



## Barbara "Skip" Carpenter

September 8, 1939 - October 27, 2018

Barbara Kay "Skip" Carpenter passed away in her home, October 27, 2018. Born to Lawrence Raymond And Pauline Ellen (Johnson) Vanaman in Gary, Indiana on September 8, 1939. She married Danny L. Carpenter on February 19, 1966. He preceded her in death on November 24, 2016.

Skip was a proud member of the North Judson class of 1957. She graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing receiving her RN degree on 1960. She continued her education earning a Bachelors and Masters degrees in education. Skip taught Vocational Health at North Judson-San Pierre High School until retirement.

Together with her husband Danny, they operated Carpenter's Oil Co. for 50 years. Skip enjoyed golfing, bowling, cooking, making crafts, jams/jellies and entering her favorites in the Starke County Fair. She was a "spirited" treasure hunter at auctions and yard sales. Skip looked forward to the holiday seasons and volunteering at the Christmas Store. She was passionate about nature and an avid birdwatcher, continuously photographing and taking videos of all wildlife. She always enjoyed her excursions to Vegas or local casinos with friends and family. Lady Luck seemed to be always on her side.

Skip took pleasure in following and attending all of the many activities of her children and grandchildren. She also loved spending time and laughs with her beloved sisters, Raelene, Joann and Susie, and numerous friends. She had a witty sense of humor and there was never a dull moment.

She is survived by five children; Warren (Rosalyn) Gappa of Prattville, AL,

Daniel (Stacey) Gappa of Bellingham, WA, Jeanine (Gappa) Huey of Brookston, IN Dana Carpenter and Jill (Greg) Bejes both of North Judson, IN. She was blessed with fourteen grandchildren.

Skip was preceded in death by; a brother Larry and an infant sister Bessie Mae.

A Gathering of Friends and Family will be held from 4-8 PM CT on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc. North Judson, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be given toward the Northern Indiana Community Foundation (Pioneer Cemetery Transformation Foundation) or The Starke County Humane Society.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Skip was a very friendly person that always said "Hi" and had kind words to say. She loved her family and will be greatly missed. God Bless.

*Alice (Nowakowski) Bau.*

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**Alice BAU** - November 01, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Barbara "Skip" Carpenter.



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October 31, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara "Skip" Carpenter.



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October 31, 2018 at 07:40 AM

MH

“ I'm so sorry for all your family. I heard Dana had taken over the station, but never got to see her since our CMA days. I had most u kids in school, played golf/ bowling with Skip. Always got free air at Danny, tho he gave me Shi ????? I would be there for services if I was home. So many stories. Prayers to u all.

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**Murry Hight** - October 30, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ Skip came out to my house to look at some jewelry. Sweet, fun lady of class. May her spunk live on forever in her kids and grands. God bless you.

Sandra Bailey - October 30, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara "Skip" Carpenter.



October 30, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ I'm saddened to hear this news. I was a student of Skips. My wife's mother could not be with her during child birth so Skip went in with her for support.

We all loved her and learned a lot from her. I went onto a career in homecare and nursing. I also worked at UCLA.

She inspired many of my life choices.

Over the years I've thought of her fondly.

A few years ago I met up with her and she was able to meet my daughter again after 30 years.

Thank you Skip, you taught me well!

God bless you!

David Garetto-Barnett - October 30, 2018 at 06:47 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Skip's passing. Have a lot of memories of her from high school, etc. Praying for all the family at this sad time.

Pauline Weninger Lawhorne - October 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM


KR

“ So many precious memories of my Aunt Skip!  
So many laughs and some tears. She was  
always there for me no matter what the  
situation. Aunt Skip will be dearly missed.💔  
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**Kim Richie** - October 29, 2018 at 08:33 PM

 Denise  
Reading

“ Let me be the first to say "Cancer sucks"! We all lost her so fast.  
While I'm glad she doesn't hurt anymore, our hearts hurt. She  
became a VIP in our family, even sharing the back seat with Nevan.  
He to grew to love her as we did. She tried so hard to teach me  
about Lady Luck. I will always treasure the hummingbird feeder she  
gave me, even though I wasn't very good at that either. She was  
smart and articulate. She loved the mushrooms that Brian always  
took to her. So many things, I in fact could fill the page. We spent a  
lot of time with her. My Skip-De-Doo, I'm so saddened to have to  
say goodbye to you. Thank you all for sharing your mom and sister  
with us. Much love to you all.

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**Denise Reading** - October 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM

DM

“ Skip was a wonderful friend to me I loved her dearly she always  
was there for me many times I have been gone from North Judson  
for years but I have always missed this family dearly esp. Skip and  
Danny and my dear friend Dana love you All Donna

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**Donna Mcdaniel** - October 29, 2018 at 08:23 PM