



Joel Arden Carpenter

February 21, 1949 - May 9, 2012

Passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2012 in Grand Rapids. Joel was born February 21, 1949 in Watervliet MI, the son of George and Frances (Goss) Carpenter and had lived the majority of his life in the Bangor area. He was a former pilot, actually earning his pilot license before his drivers license. Joel served in the National Guard and also the community of Bangor as a police officer and firefighter. He also served on the South Haven Fire Dept. as an EMT. His last working years were spent at Landers Hardware in Bangor. Surviving is a brother George (Dorothy) of Lawrence; 2 sisters, Joyce (Richard) Freestone of Bangor, Carolyn (Terry) Fulk of Norton Shores; 8 nieces; 7 nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family will meet with friends on Monday from 5:00 PM until time of service at 7:00 PM at Simpson United Methodist Church, Bangor, Pastor Terry Fulk officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions to either the Bangor Area Fire Dept. or South Haven Emergency Services. Arrangements by BANGOR CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Southard Cemetery

44th Avenue and CR 681
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Simpson United Methodist Church
507 Joy Street
Bangor, MI

Service

MAY 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Debra Hooper (hosier) lit a candle in memory of Joel Arden Carpenter*



debra hooper (hosier) - July 29, 2012 at 11:26 PM

CP

“ *Carolann Pacer-Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Joel Arden Carpenter*



Carolann Pacer-Ramsey - May 15, 2012 at 07:04 PM

CP

I have many fond memories of classes with Joel... My sympathy to his family... May God grant you peace during this time of loss...

Carolann Pacer-Ramsey - May 15, 2012 at 07:06 PM

PH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Joel's family. Joel worked for my Dad (Sam), Uncle, and Cousin at Distefano's Auto Service. He was always very kind to me and my family. I will miss seeing him at Lander's Hardware, as well.*

*With deep sympathy,
Patti Distefano Henry*

Pat Distefano Henry - May 15, 2012 at 04:06 PM

ST

“ *I first met Joel when he was working on the ambulance in South Haven. One of the nicest people you would ever want to meet. I am sad to hear he left us so soon. My thoughts and prayer go out to his family.*

*Sincerely,
Suzie (Ghidotti) Traudt*

Suzie (Ghidotti) Traudt - May 15, 2012 at 07:29 AM

GK

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Gregg Kurasz - May 14, 2012 at 06:55 PM

GK

Having known Joel since our days in Bangor High School, I have always considered Joel a good friend. In recent years, while I have been able to spend more time in Michigan, we were able to renew that friendship through many activities including going to the Hartford racetrack and going out for dinner. We shared many views on life and near obsession of Fox News. My wife, Rae, had enjoyed getting to know Joel.

The posted pictures are from a couple boat rides on Saddle Lake.

Our prayers are with Joel's family and friends. A donation to the Bangor Fire Department will be made in Joel's name from the BHS class of '67.

Gregg and Rae Kurasz

Gregg Kurasz - May 14, 2012 at 07:10 PM

DL

“ *To the Family of Joel: I was of great sadness to hear of the passing of Joel. He and I go back many years, the first when he worked for the County Ambulance Service in South Haven. I was a Full Time Driver/Engineer with the South Haven Fire Department then and Joel and I would fly all over our area taking pictures for pre-planning of fires all at Joel's expense. I remember one time we went to Holland to view a fire that was going on at the time and the head winds coming home were so strong that the car's were going faster than we were on the ground. But we made it. When I became Fire Chief Joel was a member of South Havens Ambulance service. When our new fleet of equipment arrived Joel was the First to lend a hand to build racks in the compartments and ready the trucks for service. Never missed a day unless he was on duty. When I left South Haven we still chatted upon my many returns and I would stop by Tractors Supply for a few minutes of update as to our beings. Joel was a friend from day one and He will be missed by many. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family as he will surely be missed by us.*

Dion and Lyn LeMieux

Dion C. LeMieux - May 13, 2012 at 07:09 PM

JD

“ *My sympathy to all of Joel's family. He was much loved and respected by those who had the privilege to know him. Jan Dziubinski*

Janice Dziubinski - May 13, 2012 at 12:12 PM

JR

“ *Judy Rainey lit a candle in memory of Joel Arden Carpenter*



Judy Rainey - May 12, 2012 at 10:32 AM

DW

“ *Our sincere Sympathy to the family. He was a great guy at Landers. Our Prayers are with all the family of Joel. Especially George and Dorothy, who We know very well. Prayers Dorthy and George.*

Dallas and Julie White - May 11, 2012 at 04:49 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Joel Arden Carpenter.*



May 11, 2012 at 03:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Arden Carpenter.*



May 11, 2012 at 03:39 PM

FB

“ Dear Carolyn and family,
Please know of our sorrow in the death of your dear brother, Joel. I remember his sweet personality, his grin as he teased you. and his stories of times spent with your children. May your time together as a family be precious, as you share memories.

Deut. 33:27, "The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the Everlasting arms."

Francine Busch and family

Francine Busch - May 11, 2012 at 01:03 PM

KR

Joel delivered my second child during an "unintentional" home birth! He brought her into the world healthy and happy and we have always been grateful he was there that night! R.I.P. Joel

Karyn Ridley - May 12, 2012 at 11:22 AM

BB

Joel was a great guy. His smile and " good morning" as he worked at Landers will be remembered by many people.

George and Dorothy, I know you will miss Joel greatly. I'll think about you at every holiday when he used to join your family.

I've known Joel for a lot of years....remembering the days of his purple dune buggy....Mike and I loved that thing.

Brenda Balfour

Brenda Balfour - May 15, 2012 at 06:15 AM