



Fred Ethridge

November 22, 1947 - February 25, 2022

Walter “Fred” Ethridge, age 74 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Friday evening, February 25, 2022, at 7:34 PM at the Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Fred, as he was known to family and friends, was born November 22, 1947 in Cairo, Illinois. He was the son of Ollie and Cleo (Robinson) Ethridge.

On June 17, 2000, Fred was united in marriage to Sandy (Wring) in Marion, Kentucky. She survives.

Fred is also survived by: 4 children – Mike (Sabrina) Ethridge and Tommy Ethridge all of Vienna, Sherri (Jason) Buchanan of Goreville, and Amber (Jeff) Armstrong of Smithland, Kentucky; grandchildren – Colton, Jackson, Addison, Ben, Lainey, William, Adrian, and Audrey; a brother – Vince (Susie) Ethridge of Easley, South Carolina; a sister – Brenda Reynolds of Vienna; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends, including his beloved canine companion, Penny.

Fred was preceded in death by - his father, Ollie Ethridge; his mother – Cleo Ethridge Cravens; and his stepfather – Ted Cravens.

Fred was a 1965 graduate of Vienna High School. He also attended Shawnee Community College as well as Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Fred’s working career began in telecommunications. He installed telephone service in several locations in Indiana, including the city of Portage.

Additionally, he was a partner in the Ethridge & White Construction Co. The firm built many homes throughout the region, particularly in the Robin Woods

subdivision at the Lake of Egypt. Later, he was employed at the Smithland Lock and Dam project. Fred was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local # 318 at Marion. In 1987, Fred began working for the Johnson County Highway Department. He served as the highway department foreman and retired in December 2009. In his retirement, Fred continued to stay busy and worked as a rural carrier for the U. S. Postal Service and most recently was employed as a associate of Bailey Funeral Home.

Fred loved life and cherished time spent with family and friends. He especially enjoyed attending his grandchildren's events and activities and supporting and encouraging them. He is fondly remembered as the "Best Papaw Ever" and was lovingly known as the "Papawrazzi," which gave recognition to his love of the art of photography and his talent as a semi-professional photographer. Fred and Sandy enjoyed beach vacations and shelling. He also loved working in his yard, tending their hummingbird feeders, and accomplishing many home projects. Fred and Sandy raised an abundance of blueberries, harvesting over 40 gallons last year.

Fred and Sandy worshipped together at the First Baptist Church in Vienna. Fred had been a member of the sanctuary choir, and formerly served as a trustee and usher. He currently served on the church security team. Fred enjoyed music and was a talented vocalist. He was a member of the former Messengers gospel quartet for a number of years.

A service honoring the life of Fred Ethridge will be conducted Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 12 Noon at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Dr. Ed Hollis will officiate. Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday morning, March 1, 2022, from 10 AM – 12 Noon at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church (Deacon Fund), P.O. Box 727, Vienna, Illinois 62995. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and memo "Fred Ethridge memorial."

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

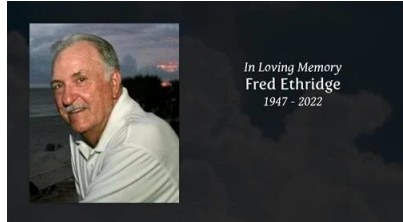
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Bailey Funeral Home - August 23, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ *Fred Ethridge*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Dennis and Pat Harner - March 01, 2022 at 08:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Ethridge.*



March 01, 2022 at 12:05 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred Ethridge.*



February 28, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Fred Ethridge.*



February 28, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ *Mike/ sabrina, Tommy and Sherry, we're so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you/ Earl and Ruby Moore and Family.*

Ruby Moore - February 28, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Fred Ethridge.*



February 28, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *Very sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.*

Larry Choate - February 28, 2022 at 08:15 AM

ME

Thank you Larry ❤️

Mike Ethridge - February 28, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred Ethridge.



February 28, 2022 at 07:53 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Fred Ethridge.



