



Reverend Fred J. Marsh

February 24, 2021

Reverend Fred J. Marsh, age 88, of Sarasota, FL, passed peacefully into the arms of his Savior, Wednesday, February 24, 2021, supported by the love and prayers of his family.

He was born November 7, 1932, in Duncan, OK, to his loving parents, Fred Willard and Josie Fay (Guthrie) Marsh.

Fred raised cattle and farmed alongside his father in the Oklahoma wheatfields. He graduated from Duncan High School and pursued his higher education at the Jr. College in Lawton, OK and Oklahoma State University where he met his future wife Linda Dudley.

Upon completion of his military service in Germany as a Specialist First Class in the Armed Forces, Fred and Linda returned to Duncan, where he continued farming and worked as a postal carrier until he was called into the ministry. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree at Phillips University in Enid, OK, he immediately enrolled in graduate studies at the Phillips University Seminary School for three years to become a Disciples of Christ minister.

Throughout his ministerial career, Fred was called to serve five congregations: Oak Grove Christian Church, Dover, OK; First Christian Church, Helena, OK; First Christian Church, Sac City, IA; and First Christian Church, Davenport, IA.

Upon retirement, he and Linda moved to Sarasota, FL, where he left retirement to serve as the Pastor of Visitation at Church of the Palms.

Fred enjoyed good conversation, good books, horses, trick roping, gospel music, and watching sporting events. His greatest joy was ministering to others and proclaiming the "Good News." He dearly loved his family and proudly shared in the joy of their accomplishments.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 66 years, Linda Marsh; daughter Roxanne

(Paul) Curtis; son Mark Marsh; sister Donnis Greenwood; four grandchildren, Melissa Curtis, Courtney Kelly, Jacob Marsh, and Zachary Marsh; two brothers in-law, Bob and Paul Max Dudley; several nieces, and a nephew.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred Willard and Josie Faye Marsh; sisters, Imogene (Darrell) Selby and Frankie (Clyde) Reasor; and two brothers, Billy Gerald and Willard Dale Marsh.

A private Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Tidewell Hospice Foundation at 5955 Rand Blvd. , Sarasota, FL 34238.

Comments



“ I am so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I have many fond memories of Fred, Linda, Roxanne and Mark while growing up in the Church in Sac City, Iowa. He was an inspiration to all who knew him and he will be greatly missed. Kathy Cady Gerdes

Kathy Cady Gerdes - March 02 at 06:58 AM



“ Fred was such a great guy!! And I enjoyed his conversations!! So sorry for your loss.. He will surely be missed

Lillian Erb - February 28 at 07:44 PM



“ My heart is full of memories of Fred. He was instrumental in getting LeRoy and me together and then performing our wedding after the tornado took the roof off the church. Tears and prayers for a wonderful friend and servant of the Lord.

Jeannette Olson Strain - February 28 at 10:51 AM



“ Dearest Linda and family,
You are in our hearts and prayers at this time of deepest sorrow.
Rev. Marsh showed us love not only with his friendly smile and twinkling eyes; but also through his ministry messages at Church of the Palms. He knew how to preach to all ages.
We still have a copy of the "ABC's of Faith" biblical list of scripture quotes and visualize him reciting them.
"Verily, verily I say unto you. He that believeth in me has everlasting life."--John 6:47
With sympathy and love,
Barbara, Stefano, and Alex Biancardi



Barbara Biancardi - February 28 at 10:28 AM



“ I remember when he would hand out Secret Santa gifts during the Christmas services. One year, we had so many gifts, he didn't have time to give a sermon. The church decided to scale back the Secret Santa event a bit after that.

I will always remember his lasso tricks!!!

Take care all!!

Chris Wymore
(FCC Davenport 1975-1995)
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CHRISTOPHER WYMORE - February 26 at 07:42 AM



“ I always wanted “to grow up” to be like Fred. He so loved his family, his Lord, and the ministry...and besides all that, he was downright funny. I loved him so very much!
The Rev. Dr. David Pierce

David Pierce - February 26 at 12:08 AM