



David F. Carpenter

August 21, 1940 - October 31, 2018

David F. Carpenter, age 78, of Huntington Woods, passed away October 31, 2018. David was a lifelong outdoorsman and educator. David obtained multiple degrees in history from Michigan State University and was a lifelong Spartan fan. David supported Michigan State as a Spartan Bold member and simultaneously had season tickets with his wife for football, basketball, and hockey. It was at Michigan State that he met, courted and married his wife of 54 years. David loved to educate others and taught history and anthropology at Oakland Community College for 48 years. His core courses focused on celebrating cultural diversity while recognizing that we are all members of the same human race and should treat each other with dignity and respect. His love of teaching was passed on to his sons who both followed his lead into the classroom. David's involvement in Boy Scouts of America lasted nearly seven decades from his time as a young scout in Utica through being a scout leader for Troop 1292 in Huntington Woods. During that time he saw both of his sons obtain the Eagle Rank and was awarded the inaugural David F. Carpenter Excellence in Scouting Award from the troop. Finally, David was a devoted member of the Lutheran church starting with his time attending Trinity Lutheran Grade School (Utica). He had many leadership roles including serving as church president at Holy Redeemer Lutheran (Madison Heights) but his favorite role in the church was teaching catechism and Sunday school. Overall, David shared his talents with tens of thousands of people whom have a better understanding of the world we live in because of him.

David was the beloved husband of Donna (née Klayer). Loving father of Donald (Julie) Carpenter and Dan (Jennifer) Carpenter. Dear grandfather of Zachary, Abigail, Evangeline, C.J., and Emmett.

A memorial gathering will take place on Sunday, November 11 at 3:30 p.m. until time of service, 4:00 p.m., at Cana Lutheran Church, 2119 Catalpa Dr, in Berkley.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to Clinton River Watershed Council (<http://www.crowc.org/donate/>), Boy Scouts of America (<https://donations.scouting.org/#/national/>), or Cana Lutheran Church (<https://www.canaelca.org/give.html>).

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Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 11. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cana Lutheran Church
2119 Catalpa Drive
Berkley, MI 48072

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ When I started at OCC, the plan was to become an archival historian, but the first semester I took his Cultural Anthropology course and fell in love with the whole subject. Because of his encouragement, I ended up with my BA in Anthropology with a concentration in Archaeology. One of the best teachers I ever had.

JULIE CAMPBELL - April 17, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David F. Carpenter.



November 06, 2018 at 10:10 AM

WB

“ Went to Trinity Lutheran and Utica High class of 1958the best was going fishing in the Clinton river behind his mothers store on Auburn rd downtown Utica he was a great person

Wayne L Barg - November 05, 2018 at 03:46 PM

BF

“ Dave, a wonderful teacher colleague of mine and a loyal Spartan friend! I will think of you whenever I look up at your row at Breslin. We will miss you. Barb Frey

Barb Frey - November 04, 2018 at 12:28 PM

DH

“ David thanks for all the summer memories, canoe trips, plays, teaching me how to fish, trying to teach me how to swim by throwing me in the deep end of yours and Donna's apt pool, didn't work you had to jump in and get me. Showing me Christian Values and being a role model. You'll be missed by many.

Debbie Hatcher - November 03, 2018 at 07:06 AM