



John Andrew (Andy) Carpenter

November 3, 1937 - January 8, 2017

JOHN ANDREW (ANDY) CARPENTER, 79, of Bradenton, passed away on January 8, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family.

Andy was born in West Milford, WV to Geraldine (Jerry) Hathaway Carpenter and Clarence (Herb) Carpenter on November 3, 1937. He attended Doddridge County High School and upon graduating in 1956 joined the United States Navy, serving on the USS Maury. After his service, he moved to the Washington D.C. area where he would later meet his wife, Marilyn. He spent most of his career working for the Federal Government as a Telecommunications Engineer.

Andy loved to travel and see the world. He went on many cruises and visited many countries. He enjoyed playing golf and the opportunity it presented to spend time with friends. He was a jokester and loved to make people laugh. He refused to sit still and could be found building things in the garage, fixing old cars, and working on new projects around the house. He will be most remembered for how much he loved his family. He was a devoted husband to his wife that he adored, an amazing father to his four children and a loving and fun grandfather.

Andy is preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Herb, sister, Mary Jo, and brother, James (Bud).

Andy is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marilyn (Alexander) Carpenter, his daughters Kellie (Michael) Rotunno, Jennifer (Paul) Clements, Deborah Carpenter, his son, Scott Carpenter, and his four grandchildren, Maya, Calyn, Antonio, and Kai. He is also survived by his sisters, Louise Braddock, Frances Tackett, Martha Reynolds as well as his brother-in-law Gary Reynolds, sister and brother-in-law Lois and Bob Bakondi, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Services will be held at Arlington Cemetery at a later date. Toale Brothers are handling the funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Heart Association, PO Box 15120, Chicago, IL 60693.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Michael Blanchette, ARNP-C, at the Sarasota Memorial Heart Failure Center, for his unwavering kindness and support.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Andy & I graduated from Doddridge County High School Class of 1956. He was a kind, generous person who helped me many years ago when I was looking for work and a place to live. For that I am eternally grateful. I have known his sister Louise (Weesie) many years. And I still have a beautiful hurricane lamp Martha made at a glass factory in Salem. To the family I send my sincere condolences. May your many Warm and Good Memories always give you comfort. Peace to all.

Shannon Braddock - January 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Andy was a great friend in High School and I met with him back in WV. when we were in the Navy. Had a great auto race with him & his 58 Chev. conv. - I lost, but I gave him a run for the money. My condolence-from a sad heart.

Sam Calhoun HMC/USN/RET Calhoun - January 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family today and always.

American Heart Association - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Marilyn and family,
We were so sorry to learn about Andy's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences.

Tom and Kathy Hemperly - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I served with Andy aboard the USS Maury. A great friend and a good man. I will miss him. God bless. Jerry Pritchard

January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Marilyn and family:
I served with Andy on the USS Maury and have fond memories of him. I am glad that my wife and I attended several reunions with you both. Andy was a great guy. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Casey & Deanne Moore

January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marilyn, We just learned the sad new about Andy from Jerry and Mary Knapp. Dale and I want to express our sincere sympathy at this time. Dale remembers the good times on the USS Maury with Andy and I remember the fun time we had in Branson, Mo. Keeping you and your family in our prayers. Dale and Edna Burgess

January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our lives were blessed the day we met Andy. He was loved so much and we have lots of wonderful memories of all our times together. Goodbye is not forever and is not the end, it simply means we will miss him until we meet again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Marilyn.

Sue & Mick McManus - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Many years since I have spent time with him. My sincere condolences to the family. Most especially to my cousin Kellie and her family. My prayers are with you.*

Alice Bronndus - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ *Sending love and sympathy from my family.*



Susan Young - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Though I met him but once, I felt I knew him through Paul. He spoke often about his father-in-law, Andy. It's clear that he was a good father, a good friend, a good husband and a good man. Please accept our deepest condolences.*

Lois Clements - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM