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SSGT ERNEST AL CARPENTER - AIR FORCE

Unit(s)/Ship(s): SAC, MAC; Worked on C-5's, C-141's, and B-52's

Dates of Service: 3/1969 - 10/1975

Locations of Service: Keesler AFB, MS; Wright Patterson AFB, OH; Germany



Scott AFB building named for local man

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BELLEVILLE — A building at Scott Air Force Base will be named in honor of a Woodlawn man who formerly was the administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration office here.

The Ernest Alen "Al" Carpenter office building will be dedicated 1 p.m. today.

Carpenter died Sept. 23, 1995, of a heart attack while he was at a Knights of Columbus event at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon.

He had worked at the Mt. Vernon FAA branch until the office was moved to the base.

Tom Saupe, an electronics technician at the base, said it was fitting the building be named in honor of Carpenter.

"He was instrumental in having the building constructed and was the driving force behind it. He got to work in the building about a year before the heart attack," Saupe said. "He was thought very highly of by employees and was dedicated to his job."

The office is used by technicians who certify the national airspace system for Southern Illinois.

Carpenter's wife Cindy said she knew her husband would be proud to know the building was named after him.

"The dedication of this building in my husband's name reflects the faith, love and integrity of his daily life and in turn reflects back on me and all who knew him," she said.

Carpenter has a son, David, of Woodlawn and a daughter, Ava, of Lincoln, Neb.

He had served six and a half years



Carpenter



ERNEST "AL" CARPENTER
1948-1995

In memory of our esteemed colleague
for his unwavering loyalty
not only to the Federal Aviation Administration,
but to his community and co-workers alike.

He was a mentor, a leader
and a friend to us all.

His endeavors will not be forgotten,
nor will they go unfinished.

Dedicated September, 1996

in the Air Force and had worked for the FAA from June 1976 until he died. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Mt. Vernon, The Fourth Degree Blessed Virgin Assembly No. 1935, AM-VETS Post 4 of Mt. Vernon, and the Knights of Columbus James P. Burke Council 2964, of which he was a grand Knight.

