



Fred Strube Sr.

October 5, 1939 - November 21, 2019

Fred Merle Strube, Sr., age 80 years, a resident of St. Cloud, Florida and a native of Peoria, Illinois, passed away Thursday afternoon, November 21, 2019, at his home.

Fred was born October 5, 1939 in Peoria, IL. He was the son of Henry James and Ida M. (Mitzelfelt) Strube.

Fred was united in marriage to Cindy Mechling. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Fred is survived by: a daughter – Karen (Mike) Getz of Bartonville, Illinois, son - Fred (Lisa) Strube, Jr. of St. Cloud, Florida, son - Darrell (Debbie) Strube of Orlando, Florida and daughter - Stephanie Strube of Lamar, Colorado; a brother – Chuck Strube of St. Cloud, Florida; a sister – Darlene Reed Cornish of Peoria; 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Fred was preceded in death by 5 brothers – Howard, Hank, Jim, John and Floyd Strube.

Fred was a successful owner and operator of Fred Strube Automotive for over 25 years in Peoria before moving to St. Cloud and opening Winner Air. Fred continued his love for cars into “retirement” building SCCA and GT-1 racecars

for some top drivers. Fred was an avid stock car racer himself for over 40 years. He is fondly remembered for his love of “anything with an engine and four wheels.”

“The time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.”

The family will receive relatives and friends from 1 PM – 4 PM followed by a service honoring the life of Fred Strube, Sr., Friday, November 29, 2019, at 4 PM at Preston-Hanley Funeral Home, 405 Rusche Avenue, Creve Coeur, Illinois.

Private interment will be in the Cypress Cemetery, Cypress, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Regional Office, 2141 W. White Oaks Drive, Suite A, Springfield, Illinois 62704 www.heart.org

To share a memory of Fred or to leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.baileyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Cypress Cemetery

5847 State Route 37 South
Cypress, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 29. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory, L.L.C.
405 Rusche St
Creve Coeur, IL 61610
(309) 694-3322

Service

NOV 29. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Strube Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of Fred. Your guys were very loyal customers of mine. I wish I could get to the service. My condolences to the family.*

Steve Knobeloch- Sonitrol

Steve Knobeloch - November 28, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Fred. He was a great guy who could build a car from the ground up and take it out and win with it ! Glad he had lots of family around him down in Florida. We will always remember and miss him.*

*Larry & Bonnie Allen
Peoria Heights*

Larry Allen - November 26, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Fred Strube Sr..*



November 25, 2019 at 04:17 PM

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“ *THE THURNER FAMILY purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Fred Strube Sr..*



THE THURNER FAMILY - November 25, 2019 at 03:31 PM

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“ *Fred is one of the greatest guys I've ever had the pleasure of knowing! He has been like a second Dad to me from the 1st day I met him! Fred and Cindy have always embraced me as one of their own family members.
Love you Fred and Cindy forever!*

Jeff Emery - November 24, 2019 at 07:45 PM

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“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Jeff Emery - November 24, 2019 at 07:41 PM