February 28, 2022 at 05:58 AM

CW

“ Clearon And Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Fred Ethridge



Clearon and Jane Ross Wright - February 27, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Ethridge.*



February 27, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *I have fond memories of Fred as a classmate from VGS and VHS. Jerry and I always hauled for his construction business as well as their personal needs. He was a pleasure to do business with and we enjoyed seeing his children grow up! I will miss him and the occasional brief visit!*

Margaret Mathis - February 27, 2022 at 08:07 PM



Thank you Margaret ❤️

Mike Ethridge - February 28, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ *Sandy.. We are so sorry for your loss. We are Praying for You and the Family, that God gives you strength for the days ahead and Peace knowing that Fred is no longer suffering and he is in a much better place.. We will miss him dearly. Luv and Hugs.. Maria and Ivan Vaughn.*



maria and ivan vaughn - February 27, 2022 at 06:33 PM



Thank you ❤️

Mike Ethridge - February 28, 2022 at 08:36 AM

CP

“ *Carla and Pete purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fred Ethridge.*



Carla and Pete - February 27, 2022 at 06:26 PM

DP

“ *Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Davis and Pat Prewitt - February 27, 2022 at 04:44 PM

SL

“ *Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - February 27, 2022 at 02:03 PM

 Ron
McBride

“ *Ron McBride lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Ron McBride - February 27, 2022 at 01:53 PM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Neal & Carol Watkins - February 27, 2022 at 01:33 PM

BW

“ Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Bill and Barb Warmack - February 27, 2022 at 01:28 PM

JH

“ June Hartline lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



June Hartline - February 27, 2022 at 12:40 PM

TM

“ Tom And Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Tom and Carmen Murrie - February 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM

TM

Our thoughts and prayers for all the family. Fred was a great man and will be missed.

Tom and Carmen Murrie - February 27, 2022 at 10:01 AM

TM

So sorry for your loss.

Tom and Carmen Murrie - February 27, 2022 at 10:04 AM

DH

“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



David and Ellen Hill - February 27, 2022 at 09:55 AM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*




Teresa Richerson - February 27, 2022 at 09:34 AM

D(

“ *Debbie (Stevens)Poe lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Debbie (Stevens)Poe - February 27, 2022 at 03:02 AM

 Diane Ireland

“ Sandy so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. Diane and Frank



Diane Ireland - February 26, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Carol Bryant - February 26, 2022 at 11:05 PM

FH

“ Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Frederick and Betty Heaton - February 26, 2022 at 09:44 PM

FH

“ Sandy I am so very sorry for your loss. Fred was a wonderful person. I will miss him.



Frederick and Betty Heaton - February 26, 2022 at 09:43 PM

BC

“ *Bob And Kim Collins lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Bob and Kim Collins - February 26, 2022 at 08:01 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Dorothy Bacon - February 26, 2022 at 07:57 PM

AG

“ *Angie Goodaker lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Angie Goodaker - February 26, 2022 at 07:55 PM

CS

“ *Connie Johnson Schram lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Connie Johnson Schram - February 26, 2022 at 07:48 PM

JM

“ Fred was my next door neighbor for well over 20yrs. We both liked our privacy; but, when we happened to run into one another at the property line, or returning a stray piece of mail, we would almost always have a cordial, interesting, and completely honest conversation that often lasted until some matter at hand made one or the other of us have to say "goodbye".

In my limited experience, Fred was just a decent, honest, blue-collar guy who seemed to value many of the same things I did. I can't begin to know how much his close friends and family admired him. I will sincerely miss the thought that a potential, "chance", accidental meeting, with Fred will ever be possible for me on this Earth (when a neighborhood pet strays or the occasional USPS letter gets misdelivered)

In my opinion, I couldn't have asked for a more perfect neighbor than Fred Ethridge.

J. E. Minton - February 26, 2022 at 07:19 PM

ME

Thank you , he spoke very highly of you sir.

Mike Ethridge - February 27, 2022 at 04:39 PM

EH

“ Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



ernie henshaw - February 26, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Mike Crews - February 26, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ Gene McHugh lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Gene McHugh - February 26, 2022 at 05:28 PM



My prayers and condolences to Sandy and the whole family!

