



Carpentier's Cocktail Lounge

335 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage (907) 333-3691
61°13'19"N 149°46'39"W

License Issued: 1961 to David M. Carpentier

CLOSED December 2023

Amenities: Pool tables, darts, horseshoes

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History and Notoriety: This bar has been owned and managed by the Carpentier family since David “Dave” Carpentier Sr. opened its doors in 1961. The big brown building on Boniface is certainly distinctive. Even more noticeable is the sign, which is of a shapely young woman reclining in a cocktail glass. Several different versions of the logo have been used on tokens, matches, and in countless ads over the years.

Dave was born in 1932 in North Dakota. He came to Anchorage in 1952 while serving in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. He worked for Mike O'Neill at Richmond's Cocktail Lounge (now the Gaslight) in downtown Anchorage before opening Carpentier's in 1961. The 1964 earthquake destroyed the original bar, but Dave and his wife Kathy rebuilt the lounge while raising their family on a secluded homestead.

Dart players are an important part of the business. In a 1995 article in the *Anchorage Daily News* about local dart players, author Mike Doogan pointed out that league players sometimes outnumber the other customers two to one.

Dave Carpentier, Sr. passed away in 1997, but a photo of his smiling face hangs behind the bar in a prominent location.

Visiting Carpentier's: There is the aura of dart champions but there is also a feeling of the Carpentier family, which is definitely Alaskan (you know when you see it). The bar is located very near the Glenn Highway and all the new business development, but at the same time it is a world away. Enjoy the outdoor beer garden during the summer months.

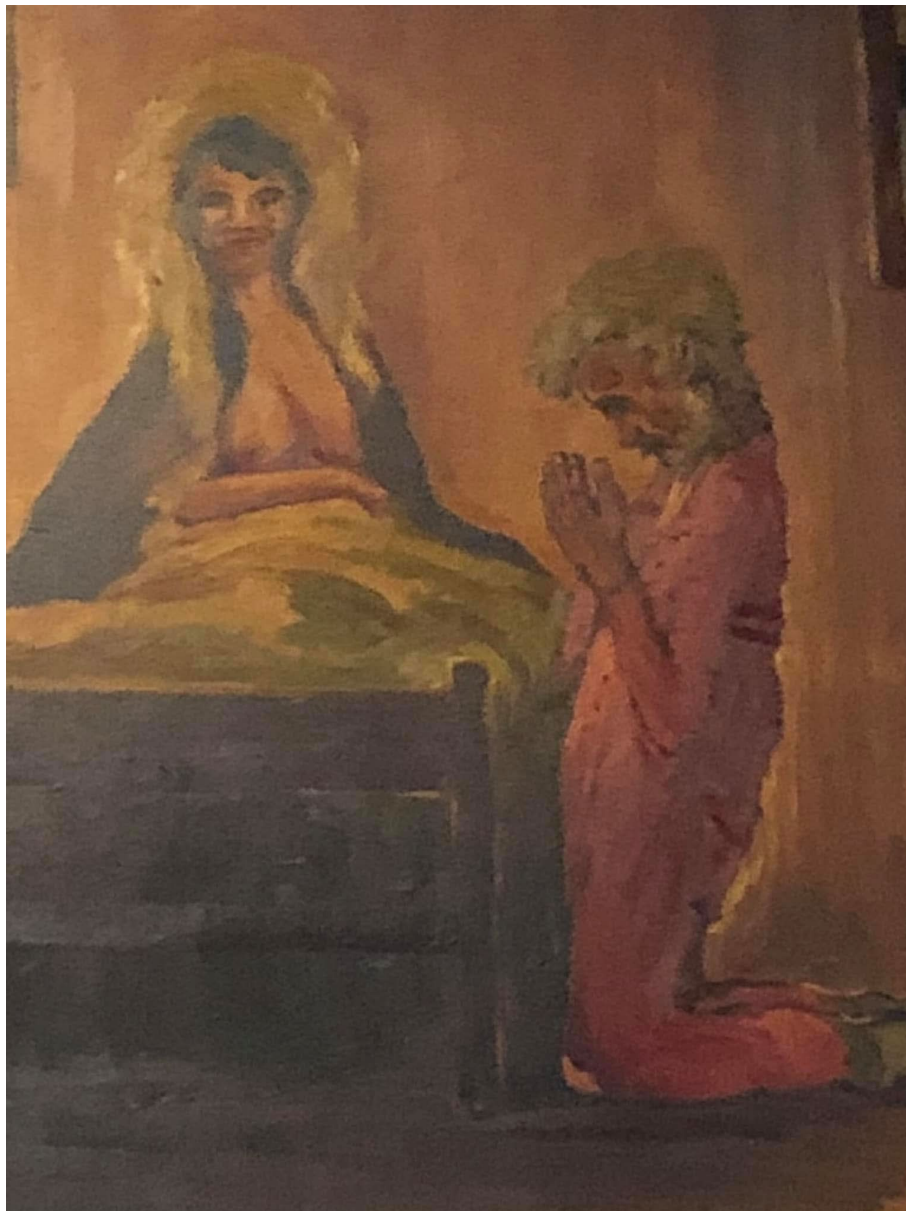
Authors note: In December 2023 the boiler for the building went out and the insurance wouldn't cover the replacement cost. The family decided to permanently close the bar. The building was razed.



From Lou Jacobin's Guide to Alaska and the Yukon - 1970



Photo of Dave Carpentier 1931-1997



Painting that hung in Carpentier's



Sign outside the bar