



Freddie D. Culbreath

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Noted businessman, civic leader, and aviation advocate Fred Culbreath, 87, of Hendersonville, Tennessee passed away Tuesday November 25 following a recent hospitalization.

He is survived by the “love of his life” Anna Marie Culbreath, his wife of 67 years. Additional survivors include two daughters - Barbara “Bobbie” Culbreath of Atlanta and Lisa Grissim Koettters of Hendersonville; three grandchildren - Culbreath Hunt Bogard of Atlanta, Anna Maria Grissim of Hendersonville, and John Foster Grissim of Nashville; and two great-grandchildren Winifred Foster Morrisey and Grissim Hughes Morrisey of Hendersonville.

Born in Portland, TN, he was the son of the late Leila and Raymond Searcy Clubreath. He was predeceased by four siblings; Joe Culbreath, Bob Culbreath, Jack Culbreath, and Betty Pitt. Surviving Siblings include Sarah Tate of Cottontown and Sharon Summers of Portland.

In business circles, he was best known as founder of Imperial Fabricating of New Deal, TN. The company specialized in steel manufacturing for the automotive and trucking industries with a nationwide reach, including a presence in Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington and California. Other business enterprises over the years included Fleet Design Hydro Systems and Imperial Chemical Cleaning Company as well as investments in real estate and energy resources. He first became a pilot in the spring of 1964 and became a devoted advocate for pilots and improvements to aviation infrastructure throughout middle Tennessee. He served several terms as Chair of the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission between 2000 and 2014. He also served for decades on the board of the Portland Municipal Airport, which managed Douglas Hunter Field in Portland. Late in life, to the horror of his family, he even learned to skydive!

Among his many civic leadership roles were serving as Chairman of United Way of Sumner County for multiple terms, He also served more than a decade as a Board member for Volunteer State Bank of Portland and as President and longtime board member of the Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club of Hendersonville.



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He was an active and dedicated member at the 33rd degree of the Al Menah Temple of the Scottish Rite in Nashville with past service as potentate. He was also an active and honored member of the Royal Order of Jesters Court in Nashville.

In recent years, he sometimes met with former Imperial Fabricating Company employees as they gathered to reminisce at the local Cracker Barrel. He was an avid lifetime runner, boater, farmer, cattleman and gardener.

He was a member of Halltown Baptist Church in New Deal and later a member of the First Baptist Church of Hendersonville.

Services will be held on Sunday, November 30, 2025, at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home. David Culbreath, Annamaria Morrissey and John Foster Grissim will share words of remembrance. Visitation will take place on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Spring Hill Funeral Home. A Masonic service will be held on Saturday, at 5:30pm.

Spring Hill Funeral Home is honored to care for Fred Culbreath. Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216 Phone: 615-865-1101 | <http://springhillfh.com>



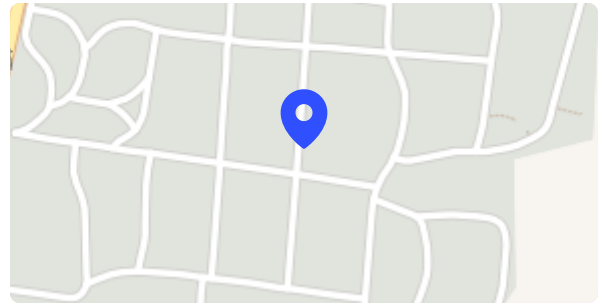
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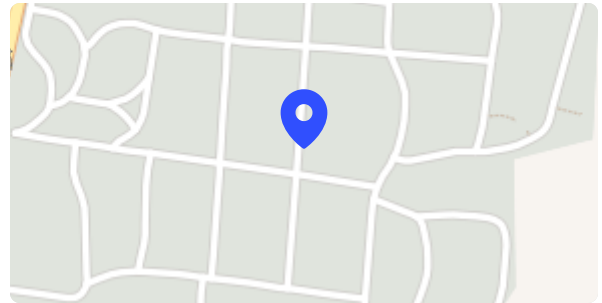
Visitation

- Saturday**, November 29, 2025
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



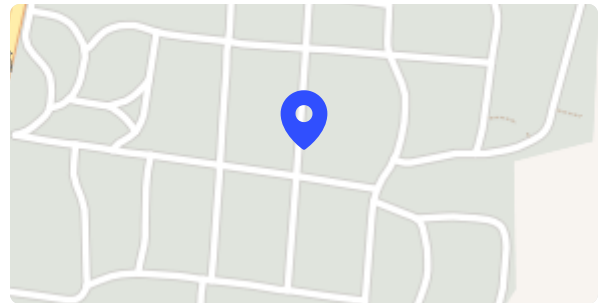
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Chapel Service

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MK

Marcie K. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Freddie.

November 29 at 1:32 PM



DM

Diane, Andrea, And Thomas Mann sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Culbreath family.

November 29 at 11:56 AM



GS

Gary Sharp planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Freddie.

November 29 at 11:16 AM



GS

Gary Sharp sent a Sweet Sincerity to the Culbreath family.

November 29 at 11:16 AM



SH

Susan H. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Freddie.

November 28 at 9:13 PM



PK

Patrick Kieffaber lit a candle in honor of Freddie.

With love from the Kieffaber family

November 28 at 6:47 PM





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PK

Patrick Kieffaber posted:

Fred was one of my dad's (Gene Kieffaber) best friends. My dad and mom (Jan) truly love Fred and Anna. I had the privilege of playing golf with Fred and Gene at Bluegrass and both men summarily destroyed me on the course. I also had the opportunity for my wife Lori, and daughters Colleen and Caroline to swim at the Culbreath pool on the lake there in Hendersonville. The girls both remember "Mr. Fred" because he was so attentive and generous. It was a pleasure to know Fred and I'm quite sure he and my father (Gene) are in heaven having a nice round of golf. With much love, Patrick, Lori, Colleen, Caroline (and Gene deceased Dec-2024 & Jan)

November 28 at 6:45 PM

DF

Doyle & Doris Freeman sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Culbreath family.



November 28 at 3:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Culbreath family.



November 28 at 1:01 PM

RS

Richard And Gina Scott planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Freddie.



November 28 at 1:01 PM

JP

Jason And Leslie Phillips planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Freddie.



November 28 at 12:20 PM



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Jason And Leslie Phillips sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Culbreath family.

November 28 at 12:20 PM



Mike And Cindy Hottinger planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Freddie.

November 28 at 9:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Culbreath family.

November 28 at 9:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Culbreath family.

November 28 at 8:44 AM



Rba F. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Freddie.

November 28 at 8:34 AM



His Family At Great Oaks And Storaway planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Freddie.

November 27 at 11:47 AM





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Anonymous sent a Serenity Wreath to the Culbreath family.

November 27 at 11:47 AM



David, Lindsey, Sky, Annabelle & Adaline planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Freddie.

November 26 at 11:39 AM



David, Lindsey, Sky, Annabelle & Adaline sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Culbreath family.

November 26 at 11:39 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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