



## Fred L. Rutledge Jr.

February 10, 1937 - October 17, 2022

Fred L. Rutledge, Jr., of Evansville, passed away Monday, October 17, 2022 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 10th, 1937 in Evansville to the late Fred, Sr. and Elsie (Koring) Rutledge.

He was a graduate of FJ Reitz High School, Class of 1955 and a lifelong west sider. Fred was a fine craftsman and built a career as a residential builder, working alongside his brother Carl for many years and then owning Fred L Rutledge Construction company. Many homes that he built dot the west side of Evansville. Fred was a charter member of The Turning Pointe United Methodist Church and a strong Christian. He went thru Tres Dias and volunteered many weekends so others could expand their faith by attending Tres Dias weekends. Fred adored his family and friends dearly and the light of his life was being a Papa to his four grandchildren. He was always the favorite Grandpa to all his grandchildren's friends. He made life fun for everyone around him and enjoyed making people laugh. The stories about Fred and those that experienced them are legendary.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Doris (Herrenbruck) Rutledge; sons Chris (Gretchen) Rutledge and Kevin Leroy Rutledge, both of Evansville; grandchildren Anna (Thomas Holmes), Samuel (Sarah) Rutledge, Emily (Forrest Howard) Rutledge and Annie (Calvin Brinton) Rutledge; sister, Doris Boswell; brothers Carl Rutledge and Terry (Donna) Rutledge; special niece,

Janie Thomas and many other nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He was preceeded in death by his parents, sisters Betty Hall and Romaine Armstrong and brothers and sisters in laws – Carroll and Annette Herrenbruck, Kenneth Herrenbruck, Bobby Hall, Marilou Rutledge and Lannie Boswell.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00am on Friday, October 21, 2022 at Pierre Funeral Home, officiated by family friend Rev. Terry Gamblin with entombment to follow in Alexander Memorial Park. Friends and family may visit from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on Thursday, October 20 and on Friday, October 21 from 9:00am until the service at the funeral home.

The family would like to offer a special thanks to the entire Heritage Hospice staff for their love and support of Fred and to two very special young caregivers, Lizzie Raben and July Johnston, who Fred loved very much.

Due to his life-long love of horses (despite rarely picking a winner), memorial contributions may be made to: Riding Hope at 3311 David Drive, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

2200 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 W. Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Fred L. Rutledge Jr.

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ I got to know Fred & Doris while attending Perry Heights basketball games.  
(I had a daughter (Ireland) that was a cheerleader when Sam played.  
We would joke that our roles changed when Annie cheered & July was on basketball team!!  
Was always a lot of fun sitting together & supporting these kids!  
He will be dearly missed.  
Prayers 🙏 & deepest condolences.

**lisa Julia** - October 21, 2022 at 10:29 AM



“ Fred was my “Uncle Fritz”. I remember many good times at he and Aunt Doris’s house as kids. All the cousins (Chris, Kevin and the tons of others) were relegated to the basement while the adults enjoyed spending time together. I remember him coming down to give us heck for being too noisy.



Sorry we won’t be able to be there (Barry & I) but we are traveling out of town. Please know you have our deepest sympathies and are thinking of the family at this difficult time

**Tracie (Hall) Englehardt** - October 20, 2022 at 06:33 PM

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“ Fred and Doris were two of my church family members. Enjoyed Fred's humor. Comfort and peace to family

Noma Brizius - October 20, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..



October 20, 2022 at 02:23 PM

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“ I did not have the honor and pleasure to know Fred, but I am friends with Chris and his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Dave Mitchell - October 20, 2022 at 01:44 PM

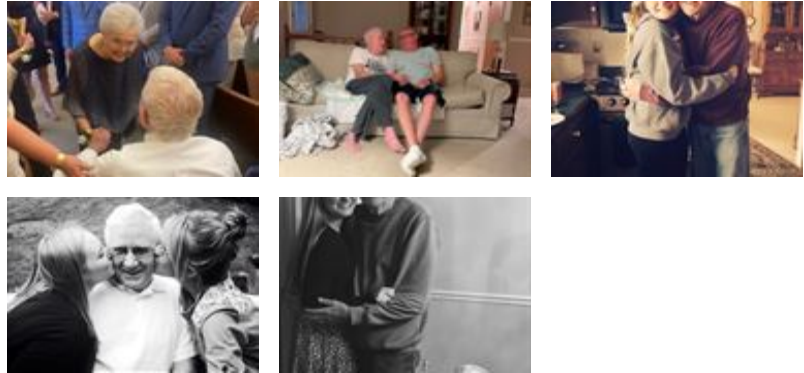
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Praying for the family. Great guy and better man. Jerry Paul Reitz HS '55

Jerry Paul - October 20, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - October 20, 2022 at 12:43 PM

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*Love and prayers.  
Greg and Angie Rumage*

Greg Rumage - October 20, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..*



October 20, 2022 at 07:00 AM

JD

“ *Chris,  
We're so sorry for your loss. We'll be keeping you & your family in our prayers.*

*John & Jeanne Dewig*

j dewig - October 19, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - October 19, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..



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October 19, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..



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October 19, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..*



October 19, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *87 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Pierre Funeral Home** - October 19, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..*



October 19, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..*



October 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..*



October 19, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..*



October 18, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..*



October 18, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Fred L. Rutledge Jr..* ”



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October 18, 2022 at 04:42 PM