



Robert Carpenter

February 24, 1948 - March 17, 2009

Robert Carpenter, 61 of Charlotte, MI, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009. Mr. Carpenter was born February 24, 1948 in Lansing, MI, the son of Charles and Helen (Bywater) Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was a senior pastor for the Freeport United Brethren Church and the associate pastor for the Dewitt United Brethren Church. He worked at Fisher Body in Quality Control and was well known for playing Santa Claus. He is survived by his wife, Mary Carpenter; daughter, Sherri Rinard of Charlotte; son, Gregory (Terri) Carpenter of Georgia; grandchildren, Chelsei, Mara, Kira, Elijah, Talon, Daniqua, and Jay, brother, Bill (Ellen) Carpenter and sister, Connie Carpenter. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Carpenter. Memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 23, 2009 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made Great Lakes Christian College. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Carpenter* ”



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Its Amazing how GOD brings Individual's into your life for just a short time and how that one person makes such an Impression onto your LIFE forever. I first met Bob while learning to become a Truck driver at LCC in Battlecreek. The two of us quickly became close friends sharing our Life stories and studying together as the weeks passed by in the Barracks. I will forever Appreciate and Cherish the memory we shared of our adventure during the Skid Pad Training. When we separated to explore our new careers, I was Elated to discover that Bob was working for the same Company I had just joined. Being once again reunited brought Joy to the both of us. We rekindled our friendship as we began calling one another. Whenever we were able to meet each other at Dispatch in (Lansing) I loved hearing him say "Hey!, Hey! Hows it going young man?!" Bob always had a friendly Smile a Hug and Firm Handshake. Rarely was he ever upset, he would say "It's just not worth it!" If it were not for BOB in my life, I may have gotten a divorce this past summer. He was a true friend and confidant that assisted me through my turmoil and grief. I was just getting ready to call him as he popped in my head 5 minutes ago when I received the Message across the PeopleNet. While scrolling though the beginning of the Text and I saw his name, my Heart dropped and a lump formed in my throat, my eyes filled as I knew at that moment he was saying goodbye to me five minutes ago. I then heard radio play these two songs "Who am I?" by Casting Crowns and the song "I'm in a better place now". That did relieve the Heart ache and comfort me. Please if any of you would have a picture you could send to my email I would gratefully appreciate this lasting gift as I unfortunately have to work on Monday. My thanks to the LORD for allowing this CHARACTER to come into my life even for a short time and my prayers are for his Wife and Family. I will truly miss you my Friend!!!!

Christopher McGee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *In loving memory of my cousin, Robert.*

March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary, LeRoy and I are so sorry to hear about Bob passing. We are praying for you and the family. Love you, Sharon*

Sharon Simmons - March 24, 2009 at 07:31 AM

FB

“ To Mary and the rest of the family... I am very sorry to hear of Bob's passing and feel deeply for the loss you and the family are going through at this difficult time. I considered Bob to be a very good friend and definitely a person who entered my life by divine intervention. He was such a calming presence to me who always encouraged me to reach higher in my walk with the Lord. It was Bob's example that led me to memorize the books of James, Philippians, and 1 Timothy. He never failed to encourage me in my writing and would marvel in the God-given creativity shown in the the poems I wrote. Also, being a photographer, I have a picture I took of Bob at the Diamondale United Brethren church that I would love someone in the family to have. Please contact me through my email if someone is interested. Things that I remember most about Bob were his humbleness in teaching the little children, his dedication to the body of Christ in all possible matters (he would support a christian's business first), and his presentation of the story of the santa suit (the black symbolizing the sin of man, the red for the Blood of Christ, and the white standing for the result of the cleansing power of the Blood to purify us before our God. I have missed Bob since his retirement, but I miss him even more now that he is gone. My consolation is that one day, in heaven, I will once again hear his cheering voice say....brother Faaaabian! Good to see you! Welcome home. I am sure this is your comfort also. May God continue to bless you with His overwhelming peace, unending grace, all-fulfilling love until that day comes. Fabian Benavides

Fabian Benavides - March 23, 2009 at 12:22 PM

CD

“ Greg and family we wish to express our deepest condolences to all. We were very sadden to hear of the passing our your father. Just from reading other tributes from friends and relatives, I can tell he was a man of respect and loved his Lord. Our prayers will continue to be with you until your return home to Georgia.

Carmen and Robert Dickerson - March 20, 2009 at 11:26 AM

DW

“ I will miss my Uncle Bob. He was a gracious and caring man who loved Christ, people, and life. I will always remember his great stories and how intensely he would just listen to people as they would talk. I will never forget his whisker kisses either! I couldn't stand them growing up, but now I will cherish them forever. My daughter will never forget her "Uncle Santa Bob." I am comforted to know that Uncle Bob is with his Lord, whom he so dedicately served. Aunt Mary, Sherri and Greg, and kids, you are all in our prayers. We love you. -- Dawn and Taylor

Dawn Wood - March 20, 2009 at 09:02 AM

AR

“ We are saddened to hear of your loss, but encouraged to know that he is now dancing on streets of gold with Jesus! Albert (Big Al) worked with Bob at Fisher Body, and you even came to our house for dinner shortly after we were married 20 years ago. May God comfort you until you see him again.

Albert andDeb Ramirez - March 20, 2009 at 03:13 AM

AA

“ Bob was one of the nicest men I've ever met. Very warm, friendly and caring. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary and family.

Amy Arnold-Garcia - March 19, 2009 at 11:52 AM

KL

“ Mary,Greg And Sherry I am sorry to hear about Bob. He was a sweet loving man who will be missed. You are in out prayers. Love Kim Beck

Kimberly (Beck) Levandowski - March 19, 2009 at 10:36 AM

JO

“ I am very sorry for your lose. I know words just don't do it , if there is anything I can do, don't hesitate.

Jim OBrien - March 19, 2009 at 04:59 AM

JM

“ A true test of a man is how they treat others in stressful situations. Bob always was kind, cheerful, compassionate and understanding regardless of the circumstance he found himself in. May the knowledge that Bob is with our Lord in heaven bring solace to all that have known him.

Jason Mayville - March 19, 2009 at 02:03 AM