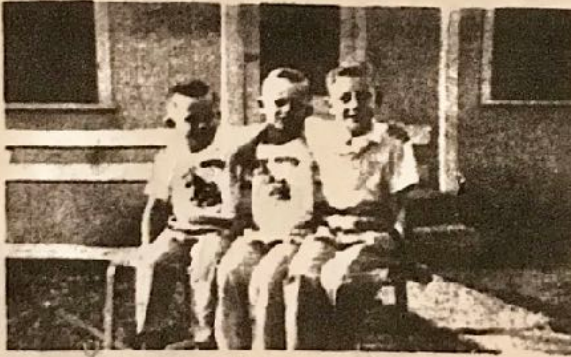


"Always Did Things Together"



THE CARPENTER BROTHERS, who are now serving in three separate branches of the armed forces at the same time, are shown when much younger. Mrs. Carpenter said the boys were "always close", and that "they always did things together."

From the Shakopee Valley News, *Keeps Mom Busy Baking... Family Has 3 Sons in Service*. September 18, 1969

The youngest of the three boys was Larry, who was 19 years old in 1969. Lawrence Larry Francis Carpenter was born on May 18, 1950. He decided that since his brothers were doing their part, he would too. Larry enlisted in the Marines, and in 1969 he was situated in Vietnam. He had approximately three and one-half years left in his enlistment. Larry was married to Betty, and have a one year old daughter. They lived in Chaska.

All three sons eventually returned home to Shakopee.

Antoinette's husband, Thomas Allen Carpenter, died on June 21, 1982 in Shakopee.

Antoinette Marie Ann Strehlow Carpenter died on April 24, 2011. She was age 94, and was a resident of



Care Free Living.

She was buried at the Shakopee Catholic Cemetery.

Antoinette Ann Strehlow Carpenter left behind 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and many loved nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.



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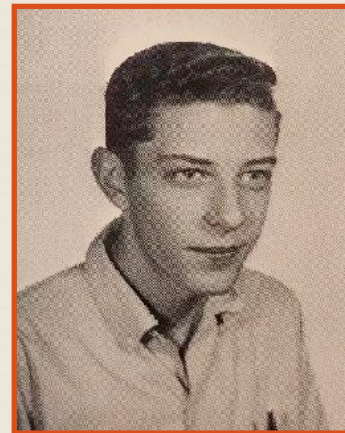
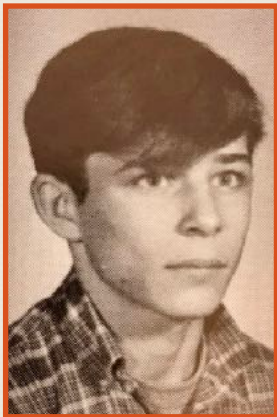
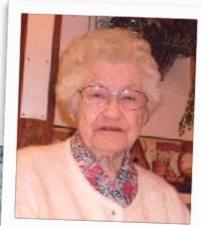
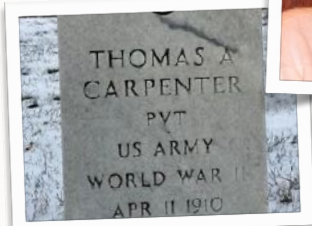
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**Antoinette Marie
Ann Strehlow
Carpenter
1916-2011**



Antoinette Marie Ann Strehlow Carpenter and Tom Carpenter had eight children, including three sons who were in the military, including Larry, in the Marines; Perry, in the Army; and Tom, in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Pictures from the Shakopee High School yearbook, *Waniyetu*.

Antoinette Marie Ann Strehlow was born in Shakopee, Minnesota on August 19, 1916. Her parents were Emil William Strehlow (1890-1946) and Lizetta Marie Vierling (1892-1954.). Her siblings included William George Strehlow (1913-2009), Eugene John Strehlow (1922-2005), and Lorraine Marie Strehlow Mahowald (1926-2019.)

Antoinette married Thomas Allen Carpenter (1910-1982.). Thomas was from New York.

Antoinette and Thomas had eight children: Eva Marie, Lizetta Marie, Ellen Pauline, Catherine Mary, Thomas Eugene, Perry Jack, Lawrence Francis, and Annette Marie Carpenter. They all lived at 531 Sixth Avenue East in Shakopee.

In an article in the **Shakopee Valley News** on Thursday, September 18, 1969, Antoinette Marie Ann Strehlow Carpenter talked about her three sons,

all who were in the military during the Vietnam War. In the article, *Keeps Mom Busy Baking...Family Has 3 Sons in Service*, Antoinette talked about the big job supplying baked goods from her home to her three sons in service. But she is glad to do it. Her five daughters and daughter-in-law also helped cooking the food.

The oldest son is Tom, who was 22 years old in 1969. Thomas Tom Eugene Carpenter was born on January 26, 1947. He was the first in the armed forces. He enlisted in the Navy four



Antoinette Marie Ann Strehlow Carpenter's mother was Lizetta Marie Vierling Strehlow (1892-1954) also grew up in Shakopee.

years ago, and currently had two years remained in his service. He was serving aboard the USS Puffer submarine. USS Puffer, a Sturgeon-class nuclear attack submarine, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for the pufferfish, a saltwater fish with toxic spines that can inflate its body with water or air and is one of the most poisonous vertebrates in the world. Like all ships of her class in the Silent Service, USS Puffer conducted many operations that were critical to the needs of the nation. According to Antoinette, the USS Puffer operated in the Pacific Ocean, but the location was classified.

Antoinette Marie Ann Strehlow Carpenter's son, Perry Carpenter, 21, was in the Army for one year, and in 1969 was stationed in Korea. Perry Jack Carpenter was born on August 22, 1948. Perry was drafted, and would finish her tour of duty one year later. He is married to his wife, Mona Ueland of Shakopee, and they have a one year old son.