



Fred B. Stevenson

December 17, 1922 - June 22, 2010

Fred B. Stevenson, 87 of Huntsville, Alabama went to be with the Lord Tuesday, June 22, 2010. He was born and raised in Ardmore, TN then moved to Huntsville where he has been a lifelong resident. He was a Sergeant in the US Marine Corp during World War II and a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Signal Corp in the Korean War, and served in Luzon, Philippine Islands, South Pacific, Solomon Islands, New Guinea, Mindanao, Japan, and Korea. He also taught ROTC at the University of Virginia. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with the "V" and Oak Leaf Cluster from the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. He was a member of the Ardmore Masonic Lodge # 24 for 50 years. He graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Electrical Engineering, then entered the Civil Service at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL in July 1955 and retired in May of 1978. He was later inducted as a member of the USASMDC Retiree Hall of Fame. He was on the Tennessee Valley Chapter Honor Flight trip on May 31, 2008. He was a member and deacon of Morningside Baptist Church. His major hobby was nature photography and enjoyed bird watching and traveling. He received a Certificate of Graduation from the New York Institute of Photography and UAH. He was an avid bass and fly fisherman, also well known for his custom built fishing rods and tied fishing flies. He started the first community watch program in Huntsville in March 1979, where he later became known as the "Grandfather of Community Watch". He organized and was a member of the Tennessee Fly Fishers and member of the South-Eastern Council Federation

of Fly Fishers where he received a Lifetime Achievement Award, Man of the Year, Charlie Brooks Life Memorial Award, and the Lapis Lazuli Award. He was also a member of the National Wildlife Federation, AL/TN Trail of Tears Remembrance Association, TN Valley Audubon Society, National Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, and the Huntsville Botanical Gardens where he taught Birding101 Classes. He was a mentor to many. He was preceded in death by his wife Christine Mullins Stevenson, his parents: Cletis J. and Francis Mae Merrell Stevenson of Ardmore, and brother, Dr. James H. Stevenson of Decherd, TN. He is survived by his daughter Patty (Curtiss) Baldwin of Huntsville/ Grant, AL, a sister, Doris Secrest of Ewing, KY, granddaughters: Christen Cannon of Huntsville, AL, and Courtney Baldwin of Arab, AL, great-granddaughter: Morgyn Cannon, great grandson: Ethan Layhew, nephew: Jim (Lynette) Mullins of Huntsville, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and a long list of lifetime friends. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 25, 2010, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home with Pastors Marty Jordan and Don Cox officiating. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL with Military Honors. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Friday, June 25, 2010, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. Flowers are accepted, or donations may be made to the Hummer Bird Study Group Inc. at ATTN: Bob Sargent, P.O. Box 2500, Clay, AL 35048, or Morningside Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall

FO

“ *Fred B. Stevenson*

Funeral Home Owner - June 30, 2010 at 01:13 PM

TB

“ *My heart and prayers go out to the family. I know he will be missed.*

Tammy Bradley - June 26, 2010 at 08:02 AM

JJ

“ *I Love You My Friend :)*

jane jordan - June 25, 2010 at 05:00 PM

TF

“ *to the family-----freds passing was a great loss to me. he was a good friend and a good christian.he will be sorely missed,----- love--tom----*

thomas n. ferrell - June 25, 2010 at 10:49 AM

MH

“ *Thanks for being a friend, mentor and a person that I really looked up to. You will be missed. Love you Mr Fred.*

Mark Havira - June 24, 2010 at 08:03 PM

AR

“ I will always cherish the moments that Lainey and I spent with you, Mr. Fred. Thank you for accepting me and Lainey as your grandchildren. You were truly my Grandpa and Lainey's Great-Grandpa ... how precious you were in our lives. I will carry on your legacy to my daughter and we will carry you in our hearts always. I know that you are rejoicing with our Lord and your sweet Chris. I love you ...

Amanda Ross - June 24, 2010 at 05:23 PM

MC

“ Bro. Fred, I've only known you for a year but I feel that I've known you for a lifetime. The little talks and the time we spent together will be cherished. You meant a lot to me and my family. I know you are walking the streets of gold.

