



Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter

November 2, 1934 - October 5, 2013

Lois Jane Carpenter 78 of rural Bluffton passed away at 9:55 a.m. Saturday at her son's home in Bluffton.

Jane was born on November 2, 1934 in Wells County to Ralph Leas & Ruey (Slusher) Leas. She was 1 of the 9 students that graduated in 1952 from Jackson High School. On December 13, 1953 in Wells County she married Harold E. Carpenter. They shared 33 years of marriage and he precedes her in death on June 10, 1986.

Jane was a lifelong resident of Wells County. She worked for 30 years in food services for the Bluffton Harrison School System, working in the Middle School and High School cafeterias, and retiring in 1998. She was very active in the community and volunteered for many years at the Wells County Hospital Auxiliary and working at the Bargain Hut since 2000. She was very proud that this work supported local medical students and E.M.T.'s with scholarships to go to school. They helped as many as 30 students in a single year.

She was a dedicated member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church, active in United Methodist Women and always willing to help in the church kitchen.

Survivors include her children; Gary (Mel) Carpenter of Bluffton, Larry (Tracy) Carpenter of Amherst, Ohio and Carolyn (David) Kraatz of Marlton, New Jersey. She is survived by a brother Bob Leas of Columbia City along with 11 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by a son Steven Lee Carpenter, a grandson Jarred Carpenter in 2011, 4 brothers; Gail, Jim, Jack & Don Leas and a sister Lillian Bradford.

A Funeral service to celebrate her life will be held at 10:30 on Thursday (October 10,2013) at Liberty Center United Methodist Church, with Pastor Chad Yoder and Life Celebrant Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling Hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Wednesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial may be made in Jane's memory to the Liberty Center United Methodist Church or to Family Life Care. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Liberty Center United Methodist Church
2905 South Main Street
Liberty Center, IN 46766

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go to all the family. Jane always had a ready smile and a little chuckle bubbling beneath the surface. Loved that about her.*

Dave & Barb Oswalt - October 11, 2013 at 08:55 AM



“ *Douglas Grover lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter*



Douglas Grover - October 10, 2013 at 04:14 PM

DC

“ I had the pleasure of being Jane's pastor for 4 years. She was a gracious woman with a good sense of humor who always helped at the church. She will be missed and my heart and prayers go out to the family. May God bring comfort in His time.

Devin Cook - October 10, 2013 at 02:10 PM

DG

“ Carolyn, Larry, Gary and families - my sincere condolences for your loss. Regretfully can make it for services but will always remember Aunt Jane for her smile and genuine caring for others.



Dave Gregg - October 09, 2013 at 07:21 PM

MM

“ I will always have fond memories of Jane and my grandmother Ruth Murray working in the cafeteria at the Bluffton Middle School when I was going to Junior High there. She always had a smile on her face and asked how we were doing and still did when I would see her around town in Bluffton. Prayers to the Carpenter family in the Loss of Jane, She will be greatly missed.



Mike Murray - October 09, 2013 at 12:20 PM

VJ

“ I graduated with Carolyn but only got to know Jane well in 2001 on a trip to Branson. We had a little birthday party for her that Nov. 2. It was a great time.

She and Mom (Doris Ann Wilson) became great friends at the Bargain Hut and any time Mom has been in the hospital, Jane always stopped in to check on her when she herself might not have been feeling all that great. Her concern was always for others.

We had a good talk at the 1972 class reunion at Gary's in 2012 and she told me how she and Mr. Carpenter met. She lit up talking about him. Now they are together. God bless you, Jane. Like Mom said, soooo many will miss you! Valerie Wilson Jackson and Doris Ann Wilson

Valerie Wilson Jackson - October 08, 2013 at 10:27 PM

SD

“ Your mom will certainly be missed! She was always so positive and helpful. You're all in our prayers.

Sandy Dunsmore - October 08, 2013 at 05:15 PM

KF

“ Ken And Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter



Ken and Jeannie Flowers - October 08, 2013 at 02:56 PM

NF

“ Nancy Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lois Jane Carpenter



Nancy Flowers - October 07, 2013 at 09:33 PM

LW

“ I enjoyed talking with Jane @ Bluffton Regional while she in the gift shop. She was a very kind lady. My daughter Elizabeth (Liz) was part of the Carpenter family for a while and Jane always had kind things to say about Elizabeth. She always asked about her. I'm so sorry for all the Carpenter's as they loss a very dear person. Jane will be missed....Elizabeth and I send our condolences.
Lori Wolfgang and Elizabeth Davis

Lori Wolfgang - October 07, 2013 at 07:05 PM

BF

“ Your Mom was always friendly and had a smile. She will be missed.

Bill and Sandy Fair

Bill and Sandy Fair - October 07, 2013 at 04:52 PM

KP

“ Karen Prible lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lois Jane Carpenter



Karen Prible - October 07, 2013 at 01:17 PM

DK

“ *Debbie (Gentis) Kemarly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter*



Debbie (Gentis) Kemarly - October 07, 2013 at 09:21 AM

BK

“ *I have so many memories from my childhood of Jane! But most of all her help and support when mom was going through her cancer treatments. Thank you Jane! You are a wonderful lady and will be missed!*

Bernie Kleinknight - October 07, 2013 at 09:07 AM

BK

“ *Bernie Kleinknight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter*



Bernie Kleinknight - October 07, 2013 at 09:04 AM

CL

“ *Cathy Leas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter*



Cathy Leas - October 07, 2013 at 08:32 AM

AO

“ *Angie Oswalt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter*



Angie Oswalt - October 06, 2013 at 06:57 PM

JT

“ *Julia Tobias lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lois Jane Carpenter*



Julia Tobias - October 06, 2013 at 04:53 PM