



Mr. Fred E. Congdon

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Fred E. Congdon, age 71 of Gallatin, passed away peacefully September 9, 2020. He was born on December 2, 1948 in Erwin, TN to the late Fred Hugh and Mildred Erwin Congdon. He graduated from Unicoi County High School in 1966 and went on to graduate from East Tennessee State University.

From an early age, Fred had an appreciation and love for music. He was a lifelong musician and performer. He played in several soul, rock and bluegrass bands and was the co-owner of Rich-R-Tone Records, one of the oldest bluegrass labels in America. He co-wrote "The Pride of Tennessee" which became an official Tennessee state song in 1996.

Fred was extremely talented in many areas and had a strong entrepreneurial spirit. In Unicoi County, he held several elected positions and from 1990 to 2015, he was the Executive Director for the Association of County Mayors. He had been an elder of Celebration of Life Church for many years and was currently attending Regeneration Nashville.

Out of the many accomplishments he had in life, the greatest was his family. He met his beautiful wife, Ernie and they married after knowing each other for two and half months. They knew right away that they were meant for each other. They built a life together and his legacy lives on through his children and grandchildren. Fred had a witty sense of humor and was a captivating storyteller. He never met a stranger and loved being around people and making new friends.

The most important part of Fred's life was his personal relationship and trust in Jesus Christ, his Savior.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Ernie Congdon; two sons Ehren Congdon and wife, Caitlin and Emil Congdon with wife, Leslie; eight grandchildren Stewart, Porter, Virginia, Olivia, Gage, Boone, Wallace "Wally" and Vodin "Sonny" Congdon his sister Connie Congdon Hoxton and husband, Arch and a host of family



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and friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date and will be announced by Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Make A Wish of Middle Tennessee—middletennessee.wish.org Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216, www.springhillfh.com, 615-865-1101.



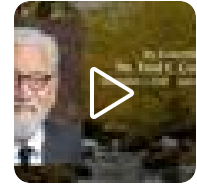
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Spring Hill Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a **Video**.



May 6 at 4:40 AM



Everson Congdon posted:

he was the best

November 8 at 7:30 AM



Bj Dye posted:

I remember my friend Fred during our younger days when we worked distributing Amway products out of Charlotte NC. My most precious memory was when he came to sing at my Dads Funeral at my request! (The King is Coming) We were Blessed to be back in touch about 20 years ago while I was visiting Nashville! I enjoyed catching up after such a long time! Will miss my friend from long ago! BJ Dye

December 26 at 2:23 PM



Stephen W Logan posted:

I am sorry that I just learned of Fred's passing. I have many fond memories of when we played together in Soul Culture and our times in Erwin. Although I do not know his family, I do send my prayers for God's healing. Stephen Logan

October 18 at 3:25 PM



Dianna Gage Russell lit a candle in honor of Fred.

Dianna Gayle Gage Crussell



September 24 at 3:26 PM



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AH

Allen Hughes posted:

God bless you Ernie and all your children and grandchildren. I'll always remember and cherish my "Uncle" Freddy's stories, friendship and music. I was always proud to play with and for him. I was especially tickled when he would tell folks that he was my "real" daddy because Darrell didn't have that kind of talent. All my sympathy and condolences and with all my love. Allen Hughes & family

September 15 at 7:13 AM

JF

Jennifer Frenkil sent a virtual gift in honor of Fred.

Up In Heaven, Precious Fred is forever, Amen! In Loving Memory of himself, I do pray and please heal for a Future of dear memories, while among the Living Earth , as Fred Has Left it Behind! God Bless this shattered American family!



September 13 at 9:33 AM

RM

Rhonds Medlock September 13 at 11:55 AM

My heart is sad. We loved Mr Fred. And Ms Ernie of course! He was always friendly at church and such a great musician! Sending prayers for your comfort and strength to get through this difficult season. 💙💜💛

MS

Mike & Brenda Scott posted:

Ernie and all the family... Brenda & I can't express enough on how very sad we are to hear of Fred's passing. He was not only a great man and Christian mentor..but he was a very close buddy of ours as you know and of course a pickin' buddy to me! We know Fred is at peace in Heaven with Jesus and celebrating the "Big Life.!" We will miss him so very much and pray for you and all the family during this time. Pleas let us know if you need us! We love you! Mike & Brenda Scott

September 12 at 8:57 AM

AA

Angie Akins lit a candle in honor of Fred.



