



## Delbert LeRoy Carey

October 12, 1942 - September 6, 2020

Mineral Point - Delbert LeRoy Carey, Jr., age 77 triumphantly and peacefully entered the Kingdom of Heaven on September 6, 2020, while holding the hands of his son and daughter.

Del was born on October 12, 1942, the only son of Delbert LeRoy Carey and his wife Lorraine (Wiesen). His father was drafted in 1943 and served in the Big Red One, being killed in action on June 18, 1944 at Caumont, Normandy. After the war, his mother married a returning veteran, John Edward Byous, and the growing family lived on Dodge Street in Mineral Point. Del graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1961, where he was a drummer, a football captain, and senior class president. On April 11, 1964, Del married Joan Patricia O'Brien of Truman, and they settled in Mineral Point.

Del worked as a custodian at the Mineral Point schools, as a gas station attendant at several local stations, including his dad's (which is now Kwik Trip) and for many years at Wayne's Standard. He also was an auto mechanic at Engel's Chevrolet, before being hired at Nelson Muffler in 1975. He worked at Nelson Muffler, through all of its name changes, and retired in 2010. He and Joan owned and operated Carey's Corner for several years, creating a safe place for teenagers to hang out on weekends.

Del was a Packer fan and a Badger football and basketball fan. He served his

community by coaching Midget League softball and Little League baseball as well as serving as Cub Master for two years. He was a part of the Gridiron club for its first few years, being the main hamburger chef at the concession stand. When he was young, he played fast pitch for his uncle Art in Jonesdale and slow pitch for the Green Lantern. He was an avid fisherman, catching many muskies, walleyes, and bass with friends and family at Lake Tomahawk in northern Wisconsin. He and Joan were country music fans and attended many concerts. He loved working on things with his hands, especially his boat and could fix or modify or improve anything with moving parts. He was excellent at drawing and was always willing to help someone work on their car. Del was a volunteer fireman for 33 years, serving more than 20 years as captain of #1, and his last two years as Fire Chief.

Del is survived by his son Delbert of Mineral Point, his daughter Jackie (Mike) Marx of La Crosse, and three grandsons Alex (Jackie's) and Orion and Sebastien (Delbert's), his brother Eddie Byous and sister Patty (Paul) Kearns. Del is also survived by many in-laws from Joan's extensive family, including brothers-in-law Paul O'Brien of Racine, Gary (Betty) O'Brien of Mesa, AZ, and sisters-in-law Jean (Phil) Stopper of Baraboo, and Mary Karow of Wyocena. He is also survived by many, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and a faithful cat named Boots.

Del was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Joan, his father Delbert L. Carey, Sr, his dad and mom, Eddie & Lorraine Byous, his paternal grandparents George and Susie Carey, and his maternal grand parents Elmer & Mary Wiesen, all of Mineral Point. He was also preceded in death by his brothers-in-law Francis, Harold, Mike, and Larry O'Brien and Keith Karow, and sisters-in-law Donna (Paul) and Rita (Mike) O'Brien.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Ss. MARY and PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. Father

Michael Tarigopula will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Friday morning, September 11, from 10:00 am until the time of service at the Church.

Due to COVID-19, visitors are asked to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Internment services will follow.

Due to COVID-19, there will be no luncheon following grave-side services.

The Family is being assisted in these trying times by the Gorgen Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to the Mineral Point Fire Department and the Mineral Point Rescue Squad.

The family would like to thank all of Dad's nurses and caregivers, Dr. Grunow, the Mineral Point Rescue Squad, the staff at Upland Hills and the doctors and nurses at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, including Deb, Kerri, Kate, Renita, and Wendy.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street  
Mineral Point, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 12:50 PM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church  
224 Davis Street  
Mineral Point, WI 53565

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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224 Davis Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert LeRoy Carey*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Delbert and Jackie, so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad! I always enjoyed going to your home and your parents made it a special place for all your friends. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories they made for your family.*

*- Patti (May) Waldner*

**Patti Waldner** - September 10, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *I will remember Del for all the get togethers getting ready for the class reunions it good just seeing him out . He will be missed my many . Delbert and Jackie sorry for your lost He was a fine person. Take care and stay healthy.*

**Joyce Rundle** - September 09, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Delbert and Joan were friends of my husband Dick, (now deceased) and I since we were all single. We were in each others weddings in 1964 and kept our friendship ever since. I have many good memories of the good times we shared all these years. Sympathy to you Del Jr and Jackie, your families in the loss of a fine man. Hugs, love and my prayers sent to all of you -Rosalie (Armstrong) May*

**Rosalie R. (Armstrong)** - September 09, 2020 at 12:30 AM

BH

“ Jackie and family -we only met your Dad a few times, but you always spoke of him with love and respect. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you.

*The Hurley's*

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**Barb and Dan HURley** - September 08, 2020 at 11:56 PM

TG

“ I have many memories of Uncle Del - the kind and loving man who always took the time to play with the kids! His laugh, his humor, his love for his kids and grandkids...but most of all his love for Aunt Joan. Watching the two of them on the dance floor together any chance they could over all of the years was such a joy to see, and a blessing to experience!!

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**Tina Gebhard** - September 08, 2020 at 11:16 PM

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“ When I was young, I remember uncle Del always playing wheffel ball at the motel with the nephew's and niece's.

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**Ken O'Brien** - September 08, 2020 at 08:37 PM

JR

“ Delbert was a great classmate of mine. He arranged all our class reunions. He is going to be deeply missed by all. I send out my heart and prayers to the family. God Bless you all.

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**Joan Ristey** - September 08, 2020 at 11:38 AM

KP

“ I have known Delbert (and his son Delbert) since kindergarten. I have no specific memories just a wonderful man who always welcomed me into their home and put up with me from the time i was 5.

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**KEVIN PAYNTER** - September 08, 2020 at 09:08 AM