



## Fred Knudson

February 2, 1929 - February 7, 2012

Fred J "Fritz" Knudson age 83 of Dixon died peacefully Tuesday Feb. 7, 2012 at Pine Crest Manor in Mt. Morris surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Feb. 2, 1929 in Dodgeville, WI the son of Oscar and Nellie (Dosch) Knudson. He married Meridith Chambers Aug. 28, 1954 in Darlington, WI. Fred had been employed by the Illinois Department of Transportation for 31 years as a Survey Tech and Chief and had also worked for Willett Hofmann & Associates for several years. He was a veteran of the Navy during the Korean War and was member of the American Legion. He was also a member of the Dixon Moose and a lifetime member of the Dixon Elks Lodge 779. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Meridith, daughters Cathy (Andy) Pavesich of Grand Detour, Carolyn Chupp of Dixon and son James (Lisa Cady) Knudson of Dixon, 4 grandchildren, Nathan (Desi) Haley, Corey Pavesich, Lyndsey (Dustin) Kelly, and Christen Farrey, 4 great grandchildren, Sarah Chupp, Jaden and Demetris Haley and Desmond Kelly. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson Joshua Chupp. Memorial services will be on Friday Feb. 10, 2012 at 11:00 AM in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with the Rev. Dr. Vincent Marrantino Director of Pastoral Care at KSB Hospital officiating. Burial of Cremains with Military Honors by the Combined Veterans Group will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Funeral Home. A memorial has been established.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Knudson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Fred Knudson*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal." You have our deepest sympathy.  
With love,  
Randall & Joyce*

February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.*

**Dan Floto** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *FRED WAS A GREAT GUY WHO ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.*

**DOUG THOMAS** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Meredith & family,

*I was saddened to hear of Fritz's passing. He (& Meredith) always brought smiles, laughs and good will to our numerous conversations. One particularly fun event was when we 3 "attended" the "wedding" of my boxer "Butch" to your female boxer - - begatting my 2nd boxer "Buster."*

*You "guys" brought fun to many lives.*

*My sympathy to you all!*

*mike*

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**mike heckman** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dearest Meredith and family, Just sending our deepest sympathies and to let you know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Fred is now in a wonderful place, free of pain and suffering. God bless.vrY

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**Miki Fleming/Penny Johns** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Sorry For your loss of FRED he was always nice to me & My Mom & DAD. MOM &DAD said Sorry For your loss if you need anything to Call them. GOOD LUCK THE RANKENS

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**Bill Ranken** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ It was Fred that got me interested in Surveying. After working in the field doing survey work it was time for me to take the next step and take the Land Surveyor's test to get my surveying license. To do that I took a surveying course in Rockford and I talked Fred in to taking the course also. Fred could have taught the course. I learned so much from Fred in our trips to Rockford that I was able to become a licenced Surveyor. Thank you to you Fred for for what you did to help me.

*I called Fred the Surveyor of Surveyors.*

*Larry Reed*

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**Larry Reed** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Everyone at ASE will miss Fred. He had earned our immense respect from the many professsional dealings we had with him. He was a very intelligent surveyor and a source of quality professional work we appreciated. We could always trust his work.

*Many of our staff members had personal relationships with him, including Coventine Fidis (President/CEO), Tom Hoyle (lead surveying technical) and Brent Fetterolf (Chief Counsel). We all enjoyed his company and found him to be an affable guy with a great sense of humor that we will all miss.*

*All ASE employees would like to extend our deepest condolences to his friends and family.*

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**American Surveying & Engineering** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I worked with Fred for 4 months on a temporary assignment in late 1989. Despite the fact that there was an almost 40-year gap in our ages, we quickly hit it off as work partners and friends. Fred was a really decent and friendly guy. He was extremely intelligent and he had a lightning quick sense of humor. I could listen to his stories for hours, and they never got old or boring. I have so many memories from all the good times we shared together during those few months. My memories of the times we had together are priceless to me.

*I looked up to Fred as a mentor, and he encouraged me to learn as much as possible about surveying, including how to work the equipment and perform the intricate and involved calculations that are part of the surveying profession. I was always so proud when he would ask me to do the day's calculations. He was the person who helped me get started in writing a comprehensive software suite for his HP calculator, and he patiently taught me everything I needed in order to perform surveying at a high level. Unlike many in the profession, he was eager to share everything he knew about surveying to those who were coming up in the profession.*

*Despite the fact that he spent a great deal of time teaching me the art of surveying (he viewed surveying as an art, and not a technical science), I looked forward to going to work each and every day with him.*

*Fred viewed his work and life in general as an adventure, and that perspective was invaluable to me in future years. I learned more from him about surveying than I have learned from anyone else since that time. Fred valued education, and he was the person who encouraged me to go to law school and ultimately join the Illinois Bar. I took his advice - My life today would be very different from what it is now, thanks to his sound and compassionate advice. I can never forget what he did for me. I owe a great deal to him for all of the things he did for me, as well for all of the good times and fun we had while performing our work.*

*I thought about Fred very frequently since the time my temporary assignment with him had drawn to a close. Rarely a week goes by where he is not in my thoughts He was so easy to get along with and spending time with him was a pure pleasure every day. I can never forget all of the good times we had, especially the times when he would take me out for French Onion Soup, which was one of our favorite things to do.*

*Fred was an all-around great guy. He valued his family and was a class act in every way. I will miss him and would like to give my condolences to his family (who he adored and kept in high esteem). My Father, Rod Fetterolf, also held Fred in high esteem, and he would like to pass on his condolences to the family. If there anything I can do to help his family through these tough times, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.*

*Sincerely,*

*Brent Fetterolf*

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**Brent Fetterolf** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM