

Grady L. Carter

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Grady L. Carter, 74, formerly of Paw Paw, passed away, Friday, June 27, 2014, at Banner Hospice Hospital in Mesa, Arizona. Grady had struggled the past 10 years with failing health, due to complications of diabetes and heart disease. Grady was born Feb. 22, 1940, in Detroit, and was the son of Harris H. and Otella M. Carter, both formerly of Paw Paw.

Preceding him in death are his parents; brother, Alfred G. Carter; and two sisters, Lowana R. Carter Knibbs, and Minnie Jewel Carter Sweezy, all formerly of Paw Paw, who moved to Arizona.

Grady was the husband of Judith A. "Judy" Fyman Carter of Paw Paw, and the father of four, Richard M. Carter of Oceanside, CA, Anita M. Carter Morris of Mesa, AZ, Rocky Sherburn of Paw Paw, and Michelle Button of Reed City, MI.

While a resident of Paw Paw, Grady served as a police officer for the Bangor Police Department, where he grew to love serving the community with his fellow comrades.

Being a man of many talents and creative abilities, he built and donated to the Paw Paw Jaycees, a detailed plaque made from wood, in appreciation for those who served in the community.

He was a Mason, a member of the Royal Order of Moose, and a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In 1970, Grady and his family moved from Michigan to Mesa, Arizona, where his family settled.

He had his own construction company and worked construction until his health would not allow him to continue.

Grady is most remembered as a man with a great sense of humor who could make others laugh telling jokes and stories whenever possible. Although his health had failed, and he had much to be discouraged about, he still was with his family the last days of his life, making them laugh and smile with his much loved humor and stories.

He had many friends and was liked by all.

Having great patience and his many gifts of talent, he found pleasure in building model ships of great detail and design. He could build whatever he put his mind to build and never let the size of the project discourage him. He loved the challenge. He built numerous houses, professional buildings, and worked with the renovation of the Mesa LDS Temple.

Grady loved his family and his roots, having his southern heritage coming from Humphreys County, Tennessee. He loved talking about his family and their history and the stories of those who led the way.

Grady loved the studies of our country's history, and enjoyed studying the Civil War with its battles.

Prior to his death, he made arrangements to donate his body to science with the hopes that somehow it may help others with infirmities and disease. Sadly to say, due to complications at the very last, it did not qualify him for his wishes to be made. He was a courageous man, and will be and already is missed by all whose life he had touched.