



Harry R. Carpenter

February 3, 1943 - January 30, 2025

Harry R. Carpenter, 81, of Bourbonnais, went to be with the Lord and Savior on January 30, 2025, from the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno.

Harry was born on February 3, 1943, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the son of Harry R. and Dorothy (Eibling) Carpenter, Sr. He married Pamela Wille on December 12, 1981, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bradley, Illinois.

After graduating from Central High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Harry went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Olivet Nazarene University and a master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois, Chicago. He was employed by the Department of Mental Health as Director of Admissions and Social Services at the Manteno and Tinley Park Mental Health Centers. Harry also served his county as a U.S. Marine in the Kodia, Alaska, where he received a good conduct medal and sharpshooter badge.

Upon retirement, Harry and Pam owned and operated Days of Yesteryear Antiques and Momence Storage. They also established New Beginnings for Cats shelter and cared for countless cats (and dogs too) who were in need, including those at Harry's house for cats with HIV and Leukemia. Harry loved animals.

Harry was also a member of the St. John Catholic Church in Kankakee, Illinois.

Harry is survived by his wife, Pamela, of Bourbonnais; son, Mickey Carpenter, of Edgewater, Florida; 3 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-law, Rebecca McHargue, Elizabeth Suprenant.

He was preceded by his parents and precious fur children who “crossed the bridge” before him.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at St. Rose of Lima Chapel in Kankakee, Illinois starting at 10:00 am until the funeral service at 10:30 am, officiated by Father Matt Pracher.

Memorials may be made to New Beginnings for Cats in Bourbonnais or St. Rose of Lima Chapel.

The family would like to give a special “Thank you” to the staff at the Manteno Veteran’s Home for their dedicated care.

Jensen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima
486 W Merchant St
Kankakee, IL 60901

Mass

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ Sorry to hear of Harry’s passing. I knew of him as a volunteer at New Beginnings for Cats. Harry had a special building for HIV-positive felines to live out their very happy lives in a comfortable setting. And a special room for his beloved bengal cats . This was back in the day when the disease was relatively new and most shelters wouldn’t accept such cats, but Harry and Pam did. Harry really cared for those cats. May his family be comforted during the time knowing that people remembered his kindness.



Sue Gould - February 09, 2025 at 08:43 PM

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“ Met Harry & Pam while volunteering for New Beginnings Cat Shelter. He was always a very nice person, enjoyed his passion for all the cats & dogs in his care. Rest in Peace. 🙏



Barbara Dams - February 06, 2025 at 01:25 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Carpenter’s passing. Such a sweet man. I will miss his warm smile and Good Mornings at JPll mass. Rest in peace, sir.

Mary Talamantes - February 04, 2025 at 11:22 AM

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“ *Pam and family - I'm so sorry to hear this. Many good memories of Harry at Manteno and Tinley Park Mental Health Centers. Thinking of you- may you be comforted at this time and the days to come.*

Marva Foulks Taylor - February 04, 2025 at 09:41 AM