



Fred Matzdorf

May 22, 1937 - October 15, 2024

Fred was the love of my life and husband of 57 years, and he completed life's journey on October 15, 2024, after losing a long battle with an aging heart.

Fred retired from AT&T in 1999, allowing us many years of pure joy travelling the world. He had many loves: his family, his church family, travel, golf, photography, all creatures (great and small) and the natural wonders of Mother Earth.

Surviving are his wife Barbara; sons: Tim (Danielle), and Andy; brother-in-law, John Yurtanas; sister-in-law, Betsy (Don) Glasson; nephews: John (Eva) Medved, Fred (Flo) Luckey; nieces: Nancy (Tom) Mannett, Sandy (Rick) Connolly, Patti (Christian) Moneyhon and last but not least, his 19th hole golf buddies.

There will be a private scattering of ashes in the woods he loved. There will be no public memorial. In lieu of any memorial donations, please just remember Fred as the gentle and kindhearted man he was. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

DP

“Wow, what memories flood back. I have known “Uncle” Fred my entire life. Lifelong friends of my parents, Fred and Barb helped me discover my love of nature and her critters. As a little girl, he taught me to sit quietly with him, patiently waiting in the trees and bushes to get that “perfect photo”. Watching him set up tents and campfires, exploring his National Geographic collection and giving mushy kisses...these things are treasured gifts. He influenced and supported his family and friends in his gentle way and with great wit. I love this family and am so sad for you all. But it gives me peace knowing he is dancing in eternal fields. Sending my love and deepest sympathies. Debbie Mihok Pollard

Deborah Pollard - October 18, 2024 at 04:43 PM

JY

“Fred was a loving husband & father, a good provider and a good friend. I remember a lifetime of holidays: Christmas at the Matzdorf's, the 4th at Bailey's and we shared Easter. Barb & Fred's marriage could be described as “the best of times.” I wish I could've beaten him at least once on the golf course.

John Yurtanas - October 18, 2024 at 11:20 AM

RF

“We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad, Andy. Our sincere condolences go out to you, your mother and brother and the entire family. I remember having conversations with your dad when you kids were younger and we were more in touch. He was a very good man in many ways. I used to see him working in the yard when I walked the dog or when he and your Mom were out walking. I know this is a big loss for you and your family and our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Roland and Linda Flores - October 17, 2024 at 10:32 AM