffrey), Christin (Vincent) and six grandchildren: Jacqueline, Zachary, Catharine, Julia, Eden and Jack; his brother, Michael, sisters, Susan and Rebecca. He will be dearly missed by his many

nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. George's funeral service will be held on Tuesday (May 23rd) at 11:30am in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church ("Old Brick"), 780 Seashore Rd., Cold Spring where there will be a viewing from 10am until 11:20am. Interment with military honors will follow in the Cold Spring Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made in George's name directly to the ongoing preservation of the Veterans' section of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery (Attn.: Mr. Kevin Beare), 780 Seashore Road, Cape May, NJ 08204.

Cemetery

Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery

780 Seashore Road
North Cape May (Lower Township), NJ,

Events

MAY **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:20AM

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Cold Spring Presbyterian Church
780 Seashore Road, North Cape May (Lower Township), NJ, US

MAY **Service** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ George You were a great guy and friend sorry you are gone ,my love to your wife and family.God bless you. Philemon Schellenger

Phil Schellenger - December 24, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ Rest easy brother. SMIB

Erick Nece - May 24, 2017 at 05:27 AM



“ I knew George through work I did at the church. Knowing him made me a better man.

Neil Fisch - May 20, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ Charlie And Sandy Owens lit a candle in memory of George J. Carpenter



Charlie and Sandy Owens - May 19, 2017 at 11:17 PM



“ I love you Dad.



Colleen Carpenter - May 19, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ Richard Rader Sr lit a candle in memory of George J. Carpenter



Richard Rader sr - May 19, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ I will miss you my friend. It was a pleasure working with you for over 30 years. You were always a gentleman and kind with our families who always spoke highly of you in their time of need. I'm sure you and Wyn are talking up a storm of memories at this very moment. Thank you also for your service to our country. Along with my staff you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Richard Rader sr - May 19, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ A community has lost a great example of compassion in George Carpenter. The Evoy family was so very grateful for his support during difficult times. And he was a good friend to our father, Wyn.

Rest in peace - Kim Evoy Bryant

Kim Bryant - May 23, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ I miss you Daddy.

Colleen Carpenter - May 19, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ Adele, lifting you and your family in prayer this day. May Almighty God give you peace and strength now and forever more.
Nan LaCorte

Nan LaCorte - May 18, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ David & Charlotte Holman



David Holman - May 18, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ Adele Mark and I are sorry to hear of George passing away our thoughts and prayers.

gloria oklatner - May 18, 2017 at 03:28 PM