September 12 at 7:35 AM



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PB

Pamela Black Bradshaw posted:

Ernie, Lynn and I are so very sorry to hear about Fred's passing. We loved the pictures your son posted on Facebook. If you need anything, please feel free to message me. I always thought the world of both of you. Pam Bradshaw

September 11 at 6:36 PM

BD

Bob & Kim Driver posted:

Ernie and Family, our deepest condolences on the passing of Fred too soon. Praying Holy Spirit bring you comfort as only He can. Our love and prayers are with you. Bob & Kim Driver

September 11 at 3:20 PM

DW

Dr. Richard L Worsham September 11 at 5:52 PM

Ernie, Sometimes words are not enough! Brother Fred was a fine work of art designed By God starting December 2nd. Brother Fred loved. Jesus, family friends ❤️ and had a heart for his spiritual peers & for the unsaved to find Jesus, the author 🙏 and finisher of our faith.. Brother Fred loved life ! That's why he loved Jesus so much! Eternal life! Brother Fred is absent from his body now Fred is present with the Lord! My Son Branden is living today the shortest scripture in the Bible! The rest of the Worsham family is feeling also the same! Ernie ,thank you for all you and Fred have done for us all. In God we remain, Dr. Richard L Worsham and family!!!

TZ

Terrance Zackery posted:

I am at a loss.. Ernie, I love you and Fred so much and admired you guys and your marriage. From the first time I met Fred at COLC, I knew I made a friend. Through the years my respect for Fred grew and his genuineness was evident. I enjoyed every conversation, in person, on the phone, listening to his stories and his love for music. Fred wanted Cassondra & I to come stay with you two when I would come back into town and I really wished we would've made it happen. Cassondra JUST told me the news and I'm just sitting in my car trying to smile and remember all the times after service or dinner or wherever we were or whatever we were doing, and hearing him talk and laugh, and just remembering how great of a human being he was. My deepest condolences Ernie and family. It was truly an honor to know Fred. Terrance

September 11 at 1:42 PM



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MS

Monique Sanford posted:

My family were definitely blessed by you and Fred's generosity! I will always remember you both as a significant influence in our lives in just the few years we have known each other! He will be deeply missed! Love you Ernie and praying for your family!

September 11 at 12:09 PM

PH

Phyllis Hollowell posted:

Ernie and Family, my sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear husband and father. May you feel the comfort of God's love now and in the days to come. Phyllis Hollowell.

September 11 at 8:29 AM

ZW

Zach Whitson posted:

So sorry to hear about the passing of my cousin Fred "Freddie" Congdon. Deep Condolences to all of Fred's friends and family.

September 11 at 7:22 AM

MR

Michelle Rozell posted:

Mr. Fred had such a quiet class about him. When he spoke, you listened. So intelligent and caring. I deeply loved him and his precious wife, Ernie! Watched this man of God serve with integrity for years at church and proud to say I called him a friend! Praying for peace and comfort for you, Ernie, and your children and grandchildren. I know his absence will leave a deep hole in your hearts and family. Until we see him again...

September 11 at 6:58 AM

TR

Trudy Whitlow Robbs posted:

Fred and I started to first grade together at Love Street School In Erwin, Tennessee. He sat at my table for much of the year. We have been friends for over 50 years, and I have many fond memories of him. I will be thinking of Ernie and his sons and their families. So sorry!

September 11 at 6:22 AM



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AW

Alice Westmorland lit a candle in honor of Fred.



September 11 at 3:09 AM

SN

Susan Norton Narramore posted:

Ernie All my thoughts have been of you ever since I learned of Fred's death! I thought so much of him .Such a devoted father and grandfather.Oh ! Ernie I am here for you when ever you could need me.The coming weeks will not be easy ones.I wish I could tell you they would be, but I recall them as some of the most difficult weeks I've ever lived through. The longing you feel is real and acute. All I can say is write it out.Then later you will be able to look back and remember. Lease don't hesitate to call if I can help or listen

September 10 at 2:41 PM

SN

Susan Norton Narramore posted:

I am saddened by the loss of this wonderful, loving man

September 10 at 2:24 PM



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Susan Norton Narramore posted:

I remember when Emil and Leslie married the warm welcome we received. I felt as if I had gained some really loving and warm new relatives .I love being a grandparent alongside this couple, who are the best grandparents ever Fred totally enjoyed his grandchildren

September 10 at 2:22 PM

LD

Lynn Doolittle September 12 at 7:18 AM

I remember Fred best as Freddie, Connie's baby brother. He was always smiling and filled with joy as a boy. He loved his family and friends. When I read the obituary, I was overwhelmed at his many accomplishments and realized he had filled his life with all the good and important things. My heart goes out to you, the family of this wonderful person. Lynn Bible Doolittle

CB

Cheryl Bevill September 12 at 6:29 AM

I always loved being around Fred and Ernie. I met you through Ed at Spring Hill and have enjoyed all time spent together. Praying for comfort.

BC

Barbara Cook September 11 at 12:21 PM

Fred was a great man in many ways. We attended the same church for many years. He was a great singer, musician, speaker and friend. He always tried to help whenever and wherever needed. He will be missed by many. Prayers for his family. 🙏

DM

Dan Moore September 11 at 8:08 AM

Our Hearts Ache for you and the family..We all loved Fred so much as he always made us laugh and always had a story to tell. He will be dearly missed and always remembered! Dan Moore and Family!

KM

Kathleen Mellenkamp September 11 at 8:02 AM

Gerard and I are so sad to hear of Fred's passing. We are thinking of your family during this difficult time. Gerard and Kathleen Mellenkamp



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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