



## Elbert Dalen Carpenter

January 4, 1925 - May 30, 2009

Carpenter, Elbert Dalen ♠" May 30, 2009 at the age of 84 after a courageous 3 ½ year battle with pancreatic cancer and congestive heart failure. Born a "Waldron Boy" in 1925, he married the love of his life, Dorothy Rose (Hallenbeck) in 1950 and moved to the farm in Vermontville, Michigan. Together they had 3 children upon whom he doted ♠" Roz Carpenter, Mary (David) Belz, and James (Charlotte) Carpenter. He was the much loved grandfather of his best buddy and number one farm hand David Lingholm, Rebekah Lingholm, Adam Belz, Logan Belz, Katherine Carpenter, and Scot Carpenter. Elbert spent 42 years working on the railroad, starting as a telegrapher and ending as freight master. A boomer, he was employed by the Big 4 (CCC & StL), Cincinnati Northern, New York Central, Michigan Central, Florida East Coast, and Grand Trunk Western (Canadian National) railroads. He also served as the General Secretary and Treasurer of the B.R.A.C. (Brotherhood of the Railway, Airline, and Steamship Clerks) with a membership of over half a million, making it the largest labor union in the world at that time. He also served his community in many ways including the Jaycees, Boy Scouts (Commissioner for 10 years), Lions Club (president and tail twister among his offices), many committees of the Vermontville United Methodist Church, and as a charter board member of the Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Foundation. He enjoyed playing golf but, beyond his family, his greatest passion was the family farm in Vermontville. A memorial service is planned for Tuesday June 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the family farm: 7068

W. Vermontville Hwy., Vermontville, Michigan 49096. The family will be at the farm to receive guests on Mon. June 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Please, no flowers but rather, donations to the Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Eaton County Hospice, and the Vermontville United Methodist Church.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

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**Debbie (Hawkins) Stahl** - June 03, 2009 at 06:00 AM

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“ *Just want you to know we in Waldron are thinking of you during this most difficult time. Carol, the Library Board and Staff* ”

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