



## Fred Fennell

March 21, 2020

Fred Allen Fennell, 78, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 21, 2020. He was born on May 8, 1941 in Ford City, Pennsylvania, to Wylie and Erma (McCoy) Fennell. He graduated from Ford City High School in 1959.

He met his million-dollar baby, Rosemarie Piersanti in a five and ten cent store where she worked at the candy counter and he was a stock boy. They celebrated 60 wonderful years of marriage on January 25th of this year.

Fred was known as Mr. Fennell to the hundreds of employees who he was an assistant manager or manager for at G.C. Murphy, Murphy's Mart, Ames, Home Quarters, and Michael's all across Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, and Virginia. To almost everyone else he was lovingly known as PawPaw. Everyone who knew Fred knew that he had a great sense of humor. He quietly loved putting a smile on someone else's face.

Fred is survived by his wife, Rose, their four children; Sharon (Neil) Parker, Joey (Vicki) Fennell, Tommy (Shannon) Fennell, and Dawn (Scott) Tunstall. He had nine grandchildren; Christopher, Ashleigh, Matthew (Katie), Charlotte, MacKenzie, Zachary, Lauren, Leslie, and Joseph. He had three great grandchildren; Parker, Porter, Chase, and Gracie Mae due in June. He is also survived by his sister June and brothers Wayne and Roy.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Donna, and brother Elder.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be sent to Alive Hospice, Inc at 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203. PawPaw loved every dog he ever met and they loved him, too. Donations may also be sent to Operation Education Animal Rescue at P.O. Box 12067, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

The family of Fred Fennell wishes to thank all the nurses at St. Thomas Hospital and everyone from Alive Hospice who took exceptional care of him over the last few weeks. A celebration of life will be held at Wendy's (yes Wendy's) in his honor at a later time.

Arrangements are being handled by Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home; 820 South Church St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130 (615)893-2422. Please leave condolences at <http://www.jenningsandayers.com>.

# Comments

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“ I met Fred when my cousin Rosemarie married him 60 years ago. Rose and I grew up together and we were close growing up. When she and Fred got married I was only 16 and he was working in Irwin, PA. I spent a couple of weeks with them after Sharon was born. Sharon was the only one born at that time. It was a wonderful vacation for me and I got to know my new cousin in law.

Unfortunately, he was transferred not long after that and I only got to see him when they visited and I visited FC at the same time. Rose married a very nice and wonderful man and I wish I got to know him better. RIP Fred.

Rosalie Karth - April 01, 2020 at 07:13 PM

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“ Rosalie Karth lit a candle in memory of Fred Fennell



Rosalie Karth - March 25, 2020 at 01:39 PM

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“ My first job was a stock boy under him. I thought I worked harder than anybody, but him. He always made you feel like you were just as important as him. But what I appreciated the most, the rides home during the winter time. I can still see it like it was yesterday, him smoking his pipe and scraping the frost off the windshield due to no heat in that old Volkswagen which used to get my driving license. Thank you for all you've done for me. You have no idea how much I greatly appreciate your kindness. Your Son in law, Love Neil.

Neil Parker - March 22, 2020 at 03:55 PM

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“ My siblings and I spent many a joyful hour at the Fennell house when they lived in Mt Hope, WV. Fred always made us feel welcome and kept a happy home with his amazing sense of humor. I wish I had been old enough to have a drink with him from his well-stocked bar. Thank you for the lagacy of your kids who I am proud to call friends

**Dan Romage** - March 22, 2020 at 02:33 PM