



Frederick William Heinkel

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Decatur-Frederick “The Great” William Heinkel Jr., 75, of Decatur, passed away into the loving arms of Jesus Sunday, September 25, 2016 in his home with his family by his side.

Fred was born February 5, 1941 in Decatur, Illinois, the son of Frederick and Helen (Nickel) Heinkel Sr. He graduated from Eisenhower High School and then the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy in 1964. He met Suzanne the love of his life a RN at the U of I Research Hospital in 1966. Fred married Suzanne Remensnyder on August 26, 1967 in Barrington, Illinois. He was a pharmacist with Osco which became CVS retiring after thirty-five years of service. After retirement he loved spending time with his mother, wife, children, and grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening, traveling, and was a die-hard fan of the Illini, Cubs, and Bears. Fred was a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and the U of I Alumni Association. He was famous for making his grandchildren laugh.

He leaves behind his wife of forty-nine years Suzanne of Decatur, beloved mother Helen of Decatur, daughters Katharine Heinkel of Cary, North Carolina and Karen (Peter) Schussler of Peoria, and loving grandchildren Rachel and Claire Schussler of Peoria and Noah and Savannah Vivian of Cary, North Carolina.

He was reunited in Heaven with his father and grandson Nicholas Wheeler Vivian. The family would like to give a special thanks to the nurses and staff with St. John’s Hospice for all of their loving care and the staff at the Hilton Homewood Suites in Forsyth for making our travels home comfortable.

He lived his life to the fullest and was always the life of the party. He will never be forgotten.

Services to celebrate Fred’s life will be 11:00 AM Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 2155 N Oakland Ave, Decatur, with Pastors Bill and Brock Abbott officiating. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the church. In lieu



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of flowers memorials are suggested to Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

The family of Frederick “The Great” William Heinkel Jr. is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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SB

Shirley Blickensderfer posted:

Dear Suzanne, I remember when I worked at St. Mary's Hospital with you how you talked about your husband. He was the one who did the grocery shopping and you said he stocked up and you had a full pantry of food. One morning as I was driving to work listening to the radio the announcer said: "Today is Fred Heinkle's birthday; be sure to stop in and wish him Happy Birthday." My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Shirley Blickensderfer

October 3 at 7:11 AM

TA

Tonda Atchason posted:

Suzanne, Kathy and Karen. I am so very sorry for your loss. Fred was always so very nice whenever I saw him. I know how you will miss him. I am out of town and just learned of his passing. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God hold you in the palm of his hand and comfort you at this very difficult time. Tonda

October 2 at 11:17 AM

KM

Kristi Mullinix posted:

Suzanne, Karen & Kathy I am so sorry for your loss. Fred was truly one of the funniest guys I have ever met. We spent a lot of time together in the pharmacy and he always had me laughing. His love for his family was always evident. I can recall lots of stories about his girls and how proud he was of them. He loved Field Marshall and The U of I Chief. Freddie was an excellent pharmacist who had common sense and compassion. Every other Saturday we worked together for years at about 2pm you could count on Charlie coming in to visit with Freddie. These two guys outwardly didn't have much in common but Freddie always took time to sit in the waiting chairs and visit. Charlie was a widow, retired and lonely and Freddie took time to be a friend to a guy who really needed a friend. My oldest son is left handed like Freddie and when he went to kindergarten Freddie bought him really nice left handed scissors, that he used all thru grade school. Freddie was truly "The Great".

October 1 at 3:09 AM

AC

Adele Crowe posted:

Suzanne, Cathy, and Karen, We were sorry to hear of your loss. Fred (and all of you) were great neighbors. We have fond memories of the old neighborhood. We always knew we could count on Fred if we needed help. With loving thoughts, Robin and Adele Crowe

September 29 at 4:02 AM



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LS

Linda Sims posted:

I have such fond memories of Fred. My parents were his clients for years. To him they were more than customers. He treated them like friends. He knew our family history who got married, who graduated from college and always inquired how we were doing. In later years after as my parents aged and later died if I was in the store Fred continued to check on our welfare. He had a great smile and a wonderful laugh. He will be missed.

September 29 at 3:48 AM

MQ

Myrna Quinlan posted:

I knew Fred from going to Osco/CVS, he was always happy with ties or suspenders to mark the different occasions. I'm sorry to hear this but I hope he had a wonderful retirement.

September 28 at 7:18 PM

MQ

Myrna Quinlan posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Frederick William Heinkel

September 28 at 7:11 PM

CA

Carole (Chamblin) Ahola posted:

Suzanne, sending prayers of comfort to you and your family during this most difficult time.

September 28 at 2:08 PM

SY

Steve Yuras posted:

Fred and I go back to when he and I both worked at the packing plant as general maintenance and cleanup. We laughed as much as we worked together and I have always had many good memories of him. Our friendship continued until I moved away from Decatur 15 years ago. He was the pharmacist that I always took my prescriptions to just so we could add a few more laughs to our life. May God bless his soul. Steve Yuras

September 28 at 8:13 AM



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Donald Keefner posted:

Went to high school with Fred what a guy, sorry to hear of him passing

September 27 at 4:07 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frederick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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