



Frederick Harden

March 25, 1938 - April 16, 2022

Fred “Papa” was an incredible man with an unmistakable laugh. He was truly loved by anyone who met him, because he never met a stranger.

We, his family, were extremely blessed to have him in our daily lives as every day was a gift.

He was loyal. He was honest. He was kind. He had the best sense of humor. There were times he laughed so hard he literally couldn’t breathe.

“Papa” suffered his entire adult life with macular degeneration, including losing his eyesight, and the debilitating pain of rheumatoid arthritis. He deserved to be grouchy and bitter, but he never was. Not for a minute. When you asked him how he was, his response was always “fine and dandy, sweet as sugar candy”!

Fred served in the military for 3 years and was stationed in Germany for a short time.

Given his love for people, in his early years he was in the restaurant business owning several restaurants. He ultimately went to work for Amtrak which is where he retired.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Della Harden who was his childhood sweetheart, and his daughters, who all claimed to be his favorite; Gwen, Kelly, Fredella, Kimberly and Sheri; grandchildren, Grant, Justin, Brandon; Danielle, Jonathan; Kyle, Andrew and Ryan, Taylor and Alyssa; and six great grandchildren Nicole, Abigail, Emersyn, Ingrid, Gabe, Cecelia.

There will be a celebration of his life on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 1 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 12 p.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W. Lincoln Hwy Crown Point, IN 46307.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in his name to the Arthritis foundation at [www. Arthritis.org](http://www.Arthritis.org). The link to donate now will pop up on the website.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home
6305 W. Lincoln Highway
Crown Point, IN 46307
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Service

APR **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Frederick Harden* ”



Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Home - March 04, 2025 at 07:23 PM

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“ I remember Fred from the age of 16 years of age. My sister was friends of the Smith family; Fred's Aunt, Joanne Smith, and later dated Fred for a short time/ They all would tease me about liking his cousin, Richard, and I couldn't stand him. Later on I met precious Della in school. She was going with Fred and eventually they married! EVENTUALLY, I married his cousin, who I couldn't stand! Richard, That then made of family! We all loved each other so much and tried to stay close through out our lives. Many memories we shared! Going to Chicago and visiting and them to Richmond to visit us. Staying with them and leaving our car with them when we flew to Germany, going to Dell's pinning when she got her nursing degree and yes, Kimmy's beautiful wedding! As our families continued to grow and life became so busy we didn't get to be together as much as we would have loved to be. We still stayed in touch. The GOLDEN YEARS! HUH! Nothing but RUST! Illnesses' took over with all of us and about all we could do was to continue to keep them in our prayers. I lost Richard to cancer in 1998 and what a loss! Fred and Della just seemed to have one illness and another to now we have lost a great man, FREDDIE! How our hearts go out to each one of his loved ones. Words can not be said to express our grief. We still have to leave them in God's hands as his sheep to take care of them and the mercy he has for them. We are there in spirit with you all and a love for all of you that will continually grow! We love and miss you, FREDDIE La Verne, Jeff, Rick, Ty and all of our family.

Margaret Smith - April 22, 2022 at 11:52 AM

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“ Will miss his smile and sense of humor. He was always ready to help whenever and however he could. RIP dear friend!

Bill and Marie Rucker



Marie Rucker - April 20, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Frederick Harden.



April 20, 2022 at 02:34 PM