



## Joe W. Frederick

August 13, 1931 - February 19, 2024

Joe W. Frederick, 92, passed away peacefully in his home on February 19, 2024.

Born in Laketon, Indiana, on August 13, 1931, Joe was the son of John H. And Marjory H. (Ferry) Frederick. Joe graduated from Plymouth High School in 1949. In 1953, he graduated from Manchester College with a bachelor of science degree and later earned his master's degree from Indiana University in 1960. In 1973, he completed a specialist degree from Ball State University.

Joe's storied teaching career began in the summer of 1952 at Culver Military Academy, a job he loved during most summers until 1964.

Joe was a United States Army veteran proudly serving our country in Germany from 1953 to 1955.

Joe wed the love of his life, Lorraine Lee Lawrence on August 26, 1956.

His first full-time teaching opportunity was as a 6th grade teacher at Webster School in Plymouth, Indiana. In the fall of 1960, Joe accepted a teaching/principal position at Concord East Side School in Elkhart, Indiana. In 1963, he became the principal of Concord Central School where he remained until 1969. In 1969, Joe was promoted to assistant superintendent of Concord

Community Schools and remained there until 1977. During his tenure he also taught night classes at Bethel College, IU-South Bend, and Manchester College. Joe's final career stop was in Columbia City, Indiana, where he was named Whitley County superintendent in 1977.

After 39 years as an educator, Joe retired in 1991. When a reporter for the Columbia City Post Mail asked him what he would do after retiring, Joe simply replied, "I'm going fishing."

During his lifetime, Joe spent countless hours fishing on Beaver Dam Lake, and if the fish weren't biting, he retreated to the house to watch his beloved baseball team, the Chicago Cubs. He was also an avid fan of the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Blackhawks, and IU men's basketball.

Joe was a member of Beaver Dam United Methodist Church (now Beaver Dam Community Church) where he led a campaign to begin summer lakeside services which still continue today. Joe was instrumental in keeping the Beaver Dam/ Loon Lake Conservation Club in existence. Many folks around the lake jokingly called Joe the mayor of Beaver Dam Lake.

Joe was also an avid bridge player. He played in various bridge clubs throughout the years and even taught beginners' bridge classes in Fort Wayne and Plymouth.

Joe will be lovingly remembered by his wife Lorrie of 67 years, and his daughters: Chris J. Cox (Doug Reecer), Elkhart; and Karen K. (James) Tharp, Warsaw. He leaves behind six grandchildren: Lucas (Jennifer) Cox, Rachel (Nolan) Jones, Leah (Craig) Downey, Tyler Cox, Lindsay (Matt) Utter, and Lorian Tharp, and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sue A. Read.

The funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024 at Beaver Dam Community Church 9798 W. 1000 S. Akron, Indiana with Pastor Butch Troke officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the New Oak Hill Cemetery 1300 Chester Street Plymouth, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 10:30 am to the time of the service at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Beaver Dam/Loon Lake Conservation Club or to the Beaver Dam Community Church for Wheels on Fire to assist the community members who are fighting cancer.

# Cemetery Details

## New Oak Hill Cemetery

1300 Chester St  
Plymouth, IN 46563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Beaver Dam Community Church  
9798 W 1000 S  
Akron, IN 46910

## Funeral Service

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

Beaver Dam Community Church  
9798 W 1000 S  
Akron, IN 46910

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe W. Frederick*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - February 21, 2024 at 05:36 PM

WA

*Wonderful tribute!  
Wanda*

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**Wanda** - February 22, 2024 at 03:45 PM

SB

“ *Dear Lorraine and Family!*

*I'm so sorry to read just this morning of the loss of Joe. What a great person and such a great personality. My heartfelt condolences to you all!*

*Steve Beatty*

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**Stephen Earl Beatty** - April 06, 2024 at 10:49 AM

IH

“ We met Joe about 28 years ago. We were the Dutchies to him and Joe has always managed to conquer a special place in our hearts. We have become lifelong friends with him and Lorraine and will certainly miss him. Today is his funeral, and we will light a candle when the funeral begins to be in our thoughts with Lorraine and the family. Till we meet again dear Joe!

