



Frederic J. Forrester

May 30, 1932 - August 29, 2016

Frederic J. Forrester, age 84. Of Grand Ledge Michigan, died on August 29, 2016, surrounded by the love of his family.

Fred was born in Niagara Falls NY on May 30, 1932, son to Joseph James and Helen (Murphy) Forrester, and brother to Joseph James Forrester III. It was in Niagara Falls that he met and fell in love with his beloved Marge, his wife of 61 years. Fred graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering and attended Northwestern University for graduate education pursuing a PhD in Thermodynamics. He worked in various roles as a brilliant chemist, scientist, an innovator, as well as leader with Union Carbide, Mobay, and with Dart Container Corporation. Fred and Marge have nine children, with each of them possessing a university education, and twelve grandchildren, all of whom bring light and love to their grandparents' lives. In addition, they have an extended circle of family and countless friends who contribute loving richness to their lives.

He is survived by his wife Margaret (Pitonyak); his children: Mary Ann and John (Akron, OH); Eileen (Verona PA); Rick and Linda (Canonsburg PA) and their sons Eric and Kevin; Joe and Adriana (Falls Church VA) and son Shane; Betty and Bill (Rockford IL) and their children Seth and Anna; Pat (Fenton MI), Kathleen and Daniel (Tomball TX) and their son Alex; Tom and Paula (Cohasset MA) and their daughters Jill and Allysson; and Tim and Kelley

(Bloomfield Hills MI) and their sons Blake, Macklin and Riley.

He shared his love of learning and living with children, grandchildren, and relatives, engaging in gregarious conversations and discussions with each, from an early age. He loved sports, singing, music and performed in local choirs and musicals as well as being a cantor at various churches of his residence. Fred was a football coach, baseball coach, softball coach, basketball coach, a music coach, but most importantly, a life coach who taught with dignity, decency and humility. Fred inspired others to be better through grace. Fred loved to laugh and to host anyone that arrived like they were a long lost friend in need of belonging. He was admired by all that knew him, and a friend to all.

In lieu of flowers, and in keeping with Fred and Marge's dedication to education, they ask that donors commit additional funds to the continuing education of their family members as they have done throughout their lives. They ask that any incremental current donation be made to the donor's chosen religious institution or charitable organization within their communities, just as Fred and Marge have done with Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. Benedict's, and most recently with St. Michael's throughout their lives. Visitation will be held on September 6th from 2-4 pm and 6-9pm with a Scripture Service at 8 pm at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home at 406 N. Bridge St, Grand Ledge MI. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am at St Michael's Catholic Parish 345 Edwards St Grand Ledge on September 7, 2016; family will receive guests at the church for one hour prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com
<https://www.holihanatkin.com>

Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 6. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



September 06, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ *Marge and family. Fred's accomplishments are to be highly admired. God Bless.*

Mary and Terry O'Rourke

Mary and Terry O'Rourke - September 06, 2016 at 09:04 AM



Thanks Mary and Terry. We appreciate you coming to support us in celebrating Fred's life.

Timothy Forrester - September 13, 2016 at 06:44 PM



“ *Eric and Courtney Kammer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



Eric and Courtney Kammer - September 05, 2016 at 08:18 AM

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“ *Some childhood memories need age and experience to be understood.*

There was a Samsonite table and chair. The chair was well made and strong(still is). It had to be because it held the Great Man. On the table were stacks of envelopes on both sides. Pens, pencils, stamps. I know now the envelopes were the bills of a lifetime- utility bills, bills for camps and sports, medical bills. Dad would sometimes have his hands on his head. I thought, "What is he doing?" At times, maybe he was looking at the bills thinking, "How am I going to get my 9 children into college before Marge gets involved, calling Chancellors and Presidents". He did it. They did it.

It's always comforting to think at this time, "He's finally at rest". Dad isn't. But he has help. There's a Samsonite table with 2 chairs(strong, to hold Great Men), just inside the Gates of Heaven. He and Saint Peter are frantically looking at the debits and credits of a lifetime, trying to see how they can assure 9 children, and all his grandchildren and loved ones will pass thru the Gates of Heaven. Before Mom gets there.

*Dad,
From the smallest thing you ever did for us to the greatest memories of a lifetime, it was never enough to say, "Thanks, Dad".
But it was always enough for you.
Thanks, Dad.*

Joe - September 04, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



September 03, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *He Mr.Forrester would tell me whenever something bothered me or a person would bother me or just whatever write it on a piece of paper and wad that paper up and throw it against the wall. All problems were solved. He would say u feel better and truly I really did, never forgot this after 40 some years what an impact, thanks for letting me share love u, love all of u, Marge ur in my thoughts daily as I know how hard this is. Continue prayers!*
Kristi (Kris) Schoonover

kristi schoonover - September 02, 2016 at 10:01 PM



Thanks for the tribute Kristi. It means a lot to entire family.

Timothy Forrester - September 13, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



September 02, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



September 02, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



September 02, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



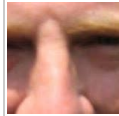
September 01, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ *To Marge and family, may I offer my sincere condolences. Many good times together, will never forget our one camping trip. He will be well remembered. Say hello to all the kids.*

Don Schoonover

Don Schoonover - August 31, 2016 at 11:16 PM



Thanks Don. We all appreciate your message as well as your lifelong friendship.

Timothy Forrester - September 13, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



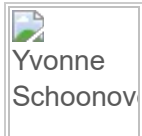
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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.*



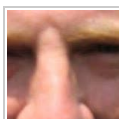
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“ *Sending condolences to Marge and rest of the family. So many, many good memories of Fred in the past while living in Marietta, OH. He will never be forgotten.*

Yvonne Schoonover

Yvonne Schoonover - August 31, 2016 at 10:44 AM



Thank you Yvonne. Means so much from a friend of the family who is so dear. -Tim

Timothy Forrester - August 31, 2016 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Frederic J. Forrester.



August 31, 2016 at 09:06 AM