



## Jack Fetrow

December 29, 1953 - September 17, 2018

Jack Crockett Fetrow passed away in Winamac, Indiana on September 17th 2018.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents Clyde O. and Freda (Crockett) Fetrow, his grandparents Carl and Maude (Minnick) Crockett, and step son Jared Airgood.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Laurie (Trent). They were married on June 24th 2017 in Winamac, IN.

Jack is greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his son Aaron (Jodi) Fetrow and grandsons Jadon and Zach Fetrow of Salem, VA; his daughter Linda Fetrow and grandsons Alex and Hunter Craft of Akron, IN, step daughters Victoria Morrison, Alyssa Morrison and grandson Keaton Morrison all of Winamac; Erica (Ryan) Freeman and grandchildren Kaya, Maebe, and Klaus of Kokomo.

Jack Crockett Fetrow was born December 29th 1953 to Clyde and Freda (Crockett) Fetrow in Fulton County Indiana. Jack graduated from Akron High School in 1972, a star athlete, excelling in basketball and baseball. Jack developed an early love of the fire service. He would go on to spend most of his life fighting fires, investigating them or educating others in the field. He had

a calling to serve and help others, becoming the Director of Public Safety for North Manchester, then moving on to Donan Engineering, leading their Fire Investigation Division for years. Jack was a long-time member and former president of the Indiana Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, a long-time member of the National Association of Fire Investigators, as well as a licensed investigator across the country. He loved his children and grandchildren and would do anything to help anyone in need. Jack never met a stranger, quickly making friends wherever he would go. His network of friends would grow to span across the country. He loved to travel and explore new locations, but most of all he enjoyed being home, on the river, enjoying the serenity of his deck, watching the wildlife, fishing off the dock, hosting small bonfires, and reflecting on his life with friends and family.

Jack is and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial visitation will be from 2 pm to 5 pm, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. A private family service will be held. Mr. Fetrow's interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

The arrangements for the family have been entrusted to O'Donnell Funeral Home of North Judson and the Hartzler Funeral Home of Akron.

Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at:

[www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com) or to [www.odonnellfhome.com](http://www.odonnellfhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
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<https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Fetrow



Hartzler Funeral Services - September 28, 2018 at 05:04 PM

TL

“ Jack, we only knew you for a few short years, but you and Laurie treated us like life-long friends. We are grateful for the memories and time together. Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to you and your family.  
With Love,  
Tony & Peggy Liddell  
Donan Fire Investigation



Tony & Peggy Liddell - September 29, 2018 at 08:53 AM

TL

“ Tony & Peggy Liddell lit a candle in memory of Jack Fetrow



Tony & Peggy Liddell - September 29, 2018 at 08:33 AM

SH

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Jack was a great leader, coworker, and friend. His fire investigation knowledge will be greatly missed.*

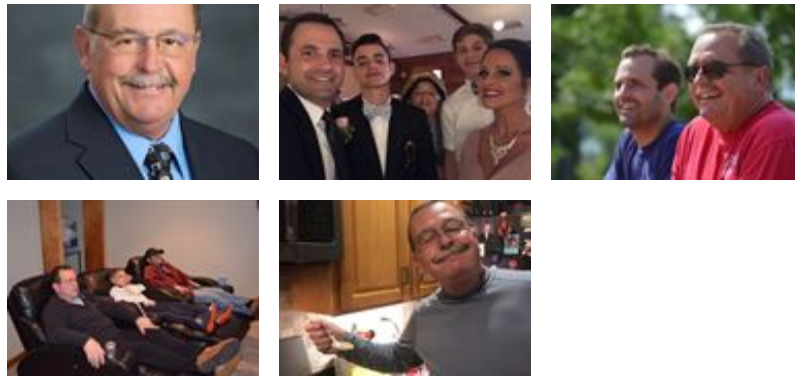
*Scott A. Hume  
Donan  
Raleigh, NC*

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**Scott Hume** - September 28, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ *98 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - September 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM

TF

“ *The Horne Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jack Fetrow.*



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**The Horne Family** - September 28, 2018 at 02:33 PM

GW

“ Jack has been a good friend since he started with Donan. He always had a smile for you and always teaching. I will miss Jack as all of you will. He had a quick wit always willing to share his knowledge of fire investigation. I always enjoyed working with Jack on cases of fire investigation. My heart goes out to the families affected by Jack's passing. May God bless and comfort you in your hours and days of mourning and readjusting your lives. Pat (wife) and I think of you and pray for you often.

Gary Woodall  
Forensic Engineer  
Donan

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Gary Woodall - September 28, 2018 at 08:33 AM

SB

“ Salem Baseball purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jack Fetrow.



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Salem Baseball - September 27, 2018 at 09:03 AM

RT

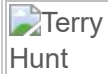
“ Rest easy, Jackson. I'll miss you.

Renee



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Renee Taylor - September 27, 2018 at 08:16 AM



“ It was my great pleasure to have made the acquaintance of Jack. Though we didn't have the chance for a lot of interactions, Jack was easy to be around and even easier to like. He was your friend it seemed from the moment you met him. May he rest in peace.

Terry Hunt - September 27, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Jack Fetrow.



September 26, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ Rolfes Henry Co., LPA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jack Fetrow.



Rolfes Henry Co., LPA - September 26, 2018 at 12:07 PM



“ Shand Forensic Investigations purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Jack Fetrow.



