



# Frederick Metzger

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**F**rederick (Fred) L. Metzger, 62, of Fulton, Illinois, died Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Genesis Medical Center, East Campus, Davenport, Iowa.

Funeral Services will be 10:30am, Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the Evangelical Free Church with Pastor Tom Loyal officiating. Burial will be in the Clinotn Lawn Cemetery with military honors being conducted by the Clinton AMVETS Post #28. Serving as pallbearers will be Tom Murphy, Tim Blumer, Jeff Stoller, Frank Wiebers, Todd Metzger and Danny Phipps. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dan Phipps, Sr., Dick Witt, and Jim Gorsh. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4:00-8:00pm at the Camanche Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Home.

Frederick Louis Metzger was born on October 11, 1945 in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Lawrence ? Larry? and Mary (Ware) Metzger. He married Mary Benson on September 7, 1968 at the Evangelical Free Church in Clinton. Fred was a 1964 graduate of Camanche High School. He then enlisted in the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War from 1966-1969.

Fred was a project engineer with the Clinton Engineering. Fred attended the Evangelical Free Church. Fred is survived by his wife of 39 years Mary of Fulton; their children: Karla (Chris) Schumacher of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Todd (Melinda) Metzger of Bethel, Missouri, and Amber Metzger of Fulton, Illinois; seven grandchildren: Clinton, Kordell, Caycee, and Kerrin Schumacher, and Megan, Daniel, and Blake Metzger; his sister: JoAnne (Wendell) LeFleur of Clinton, Iowa, and his brother Donald Metzger of Woodruff, Wisconsin; and many nieces and nephews. Fred is preceded in death by his parents, his grandson: Louis Schumacher, one brother: Wally Metzger, and three sisters: Arlene Wilgus, Genevieve Metzger, and Margaret Grimes-Spalding.

The family requests that memorials be made in care of the Grandchildren's Education Fund.



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JE

**John Engler** posted:

Mary; I just found out today (2/8/09) about Fred passing away. I am so sorry to hear this. I have not seen Fred in a few years but have tried to keep up with my fellow Chemplex workers, My prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family in this difficult time.

November 9 at 7:00 PM

CV

**Connie Venhuizen** posted:

Dear Mary, I've enjoyed the contact I've had with you through Second Reformed's "Coffee Break". I was so sorry to hear of the death of your husband. Today at our Moms In Touch prayer time we were focusing on Shield. May God b your shield and protector as you deal with this transition in your life and may you feel his comfort and presence daily.

November 9 at 7:00 PM

DH

**Debra Hablitzel** posted:

I did not have the priveledge of meeting Fred, but I did have the fortune to know his daughter, Karla. Karla and her husband attended our church, First Presbyterian in Bucyrus, OH, and we miss them and children allot. Karla is such a caring, compassionate, and commom sense person, that I just know, Fred must have been the same. I look forward to seeing him in heaven. Debbie Hablitzel

November 9 at 7:00 PM

MF

**Michael Murphy & Family** posted:

Fred was the best. He was unfailingly cheerful and always doing something for someone. Fred never had an unkind word to say about anyone. The world is poorer for his absence.Mary, Amber and family...we're so sorry. May time heal the hurt.

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AT

**Abbie Taylor** posted:

Aunt Mary, Todd, Karla, and Amber- My prayers are with all of you right now and in the days to come. Uncle Fred was always there with a great big hug for me each Sunday morning at church...and any other time our families spent time together, even as a child. I still remember how you (Mary) and Fred would make us kids sing you a song (The "poochy lip" song was our favorite) to get a Tootsie Roll pop and how we'd always end up stopping by for a visit after a bike ride along the river. We always had so much fun at your house. :) Fred's arms were always open and the love he had for his family and his Lord could not be missed by anyone he came in contact with. I'm sorry I can not be there during this difficult time but please know Melissa and I are praying for all of you; that you'll feel the Lord's grace and love now, more than ever. We love you all...God Bless.

November 9 at 7:00 PM

CT

**Cindy Temple** posted:

Amber and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I didn't know your Dad Amber, but you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you all find comfort in God's loving arms.

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KG

**Kyle Gorsh** posted:

Mary and family: We were so sad to hear of Fred's passing. What comfort we have that he is in the presence of the Lord now. I have great memories of Fred (boat trips out on the island, cutting wood on the wapsi, family gatherings at your place in Camanche). We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Love, Kyle, Rebecca, Mayah, Mason, & Madison Gorsh

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KE

**Kelli Elliott** posted:

Mary and family, I was just thinking of my memories of Fred. How he would always change the channel right in the middle of us kids watching something on TV or how he would go really fast while we were tubing or how he would always pin us down to kiss us....Fred was such a Huge part of our childhood in the Gorsh family. We love you all and you have been in our prayers daily. I love you Mary! Love, Kelli (Gorsh) Elliott and Matt and Ivy

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HG

**Hollie Gorsh** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this time. Take comfort in the fact that he is with our heavenly father now. What a blessing!i love you guys and wish i could be there. I love you!Hollie

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RP

**Rose Bengtson Pickering** posted:

Mary and family,You and your family are in our prayers. We will never forget how wonderful you and Fred were toward your neighbors in need. You both are one of a kind and very special. Fred will be missed but remembered with warm thoughts of his many thoughtful, kind, caring deeds.May God be with you and your family.Rose, Micah, Carrie and family

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MB

**Mike Backlund** posted:

Mary:Neither time nor distance can diminish the sadness I felt upon hearing of Fred's untimely passing. I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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TM

**Tom Metzger** posted:

Any time we loose a Metzger it is a tough day. Fred and I were not that close but new each other. My Mom (Ann Metzger) thought the world of him and his wife Mary. My family also appreciated Mary when my Dad was in the hospital in 1992. Best regards to the entire family.Tom

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JW

**Jim And Anita Ware** posted:

Mary and Family: We share with you the toil and struggle in this early and unplanned passing of Fred. It grieves me in my own heart to not be able to be there with you and your children during this untimely, heartbreaking event. If for no other reason to be there than to hold your hand but instead we are left here to only pray and trust in God's Word with a stirring of our faith for God's eternal promise: "For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. " 1 Corinthians 15:53-57 As mortal human beings, it is in moments such as these, that we become a selfish people when it comes to the eternal passing of someone we love so much. We will all miss Fred terribly as he penetrated all of our lives with such great thoughts and memories. In the days ahead, our prayers will be laid at the foot of God's eternal throne for His everlasting peace and quiet of the Comforter to fill the voids left in your hearts. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. " II Thessalonians 3:16 In Loving Memory of Someone Do Dear, Jim and Anita Ware

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AH

**Andrea (Angie Friis) Holmes** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you and may your sorrow be lessened with time, love and friendship, Angie (friis) holmes

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SK

**Steve And Eileen Kutchman** posted:

Mary, please know that our hearts bleed for your loss, but we know that your strength in Christ will sustain you.

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VV

**Vicki & Scott Vandiver** posted:

Karla & family. We're very sorry for your loss. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. Sending our love-Vicki, Scott & Matthew

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JT

**Jake And Nancy Temple** posted:

Mary: We are so sorry to hear about Fred's sudden death. We enjoyed his upbeat outlook on life. We know that he loved the Lord. We will miss seeing him in the neighborhood, but we will never forget him. Be strong in this time of your grief and we will keep you and your family in our prayers.

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MG

**Mollie Brubaker Geissler** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time. I pray that you will have moments of peace amidst the waves of grief.

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AG

**Amy Guzman** posted:

Karla, Chris and Family So sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends during this time. Hugs, Amy

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BH

**Bonnie And Len Horst** posted:

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you as you grieve the Loss of you husband, father and Grandfather. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

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PL

**Paul And Gina Lemke** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in the special time.

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Frederick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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