

Guy D. Carpenter

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Guy D. Carpenter was born in Valparaiso, Indiana. Son of Guy O. and Estel Duncan Carpenter, he and his brother, William Warren, grew up in a loving Methodist home. He attended DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where he met his future wife, Jane Mohler. After graduation from DePauw, in 1941, Guy and Jane purchased their lease at Lake Louise, high on a hill in the birches on the north side of the lake. Guy and Jane were married on August 1, 1943.

Like his father, Guy became a Methodist minister, graduating from Boston University School of Theology and doing additional graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He later received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from DePauw University.

Guy served Indiana Methodist churches in Batesville and Greensburg and was senior pastor of the Methodist Temple in Evansville for 13 years. He also served on numerous committees in the South Indiana Conference. He was a very popular preacher, with intelligent, thoughtful and loving sermons. During the Vietnam War, one of his sermons was read into the Congressional Record.

Highlights of his life include a trip with Jane to Denmark that Guy won in 1953 by writing an essay. He was an avid reader, loved music, and built detailed authentic ship models. He and Jane built a rustic log cabin at Lake Louise, and annual month-long vacations there were especially precious to the whole family. Guy and Jane had 3 children (Paul, Ann and John) and 7 grandchildren.

Guy's life embodied love, strength, and dignity, even through the hardship of living with multiple sclerosis for 40 years. His last appointment was Chaplain of the United Methodist Home in Franklin, Indiana. After retirement he and Jane lived in Greenwood, Indiana, before moving to be near Ann's family in Stevensville, Michigan, and then Gaylord, Michigan. He died in 1996, but his spirit lives on in all of the lives that were touched by his deep ability to love.