

The West Virginia Board of Education appointed Max D. Carpenter to fill the position of Superintendent in September 1988. Mr. Carpenter had held the position of Assistant Superintendent for the previous 13 years.

A graduate of West Virginia University, Mr. Carpenter earned his B.A. degree in Music Education in 1956. He began his teaching career at the School for the Blind as a music instructor in September 1956. He later returned to WVU to acquire a Master's degree in School Administration, followed by a second Master's in Special Education from Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Carpenter was promoted to Supervising Teacher in July 1969 and to the office of Principal of the School for the Blind in July 1971. In June 1975 he was recommended by Mr. Brady and approved by the Board to become the first Assistant Superintendent and remained in that position until 1988.

Mr. Carpenter and his wife Shirley, were both natives of Hampshire County, the parents of four grown children, and members of the First Baptist Church. They were the first Superintendent's family to choose to remain in their own home in Romney, and not reside in the Administration Building's living quarters previously occupied by former Superintendents.

Mr. Carpenter's career at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind spanned forty years, and he was totally dedicated to his work, his family and his church.

Following his retirement in 1996, the Carpenters relocated to Englewood, Florida. Mrs. Carpenter passed away after a few years in their new home in Florida.

Mr. Carpenter and his second wife, Polly continue to live in the Englewood area.