



Frederick "Fred" Robert Urbanek

September 14, 1937 - April 20, 2023

Frederick "Fred" Robert Urbanek, age 85, of Hobart, IN and Tower, MN, passed away at home with his family by his side, on April 20, 2023. He was born on September 14, 1937 to George and Rose (nee Biro) Urbanek. Fred attended Tolleston School where he made lifelong friends. He continued his schooling at Columbus and East Gary Edison where he was a graduate of the Class of 1955. He was a proud United States Army veteran. Fred loved fishing, going to the casino and spending time at his home on Lake Vermillion in Tower, MN. He will be greatly missed.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; brother-George and the very loved and respected Aunt and Uncle-Gi and Robert Biro. Gi and Robert were gracious enough to give Fred a home following the untimely death of his father in 1943.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of almost 26 years-Shirley Urbanek; five children- Kelly (Rick) Evans, Robert Urbanek, Kathleen Urbanek, Frederick (Annie) Urbanek; Karen (Merrick) Morris; grandchildren- Zachary (Carla) George, Jenna George, Amanda (Charles) Connolly, Jessica (Shane) Chakalis, Ashley (Matt) Beer, Max Urbanek, Grayson Urbanek, Sam Urbanek, Jack Morris, Julia Morris, Luke Morris, Ava Morris; six great grandchildren. Per Fred's wishes, no services have been scheduled. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Shirley & family - the lake will never be the same without Fred. We will forever miss his wonderful sense of humor, his fishing stories, his delivery of the weekend paper, & all the wonderful visits & shared laughs. His memory will forever bring smiles to our hearts. & Fred please help Rosco be a better fishing guide 😊.
Randy & Toni



Randy & Toni - April 24, 2023 at 10:47 PM

CA

“ Fred was my best buddy, we went to grade school and high school together and even served in the army at the same time- different bases. In recent years, I loved our phone calls, he had the best sense of humor and he was always dear. I will miss him greatly...

Carljabo37 - April 24, 2023 at 11:42 AM

 Chris Rearick

“ All will miss. Sending you my best Aunt Shirley.
Chris and Tim Rearick

Chris Rearick - April 22, 2023 at 10:36 AM

EM

“ Rest in Peace Fred. Our sorrow goes out to Aunt Shirley and your family.
Ed and Theresa Mattingly

EDWARD MATTINGLY - April 22, 2023 at 10:28 AM

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“ I was so lucky to have had this man as my husband for 25 yrs and 11 months.....his wife,,,,,,,,,shirley

shirley urbanek - April 22, 2023 at 09:33 AM

JM

“ Rest easy, Fred. You were the best "adopted grandpa" I could've ever imagined. I was so lucky to have known you for 6 wonderful years while living on lake Vermilion. I have so many good memories and stories. I'll miss sharing our fishing reports and stories and life conversations. Please watch over the skies when I'm on the water because you know we can't trust my phone and it's radar! My sympathies to the entire family and extended family. You lost a very special man.



Jeremy Maslowski - April 21, 2023 at 07:02 PM

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You will be greatly missed Fred! 💕 Bill & I were blessed to have you as our neighbor and friend. We will miss you popping over and our many conversations. 🙏❤️ Until we meet again...

Deborah Neier - April 21, 2023 at 09:26 PM