



## Fred Ellery Gowing, Jr.

August 12, 1944 - August 4, 2013

Fred Ellery Gowing, Jr., 68 of Ardmore, Tennessee died on Sunday, August 4, 2013, at Lincoln Medical Center in Fayetteville, Tennessee. Born Saturday, August 12, 1944 in Miami, Florida, he was the son of the late Fred Gowing, Sr. and the late Grace Miller Gowing. He enjoyed fishing, all of nature, his job and the people that surrounded him. He was a Veteran of the U S Army. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Ralph, Raymon and David Gowing. Surviving are his wife: Deborah Gowing of Ardmore, TN, sons, Fred Gowing III of Burlington, NC and Erick Gowing of Ardmore, TN, step-son: Josh and Mandi Newberry of Ardmore, TN, daughters, Kimberly & George Pulliam of Milton, NC and Jessica & Ryne Strong of Ardmore, AL, brother, Roy & Judy Gowing of Saint Petersburg, FL, sisters, Nancy & Jim Westbury of Flowery Branch, GA and Dorothy & Robert Minier of Naples, FL, nine grandchildren: Jeremy, Jesse, Kayla, Cameron, Jackson, Carter, Harlie, Kylie, and Brady, and one great-grandchild: Jesse, Jr. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home with Bro. Derrick Moose officiating. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama.

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Dear Debbie, there are really no words, I can't even imagine the loss your feeling. We just have to trust God and lean on him and pray time does heal. Just wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Will always remember this day August 7 same day Mom passed away 1 year ago. Love you and Jess, take care.

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**Reita Clinard** - August 08, 2013 at 04:28 PM

BS

“ Our deepest condolences to the family.

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**Benny & Kathy Sumners** - August 06, 2013 at 07:38 PM

DB

“ Debbie I am so sorry for your loss. May ?God's grace sustain you n this time/

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**Daisy Barnett** - August 06, 2013 at 05:28 PM

DB

“ Our prayers are with you Debbie and children. Fred was a wonderful friend and boss. He wil be missed by many and forgottem by none. Rest in peace Fred.

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**daphne and keith barnes** - August 06, 2013 at 04:22 PM

JT

“ To my dearest family, > some things I'd like to say. > But first of all, to let you know, > that I arrived okay. > > I'm writing this from the Bridge. > Here I dwell with God above. > Here there's no more tears of sadness. > Here is just eternal love. > > Please do not be unhappy > just because I'm out of sight. > Remember that I am with you > every morning, noon and night. > > That day I had to leave you > when my life on earth was through, > God picked me up and hugged me > and He said, "I welcome you. > > It's good to have you back again, > you were missed while you were gone. > As for your dearest family, > They'll be here later on." > > God gave me a list of things, > that he wished for me to do. > And foremost on the list, > was to watch and care for you. > > And when you lie in bed at night > the day's chores put to flight, > God and I are closest to you... > in the middle of the night. > > When you think of my life on earth, > and all those loving years, > because you are only human, > they are bound to bring you tears. > > But do not be afraid to cry > it does relieve the pain. > Remember there would be no flowers, > unless there was some rain. > > I wish that I could tell you > all that God has planned. > If I were to tell you, > you wouldn't understand. > > But one thing is for certain, > though my life on earth is o'er. > I'm closer to you now, > than I ever was before. > > There are rocky roads ahead of you > and many hills to climb; > But together we can do it > by taking one day at a time. > > It was always my philosophy > and I'd like it for you too; > That as you give unto the world, > the world will give to you. > > If you can help somebody > who's in sorrow and pain; > Then you can say to God at night... > "My day was not in vain." > > And now I am contented... > that my life was worthwhile. > Knowing as I passed along > I made somebody smile. > > God says: "If you meet somebody > who is sad and feeling low; > Just lend a hand to pick him up, > as on your way you go. > > When you're walking down the street > with me on your mind; > I'm walking in your footsteps > only half a step behind." > > "And when it's time for you to go... > from that body to be free. > Remember you're not going... > you're coming here to me."

Janice Tomerlin-Finley - August 06, 2013 at 11:41 AM

JT

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heavens Gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

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Janice Tomerlin-Finley - August 06, 2013 at 11:39 AM

VD

“ Sorry to hear of our loss. He was a very dear friend. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Vickie Dollar - August 06, 2013 at 08:45 AM

SH

“ Debbie, Jess and family, I don't have the words to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I am so very sorry. I pray God will give you all the Strength you need. God bless you all.  
Love, Sandra & Roger

sandra & Roger Hicklen - August 05, 2013 at 10:36 PM

JW

“ Uncle Fred my heart is sad but I am so glad you are not suffering anymore!

Jenny Westberry - August 05, 2013 at 08:43 PM

RG

“ I have known Fred for over 30 years, He never met a stranger, anyone who ever met him would tell you he was a man of character and a great man and friend. My prayers are with his family, he will surely be missed, May God bless each and everyone of you

Ricky Griffin - August 05, 2013 at 08:37 PM

PW

“ Fred was a great man and had alot of good friends. He will be missed by all. All the Family is in our Prayers.

Patty and Jeffery Woodfin - August 05, 2013 at 08:18 PM

RM

“ *Debbie and family, Roger and I are very sorry for your loss, Fred was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. god bless y'all and I'm sure Fred will be looking down on y'all to make sure everything is alright. Take care*

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**Roger and Sandie Morris** - August 05, 2013 at 08:06 PM

MM

“ *Debbie, Jesse and family...I am so very sorry for your loss..Everyone loved Fred he will be deeply missed....Love yall God Bless*

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**Melissa Martin McDaniel** - August 05, 2013 at 07:33 PM

TW

“ *I did not have the privilege that most had to get to know Fred, but what few times I had the chance to be around him he was a wonderful man. He made everyone feel welcomed. He will be truly missed by many. I pray that God wraps his arms around his family and friends in this time of sorry. Rest In Paradise Fred.*

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**Tanya Wallace** - August 05, 2013 at 06:26 PM