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Abstract: **Patricia Lynne Stanford Carpenter (Patsy)**

Ms. Carpenter and her husband, Irvin moved to Fort Bend to teach school in 1965. They immediately became active members of St. John's United Methodist Church in Richmond. Members helped them find a places to live until they built a home on Sycamore Rd. in Richmond. Patsy was born in 1940 in Houston. She resided with her father and step mother until she went off to college at Lon Morris Junior College and later to Southwestern University. She earned her Master's degree from Prairie View A&M University. She taught public school for several years before joining St. John's school in 1974. She became the Director of the school.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Julie Almarez – St. John’s Custodian
Tim Benson – St. John’s Choir Director
William Irvine Carpenter – husband
Kay Lynne Carpenter – daughter
Margaret Jill Carpenter – daughter
William Irvine Carpenter – son
Meredith Dogget – friend
Jan Elliott – fellow teacher & neighbor
Richard Elliott – fellow teacher & neighbor
Kip Gilts – minister at St. John’s
Lady George Jefferies – church member
Christine Little – church member
Beverly Richard – first director of St. John’s school
Hazel Stanford – mother
Jack Stanford – father
Lydia Boucher – teacher
DeAnne Woody – founder of St. John’s school
Fritz Zurovec– neighbor
Patsy Zurovec – neighbor

Places / Businesses (in alphabetical order)

Aldine ISD
Austin High School, Houston
Centenary College
Cole Theater
Deaf Smith Elementary
Depelchin Children’s Home
Eastwood Elementary, Houston
Fort Bend County

Fort Bend ISD
Dulles High School
Galveston, Texas
George Junior High School
Georgetown, Texas
Hermann Hospital
Houston Belt & Terminal
Houston, Texas
Jackson Junior High School
Jacksonville, Texas
Jane Long Elementary
Lamar High School
Lamar Tech
Meyer Elementary, Houston
Lon Morris Junior College
Matagorda, Texas
Port Neches, Texas
Prairie View A&M University
Richmond Food Market
Richmond, Texas
Rosenberg, Texas
San Antonio, Texas
Sharpstown
Shreveport, Louisiana
St. John’s United Methodist Church
Sugar Land, Texas
Taylor Ray Elementary
Terry High School
United Methodist Church, Houston
Walker Drug Store
Y.O.U. – Youth Opportunities Unlimited

Events

Born in 1940 in Houston, Texas, Patsy lived with several family members in various parts of Texas and attended several elementary schools. She graduated from Austin High School and earned a Bachelor's degree from Southwestern University and a Master's degree from Prairie View A&M University.

She and her husband Irvine moved to Fort Bend County in 1965 to accept teaching positions and raise their 3 children.

Patsy began employment at St. John's School for Little Children in 1974 as Director and teacher.