



## Jody Carpenter

August 1, 1923 - February 25, 2012

JODY CARPENTER, (Volunteer) of Manassas, Virginia passed away Saturday, February 25, 2012.

Jody was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 1923. She attended school there as an honor student, member of the National Honor Society and the Philatheon Honor Society. She became a Registered Nurse in 1944, subsequently joining the Army Nurse Corp in January 1945. She retired medically as a 1st Lieutenant in December 1947 having spent 18 months at Walter Reed as a patient. She and Major Garnet Y. Carpenter, Jr. were married on September 20, 1947. They resided in Waynesboro, Virginia where she was Executive Secretary for Waynesboro Community Chest 1948-1951, on the Waynesboro Easter Seal Board from 1949-1959 and moved to Manassas in November, 1951. She was a past member of Manassas Junior Women's Club, All Saints Altar and Rosary Society. Her accomplishments include organizing and presiding over the Council of Catholic Women 1952-1955, board member of the Manassas Red Cross from 1958-1962, Secretary (1957) and Vice President (1958) of Junior Women's Club, in 1959 co-chairman of a Junior Women's Club committee to organize classes for handicapped and retarded children, which was the forerunner of Didlake School. She Joined Prince William Hospital Auxiliary in 1963 and was a board member until 1999, then became an associate member. She organized the Candy Striper program and was its chairman until 1999. She also was State

Chairperson of the Health and Careers Committee for the Virginia Association of Hospital Auxiliary and on its Board for eight years. She was also on the Honorary Board of Manassas Museum. Jody was honored in 1998-1999 as the City of Manassas Women of the year. She was honorary chairman of Prince William Hospital Circle of Lights in 2001 and was an avid rose cultivator and an avid reader. She was a recipient of the American Campaign Medal, U.S. Army and the World War II Victory Medal, U.S. Army. She was a member of the Retired Nurse Corps Association, Retired Officer's Association, and Disabled American Veterans and a charter member of Women in military service for America.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Garnett Y. Carpenter, Jr.; her parents, Stanley and Emily Gruchacz and a sister, Delores Jones.

Survivors include four children, Garnett Y. Carpenter III of Stuart, Florida, Christopher Jon Carpenter of Manassas, Virginia, Joan Lee Moretti and husband Victor J. of Catlett, Virginia and Kimberly Spear and husband Patrick of College Park, Maryland; two grandchildren, Matthew Spear and wife Brenda of Elkridge, Maryland and Joshua Lee Clouser of Catlett, Virginia and one great grandson, Ayden Spear.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at Pierce Old Town Chapel, 9320 West St. Manassas where a rosary will be said. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00 A.M. Thursday, March 1, 2012 at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas with Rev. Robert C. Cilinski officiating. Interment will be private at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, Virginia with military honors.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Benedictine Sisters Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, Virginia 20136 in loving memory of Jody Carpenter.

Condolences may be sent to [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *It's almost like I lost a mother. She will be missed by all. Too many fond and wonderful memories to list, but of course you guys know what they all are. Our love and prayers are with the Carpenter family.*

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**Cathy Luck Miller** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

MW

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences to the entire family!*

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**Monique Watson** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

CH

“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers. As Debbie and Cathy both said, for me it is like losing my mom. Each of our moms treated all of the neighborhood kids as their own and your mom was no exception. I remember coming over to see if Joan Lee and Kim could come out to play and your mom made me do KP before anyone could go out to play. Memories like that are precious to me (even if I wasn't too happy about it then!) She treated us all as one of her own. I look back at all of the photos of our parents and thank God every day that he placed us all in each other's lives. We all have a new Guardian Angel. Godspeed dear friend.*

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**Connie Harriman** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

JH

“ *Dear Joan, Tripp and family ~ Sincere condolences to you all at this sad time. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you as you reflect on a wonderful mother and friend. God bless you guys. ~Jan Hopkins and family*

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**Jan Gordon Hopkins** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

GA

“ *Kim and Joan,  
I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I know you loved her so very much as you spoke of her often. It is very hard to lose a mother. My condolences to you and your family. Hugs, Gayle*

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**Gayle** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

TS

“ *Chris, thanks for the call today! I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom! I loved bringing her Holy Communion when I first came to All Saints back in '03! God bless you and your family. YOU are in our prayers! I will try to come on Thursday.  
Ted & Caroline Spinelli and boys*

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**Ted Spinelli** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

JR

“ *My thoughts and prayers go to and with the family in this hour of grief. May God and His angels go with and watch over each of you.*

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**Jim Rhodes** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

BB

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family for the loss of Jody. She was a magnificent lady who made a huge lasting impact on the Manassas community through her adept leadership and dedicated volunteering spirit. She was a longtime, true, and dear friend to our parents, Dick Haydon, Nancy Haydon Lawson, and Red Lawson, as well as, us children. She had a sparkle and wonderful personality that made her unforgettable. We are grateful to have known Jody, her husband, Garnett, and all of you family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Bill and Vicki Bonifant** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

BM

“ *Jody Carpenter*

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**Betty & Ed Matistic** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

VD

“ *So sorry on your loss. Mrs Carpenter was my director when I was a candystriper many,many years ago and I was quite close to her.*

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**Vicki Davis** - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM