



Fredrick William Graves

June 18, 1930 - October 8, 2022

Fredrick William Graves, 'Fred' (Fritz) was born June 18, 1930, to a farming family in the small town of Ocheyedan, Iowa. He was born 3rd in a family of six siblings. His life was centered around the cycle of sow/grow/reap/rest that is typical in an agricultural community. He passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

Over the course of his early years he lived with his Aunt Trace and Uncle John Druyvestyn. He was mentored by his Uncle John. They especially bonded around the mechanical mystery of tractors and trucks. It was this hobby which sparked his future career and livelihood. It also brought out the tenacious inventor inside him. For all of his life he was designing new and inventive ways to solve problems. Additionally, his early love of planting and nurturing was evident throughout his life. He never got away from the joy of watching things grow.

He enjoyed the company of friends from church and school. He especially enjoyed the company of his best friend, Clarence Bonnes. Through him, he met the love of his life; Clarence's sister, Wilmyrna.

Fred and Wilmyrna began dating in their late teens and married at the tender ages of 19 and 20. They started their family a year and a half later with daughter, Lois. Shortly after, Mary Beth, Calvin and Jeff joined the ranks as

their young family grew. Later, they uprooted their young ones and moved to the city suburbs of Chicago where two more children, Delores and David, were born.

In the 1970s they moved south and ended up in the suburbs of Atlanta. They were a formidable team as they managed a family business, helped found a new church and finished raising their children. After retiring in 1989, they were able to travel for several years, but their main focus was on their family and furthering God's kingdom. It was very clear that his greatest priorities included his faith in God, his wife, the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Fred was proud of us all. One of his greatest joys in life was seeing his family grow.

After the passing of his beloved wife, he became more focused than ever on sharing his faith with others. He ministered to many through prayer and song, generously sharing copies of his favorite devotional book; Jesus Always. Fred was an amazing and humble man with a true servant's heart for the Lord. He was grateful, kind and generous and he especially loved to encourage those around him.

Fredrick William Graves is survived by his children (spouses): Lois (Dennis) Ostermann, MaryBeth (Roy) Dockum, Calvin (Maria) Graves, Jeff (Lisa Eldana) Graves, Delores (Jeff) Gold, David Graves.

Additionally he is survived by 12 grandchildren: Anna (Larry) Herring, Fred (Trish) Graves, Kent (Christin) Dockum, Beth (Matt) Hickey, Eric Gold, Alex (Mandy) Gold, Evan (Amanda) Gold, Aubrey (Ben) Hammond, Bethany (Micah) Smith, David Graves, Corynne Ostermann and Jesse Ostermann; and his 19 great-grandchildren: Emily (Alfie) Miller, Kyle and Joel Herring; Calvin and Trevor Graves; William, Joshua and Whitley Dockum; Allison, Madeline and Quinlyn Hickey; Gwen, Moses and Sunny Smith; Rylin and Presley Gold;

Louie, Jolee and Sunnie Gold; Also, he is survived by his sister, Shirley Kruger and sister-in-law, Everdeane Bonnes, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Wilmyna; grandchildren, Justin Gold and Ariel Gold; mother, Jeanette Lyons Graves; aunt and uncle, John and Trace Druyvestyn; sister, Thelma Isaacson; brothers, Jerold Graves, Garland Graves and Sherman Graves.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Pastor Joe Hughes officiating; interment will follow at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends from 12 until 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd NE
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Fredrick William Graves*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - October 22, 2022 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Dogwood Forest of Grayson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Fredrick William Graves.*



Dogwood Forest of Grayson - October 21, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Fredrick William Graves.*



October 18, 2022 at 09:29 AM



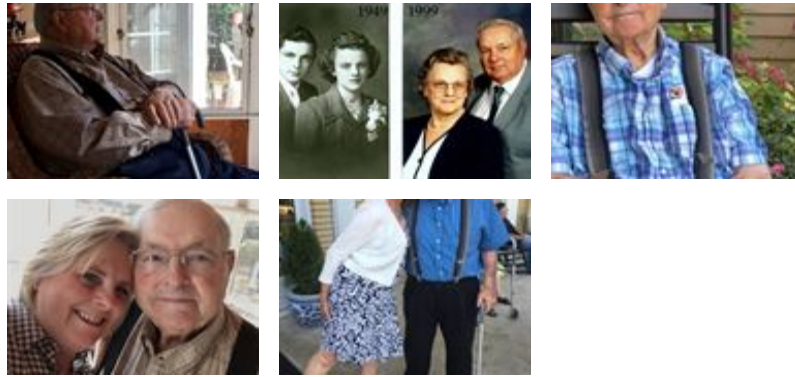
“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fredrick William Graves.*



October 17, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - October 14, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *My sweet sweet Mr. Fred! Oh how I will miss him. I know he is walking the streets of gold with his precious Wilma, wishing we could all see how magnificent it is. My mornings just aren't the same without being called Tiger, and our races to the dining room. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Brady & Casey Martin - October 12, 2022 at 08:28 AM