Mark Cowan - June 24, 2010 at 04:19 PM

JB

“ A song that Mr. Fred and I sang together... "Look for Me" by Squire Parsons

*If you should reach that city before my time has come,
Perhaps you'd like to greet me when my race down here is run;
Just wait, for I'll soon be coming across life's ebbing sea,
And I'll tell you now, my brother, just where to wait for me.*

*Don't wait 'neath the gates of pearl, Don't wait on the streets of gold,
Don't wait by the walls of jasper, nor among the many sites untold;
For I've been longing and I've been waiting for the precious, holy
One to meet,*

There I'll be thru the countless ages, wait for me at Jesus' feet.

I will miss you, my brother, but I'll see you again someday!!!

Jeana Barber - June 24, 2010 at 03:11 PM

LK

“ I have been blessed by having had the honor of knowing Fred. I admired him greatly with his dedication to his wife Chris during her illness and his walk with God. He truly was an awesome person and I will miss him dearly.

Lori Kaiser

Lori A. Kaiser - June 24, 2010 at 03:08 PM

CT

“ It was a joy to have had the opportunity of Fred's presence in my Sunday School class the past several years. I also had the privelege of working beside him as a deacon and learning from the example of faithfulness he set. His presence will be missed, but his influence will be treasured.

Christopher Tyler - June 24, 2010 at 01:33 PM

GP

“ Fred was a great friend, buddy and helper to all. I have great memories of Fred and of his services to God and country I always enjoyed talking with him and working with him at Morningside Baptist Church.

Gloria & R.L.'Dud' Phillips - June 24, 2010 at 01:19 PM

SR

“ It was an honor to have gotten to know Mr. Fred. I enjoyed the long talks and lunches that I was blessed to have had the privilege to share with him.

Shawn Reed - June 24, 2010 at 01:01 PM

AF

“ *Mr. Fred was a gift from God to so many. He was a mentor, encourager, and excellent recounter of events. What a terrific man of God.*

Alan Dunn Family - June 24, 2010 at 12:57 PM

PC

“ *Mr. Fred, we will miss you our brother in Christ. You made our lives fuller each time we were with you. You always had a smile and laugh. We loved being with you.*

Paul & Elaine Carlton - June 24, 2010 at 11:34 AM

JF

“ *We will miss Fred. He was an inspiration to all of us. We look forward to seeing him again in Heaven with Jesus .*

Joe and Rose Ferrell - June 24, 2010 at 10:54 AM

KR

“ *Mr. Fred, Thank you for stepping in a serving as my surrogate grandfather!! You have helped Chad an I out so much from the start...even to the point of allowing Chad to be your roommate! You've always been so generous, you never could comprehend how important you were to everyone you came in contact with! Thank you for the bird watching binoculars, I will strive to make you proud with the bird watching and photography!! You were always there to give our family support and love all the time! I will miss you very much but I know that you are now with our Lord and not struggling anymore! Say hello to Miss Chris for us! Love you "grandpa"!!*

Katie Ragone - June 24, 2010 at 10:46 AM

TW

“ God Speed Mr. Fred. You've been a light in everyone's life, and you will be missed. God definitely broke the mold after he created you.

Tracy Willett - June 24, 2010 at 09:10 AM

PW

“ I'll miss you, Birdin' Buddy! But I'll always stop, look, and listen for you---like we always did for the birds. I know you'll be there with your own wings . . .

Love, Pam
"Birding 101"

Pamela White - June 24, 2010 at 08:43 AM

SH

“ Mr. Fred, I miss you. I know you're in a better place but we're not. Even though my visits with you are no more, your wisdom and advice is burned on my heart. I take great comfort in knowing your prayers for your country and for those you loved extend into eternity. Hebrews 11:39-40 promises that! Your prayers WILL be answered. God promised! E.M. Bounds says, "God shapes the world by prayer. Prayers are not deathless. They outlive the lives of those who utter them." Thank you for your 'utterances'. Thank you for coming into my life and modeling Christ's love and acceptance. Thank you for being a part of everything important that has happened to my family the past seven years. You will always be a part of our family. Every hummingbird I see flitting about, every hawk or eagle I see soaring above, every patriotic song that brings pride to my heart for our fallen country, every hymn that you loved.....that is your legacy to me. I KNOW you and Miss Chris had an awesome "2nd first date" and the Heavenly choir just became richer and deeper! I love you, Mr. Fred. Have fun "feedin' the birds"!

Sherry Havira - June 24, 2010 at 08:14 AM