



Blake F. Carter

November 4, 1928 - November 2, 2012

Blake F. Carter, age 83, of Versailles, passed away Friday, November 2, 2012, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born November 4, 1928, in Peoria, Illinois, the son of the late Raymond F. and Dorothy Blake Carter.

On December 13, 1953, in DePue, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Helen Louise Van Cleave, who survives the home.

In his early years, he was active in the Peoria Players and Orpheus Club singing groups.

Blake received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois. In 1969, he received his Professional Engineer Degree from West Virginia University. In 1988, he received his certification to teach high school mathematics from the University of Missouri St. Louis.

He worked as the quality control director at CE Refractories in Mexico, Missouri and at Corhart Refractories in Buckhannon, West Virginia. He also taught mathematics in Silex, Missouri.

Some of Blake's other achievements include participating in the York Chorus in York, Pennsylvania and singing solos in the Messiah for the St. Louis Bach

Symphony and Chorale. He always enjoyed sharing his talent and singing in church choirs.

Blake enjoyed hiking and camping with his sons when they were growing up. He took pride in watching them mature, and was very proud of his role to help shape the men they are today.

In addition to his wife, Helen, he is survived by his two sons, Bruce Carter and wife Beth of Leawood, Kansas and Mark Carter and Mario Martinez of Essex, Vermont; his daughter-in-law, Kathy Carter of Versailles; seven grandchildren, Bryan Carter and wife Crystal, Gregory, Michelle, Bridget, William, Olivia and Andrew; two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Maya; his sister, Helen Graham and husband Warren of Peoria, Illinois; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Jeffery Blake Carter.

A private family service and inurnment will be held. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles United Methodist Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

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“ *Dear Helen and Family,*

*We are sorry to hear about Blake. He was a fine man and a wonderful neighbor. Our family was blessed to know both of you.
John Fitzgerald, Pat and Barbara Fitzgerald*

Barbara L. Fitzgerald - November 10, 2012 at 03:54 PM

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“ *Our prayers are with all of you at this time. I worked at the Village Shoppe briefly and appreciated our visits over the coffee counter. A gentle, funny and gracious man. Blessings to the family at this difficult time.*

Nita Loganbill - November 06, 2012 at 01:24 PM