Shand Forensic Investigations - September 24, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jack Fetrow.*



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September 24, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ *Marna lit a candle in memory of Jack Fetrow*



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**Marna** - September 23, 2018 at 06:42 AM



“ *He was greatly respected and always had time for someone just starting out in the fire service. He will be truly be missed.*

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**Carl Freewalt** - September 22, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ Jack was one of my largest mentor's. I worked many fire scenes with Jack. Every time we parted ways, I came away knowing something I never knew. We would also meet for lunch whenever he was in Allen County. I also attended the Indiana Chapter IAAI conventions in Indianapolis. He was always great company over dinner together. I will forever remember our times together. As well as be forever grateful for the knowledge he shared with me. He was a walking NFPA 921. I won't say good bye, but see you later my friend when we walk together with our Lord and Savior. Until then.....

*Charles W. Lehman, CFI  
Fire Investigator  
Fire Arson Specialized Team, Allen County  
New Haven Adams Township Fire Dept. New Haven, IN*



Charles Lehman - September 22, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ Jack was one of the best in the fire service. So sad he was taking from us to soon. Prayers foe the family. RIP my friend!

Scott Reed - September 22, 2018 at 07:27 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Jack for 5 years; he was the nicest and funniest guy around. He always made everyone feel welcome and at ease whether he knew you for years or just met you. Prayers and condolences to his family.



Jenny Smuda - September 21, 2018 at 06:53 PM

RW

“ Rest In Peace Jack. Until that glorious day! We'll take it from here brother.

*Russ Wilson  
American Structurepoint*

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**Russ Wilson** - September 21, 2018 at 06:36 PM

BW

“ Deepest sympathy for Jack's family. This is so sad.  
Butch and Diane Warren..



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**Butch Warren** - September 21, 2018 at 04:20 PM

BB

“ Barb Buell lit a candle in memory of Jack Fetrow



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**barb buell** - September 21, 2018 at 12:43 PM

BB

“ I will hold dear to my heart all of the memories of golf outings, practical jokes and commadary my family and I had with Jack. Jack taught me so much about the science of investigating fires. His presence will be missed terribly but the memories will live forever and will continue to make us all laugh out loud. Rest in Peace Jack.

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**Barb Buell** - September 21, 2018 at 11:52 AM

GR

“ Gerri Ruiz lit a candle in memory of Jack Fetrow



Gerri Ruiz - September 21, 2018 at 11:27 AM

JR

“ I don't know where I would be today without Jack's guidance. He was the one that peaked my interest in the fire service, encouraging me to become a fire investigator and going to work for Donan Fire investigations. Jack was a cherished friend. I will always remember our talks about fire and life in general. Jack will be missed more than he could ever know and has left a hole no one will fill. I'll miss you brother, rest in peace buddy.



Jim Ross - September 21, 2018 at 11:21 AM

JW

“ Judy Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of Jack Fetrow



Judy Walgamuth - September 21, 2018 at 03:09 AM

MA

“ Jack was a great childhood friend and his mom worked at my dads store for years. He was just an awesome friend to many of is us growing up in Akron. RIP, and we'll see you again my friend.

Marjorie - September 21, 2018 at 12:36 AM

DR

“ Where to start, I first knew Jack as a Volunteer Fire Fighter in North Manchester almost 30 years ago. Jack and I became friends almost immediately. We shared a concern for our community that lead into Jack becoming Fire Chief and then later on Public Safety Director over the Police and Fire Department. During those years our Departments achieved a level of professionalism that was far and above anything we had seen before. In doing this Jack and I forged a very close relationship that not only helped the department grow but the two of us as well. No one is perfect, not all decisions made are the right ones. But when ones heart is in the right place in trying to make your Department, your Town and the people that work with you your first priority it doesn't get any better than that. On a personal note Jack and I spent many hours traveling from North Manchester to South Padre Island most of the time driving straight through. Arriving a 7:30 in the morning, playing 36 holes of golf. Picking up our friends that would fly in and spending great times together. Jack has given me some of the best memories, greatest stories and a sense of true friendship. Never asking for anything and always the first to give. For all of this I am a better person. We all have our challenges in life...some we handle well some we wish we had done better with. Jack my friend I hope you have found peace and that the rest of your days are shared in the glory of God.  
Don Rinearson

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**Don Rinearson** - September 21, 2018 at 12:13 AM

JB

“ Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Jack Fetrow



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**Jim and Shirley Bickel** - September 20, 2018 at 07:39 PM

JS

“ Jack was an old friend from back when we both were Firefighters, he was the type person who you could always talk with, he always had time for his fellow firefighters. He will be missed. RIP 10-42



James Straws - September 20, 2018 at 07:14 PM

KC

“ I'm lost for words. Jack you taught me so very much when it comes to the fire service. Even though I had not seen you for a couple of years, still remember fondly the good times we had. Going to miss you my friend. Your gone way to soon.

Kent Trickle  
Pleasant Twp. Fire Dept.

Kent Trickle, Fire Chief - September 20, 2018 at 06:26 PM

JR

“ Our hearts are broken. Hugs to you all.



Jim and Brenda Ross - September 20, 2018 at 05:57 PM

LL

“ Jack was such a great guy. He will be deeply missed by so many. I am so sorry for the families loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Lori LaFollette - September 20, 2018 at 05:20 PM