Irene en Loek Habets - February 24, 2024 at 05:43 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joe W. Frederick.



February 23, 2024 at 02:29 PM

DR

“ I will certainly miss Joe , he was an awesome man and always had his fishing poles ready ! I will miss you but I will never forget you or your friendship . The lake will not be quite the same but I will always remember looking out my front window and seeing you in your boat and the time you took me to the hidden lake and helping remove that fallen tree branch to be able to get to it from our lake . You rowed me around and allowed me to fish , just a good time for me !

Dave Roberts - February 23, 2024 at 09:19 AM

DR

“ *Dave Roberts purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Joe W. Frederick.*



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**Dave Roberts** - February 23, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe W. Frederick.*



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February 22, 2024 at 10:59 PM

MH

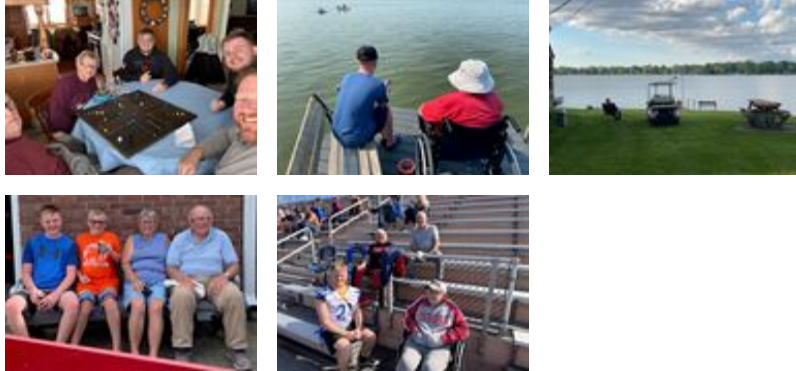
“ *Joe and his lovely wife Invited us to Beaver Dam church in 1982 and I really appreciate their kindness. He was the Mayor of Beaver Dam and is quite the legend. See you later Joe*

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**Mara Hendrix** - February 22, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 22, 2024 at 03:25 PM

SF

“ Sally Jones and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe W. Frederick.



Sally Jones and Family - February 22, 2024 at 02:31 PM

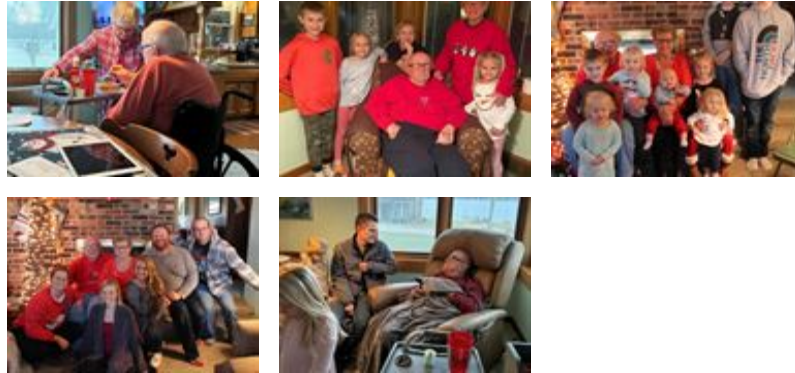
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“ Sally Jones and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe W. Frederick.

Sally Jones and Family - February 22, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ 189 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 21, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Joe W. Frederick.*



February 21, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *Phil and Deb Keller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe W. Frederick.*

Phil and Deb Keller - February 21, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *Joe did so much the the BDL.. He will truly be missed.. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this time.  
Chris and Tess Smalley*

Tessa Smalley - February 21, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe W. Frederick.*



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February 21, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy, Gresham Petroleum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe W. Frederick.*

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**Our sincere sympathy, Gresham Petroleum** - February 21, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *My parents, Russ and Marymae Stephenson, played bridge with your parents for many years. They always told us how nice your mom and dad were.  
We send you our sincere sympathy.  
Ren and Beverly Van Gilder  
Plymouth, Indiana*

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**Ren and Beverly Van Gilder** - February 21, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe W. Frederick.*



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February 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM