



Fred Henry "Fritz" Carmichael

September 20, 1941 - July 25, 2017

Fred Henry "Fritz" Carmichael of East Lansing - beloved husband, father, and friend to many - passed away July 25, 2017 after a 10 year descent into full dementia. Fred was born September 20, 1941 in Spartanburg, South Carolina to the late Major Frank H. and Linda (Miller) Carmichael. Fred graduated from East Lansing High School (1960), enlisted in the U.S. Army, then went on to graduate from Michigan State University and hired into the Michigan Dept. of Civil Service. After more than a decade with Civil Service, he took the computer experience he had gained and went solo as an economic analyst for a group of private investors. Over the ensuing years, occasional supplemental employment uncovered his considerable sales skills (Computer Renaissance and Denny's Central Park Bicycles) and his people skills as a Player Assistant at several local golf courses. He played baseball and football in high school, but moved on to bicycling, golf and tennis as his recreation choices, even playing competitive tennis into his late 50's. Fred was known for his quick wit and great sense of humor which will greatly be missed. It was very comforting to everyone around him that he retained that, even as he lost other parts of his life/mind following his diagnosis of dementia at age 67. He is survived by his wife of over fifty years, Barbara J. (Patterson); daughters, Kristi Lynn and Elissa Jean Carmichael. Per Fritz's oft expressed wishes, he has been cremated and there will be no funeral or memorial service. Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Grand

Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Tribute Wall



“ *I remember you were my dad. Miss you dad.*

Elissa Carmichael - September 28, 2024 at 10:06 PM

BC

“ *He was my lover for 52 years. We were married for the last 50 of those years, and not a day goes by since his passing that I dont miss him.*

Barbara Carmichael - December 18, 2023 at 02:00 PM

BC

“ *He was my lover for 52 years, and my husband for the last 50 of those. He passed when he should have, but he is still missed every day since. Barb C. -- who still calls herself 'Mrs. Fritz' or 'Mrs. Fred', depending on what name you knew him by. Barb Carmichael*

Barbara Carmichael - June 30, 2023 at 07:37 AM

JM

“ *My condolences to Barb, Kristi and Elissa. Fred was a great friend. I have fond memories of our golf, tennis and other times together. I also really appreciated his help with my computer purchases for my business. I will always remember that smile on his face when he got me with his dry sense of humor.
Sincerely, Jim Murner*

Jim Murner - August 03, 2017 at 02:28 PM

DW

“ Fred was one of my best friends, the best man in my wedding, and doubles partner in more in more than one tennis tournament. Barb will remember with a laugh Fred's description of changing the light bulb on the garage. I missed my friend when dementia limited him. Barb has been the devoted partner and his kids are wonderful examples of their parents rearing. They live out loud, although I would hope Kristi's hair would be green rather than blue. Dave Williams

Dave Williams - July 31, 2017 at 07:52 PM

HI

“ I remember that beautiful smile and wonderful sense of humor. When he was living at the Marquette he would always say "Hi" to me and it would instantly bring a smile to my face and make my day better! He will be greatly missed!!

Heidi Ingalls - July 29, 2017 at 07:11 PM

MF

“ My condolences to you Barb, Kristi and Elissa. Fred was my boss in the late 70's at the Michigan Department of Civil Service. I wish I had known he went by Fritz as I would have tried to call him that although I know he wouldn't have liked it. He always kept his personal life separate from his work life. He was a helpful boss and assembled a great team of analysts. I enjoyed that period of time in my career and still appreciate his contribution to it.

Sincerely,

Michael Ford

Michael Ford - July 29, 2017 at 03:28 PM

KM

“ Fred you will be missed dearly at New Life. You always had a good sense of humor. Now when ever someone comments on my smile I will always think of you. God bless Fred.

Kaylynn Mitchell - July 27, 2017 at 08:06 PM