Gene McHugh - February 26, 2022 at 05:29 PM



Thank you ❤️

Mike Ethridge - February 27, 2022 at 04:36 PM



“ Carolyn Harris lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Carolyn Harris - February 26, 2022 at 04:00 PM

VS

“ *Venita Shelby lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Venita Shelby - February 26, 2022 at 03:05 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Mary Lou Hynes - February 26, 2022 at 02:59 PM

DC

“ *Diana Camarena in memory*



Diana Camarena - February 26, 2022 at 02:55 PM

MT

“ *Mark & Denise Turpen lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Mark & Denise Turpen - February 26, 2022 at 02:36 PM

LK

“ *Liz And Harold Knaak lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Liz and Harold Knaak - February 26, 2022 at 02:35 PM

SH

“ *So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. This breaks my heart. Rest In Peace.*



Shelly Hazel - February 26, 2022 at 02:19 PM

RF

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Fred. We know he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*



Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen - February 26, 2022 at 02:09 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Conner lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Sharon Conner - February 26, 2022 at 02:07 PM

SC

My deepest sympathy to the family. He certainly will be missed.

Sharon Conner - February 26, 2022 at 02:09 PM

ME

Thank you ❤️

Mike Ethridge - February 27, 2022 at 04:37 PM

MQ

“ *Michelle Quertermous lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Michelle Quertermous - February 26, 2022 at 02:02 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Barbara Jeffress - February 26, 2022 at 01:38 PM

BE

“ *Beth And Mark Elliott lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Beth and Mark Elliott - February 26, 2022 at 01:33 PM

AF

“ *Arlene Miles & Family lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Arlene Miles & Family - February 26, 2022 at 01:22 PM

AM

Prayers for you all, Sandy, Mike, Tommy and Sherry, Love you and May God Confort you all. Sorry for your loss. Arlene Tony and Tim Miles

Arlene Miles - February 26, 2022 at 01:26 PM

PB

Sandy and family, Bob and I wish you comfort in knowing that one day you will be reunited. But we are so sorry for your loss and wish you peace. We are so thankful that we got to see you and Fred together. Praying for you all.

Pennie Brantley - February 26, 2022 at 02:19 PM

ME

Thank you all ❤️

Mike Ethridge - February 27, 2022 at 04:38 PM

HV

“ *So sorry!!*



Harold & Georgia Vinson - February 26, 2022 at 12:53 PM

ME

Thank you ❤️

Mike Ethridge - February 27, 2022 at 04:40 PM

PS

“ Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Paula Sullivan - February 26, 2022 at 12:52 PM

DH

“ Debbie Hileman lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Debbie Hileman - February 26, 2022 at 12:49 PM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Tammy - February 26, 2022 at 12:43 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Fred Ethridge*



John Slack - February 26, 2022 at 12:42 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Linda Koehler - February 26, 2022 at 12:42 PM

PW

“ *Pat Womack lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



pat womack - February 26, 2022 at 12:20 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Bobby Rentfro - February 26, 2022 at 12:03 PM

MS

“ *Mary Swift lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Mary Swift - February 26, 2022 at 11:48 AM

JN

“ *Judy Nutty lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Judy Nutty - February 26, 2022 at 11:47 AM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge*



Karen Brumley - February 26, 2022 at 11:47 AM

KB

Sending God's healing prayers..

Karen Brumley - February 26, 2022 at 11:47 AM

ME

Thank you ❤️

Mike Ethridge - February 27, 2022 at 04:41 PM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Sheri Robinson - February 26, 2022 at 11:28 AM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Larry and Carolyn McGill - February 26, 2022 at 11:25 AM

DA

“ Diane Martin Annable lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Diane Martin Annable - February 26, 2022 at 11:13 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Elizabeth Kerley - February 26, 2022 at 11:03 AM

SJ

“ Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Steve & Darla Jones - February 26, 2022 at 10:54 AM

RO

“ Ryan & Sara O’Neal lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Ryan & Sara O’Neal - February 26, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Fred Ethridge



Jeannie McCall - February 26, 2022 at 10:43 AM