



Fred P. Lawson

January 20, 1943 - January 27, 2021

Fred P. Lawson, Age 78, of Dickson, TN, passed away January 27, 2021.

Fred was born and grew up in Avon, IN, attending grades 1-12 with the same friends creating lifelong friendships. His parents, Robert and Edith Lawson, were involved in the school and community, supporting Fred in his many endeavors. He played basketball successfully, had his own band, The Castaways, well known in the area and beyond. His parents retired and moved to Florida. He followed a little later. Being near the water, he loved fishing and always had a boat of some type. His job took him to Orlando, there he took up golf and met his wife, Joyce, who took him to Nashville, TN. There Fred worked for Davidson County Sheriff's Dept. While there he became their Firearms Instructor and started teaching the Women's Firearms classes. He was on the board of Directors for "International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (I.A.L.E.F.I). He entered the private prison industry at Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) as a Training Instructor. He was dedicated to training new recruits, professionalism, security and safety. This job took him to Panama City, FL as a Chief of Security for CCA. His commitment to correction earned him respect from employees as well as inmates. He made another move to Lake City, FL, as a Warden at Lake City Correctional Facility. While in Lake City, Fred was on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and as a member of Florida Commission on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD), was an active Rotarian. In addition, he

served on the Warden's Advisory Counsel, The Chair of Lake City Correctional Facility Community Relations Board, a member of CCA Leadership Development Counsel. He was awarded "Businessperson of the Year" by Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. Fred retired after over 35 years in Law Enforcement, returned to Tennessee, where he said playing golf everyday was ruining the game for him. So, went to work at Dickson County Sheriff's Dept., where he remained for 9 years until medical problems caused him to retire again. He was an affable person, intelligent, a fixer of anything repairable, a good communicator, and he appreciated his friends and family. He lived his life with integrity, dignity, and professionalism.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Edith Lawson; Sister, Jackie Johnson; brother, Bob; and daughter Sheri.

He is survived by his wife, of 44 years, Joyce Lawson; children, Charles (Bobette) Lawson, Angie (Curt) Epp, Sonja (Billy) Sobr, Laurie (Randy) Walker, Trent (Bonnie) Whitlow, and special nephew, Tim (Rochella) Johnson, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a Celebration of Life be held from 1 to 8pm Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home.

Due to Covid Restrictions, we are requiring masks and no Food or Drink will be allowed inside.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **20**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Nashville Chapel

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Tribute Wall

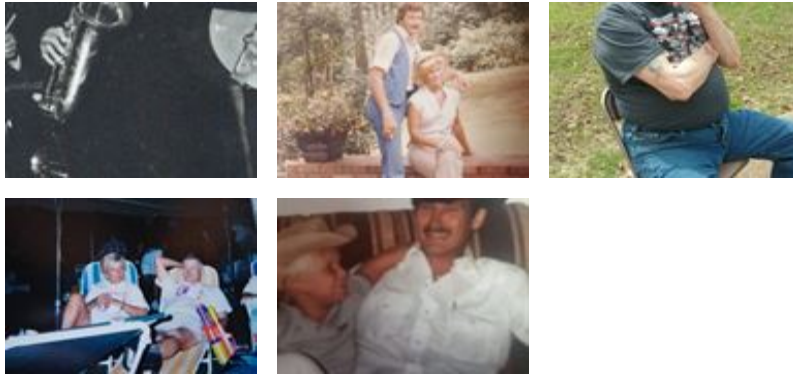


“ *Fred P. Lawson*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



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Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - February 19, 2021 at 01:36 PM

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“ *Avon Indiana H.S. Class of 1961 purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Fred P. Lawson.*



Avon Indiana H.S. Class of 1961 - February 15, 2021 at 11:24 AM

HS

“ Fred Lawson was a great leader, great friend and a great person. He was a skilled LEO instructor and my LT at the Sheriff's Office. The World lost a truly wonderful man and Heaven gained beyond words. Love you, my brother, R.I.P. Fred you will be missed.

~Hank Salyer~

Hank Salyer - February 10, 2021 at 10:09 AM

MS

“ Papa Lawson was so very kind to me. I enjoyed working with him. Ms. Joyce, you too were so kind to me as well. I will keep you in my thoughts.

Marilyn Sisco

Marilyn L Sisco - February 06, 2021 at 07:40 PM

JL

Thank you Marilyn ..he thought a lot of you

Joyce Lawson - February 11, 2021 at 07:50 PM

RH

“ He was a work associate dating back to late 70's, who became a good Friend and Mentor guided me to Join IALEFI in 1982 and became an Instructor for our Department, Fred as the lead instructor over Robert Pheland and myself which I am still an Active member, he was at my First PPC Police Olympic competition at the MNPD Academy Range coaching me when I won my First Gold Medal . He later before leaving the Sheriff's Department Passed the Torch on to me as the Lead Instructor for our Dept where I remained until my retiring, I will always be Eternally Grateful to Fred for giving me opportunity's to excel at my passion and craft which I still love to this day his and many others guidance has served me well for 45+ years . I only hope I have measured up to Fred's and other's expectations of me over the years . It was an Honor to have served with Lt.Fred Lawson at the D.C.S.D.. There are so many stories I could share but this is all for now I am sure I will reflect more at a later date.. Thank you Fred for a lifetime of friendship and guidance and great Memories.. RIP my Brother you will be missed by all who knew you ! Much RESPECT. SYOTOS. God speed..

Ret.Capt.Harold M Hamm. - February 05, 2021 at 09:07 AM

DT

“ I considered Fred and Joyce family. We spent many hours on the golf course. We had a lot of laughs. He was the best boss I ever had, and the advice he gave me will always be cherished. Fred cared about his family and friends. I will miss him. I will miss our phone conversations, and we love you Mrs Lawson.

Donnie Thomas - February 01, 2021 at 10:04 PM

JL

Thank you Donnie, Fred always enjoy your visits and especially golf

Joyce Lawson - February 05, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MR

“ I sure enjoyed working with Chief. He made prison work enjoyable. I love you Chief Fred Lawson. You raise hell have fun and rest easy. We will meet again.

Michele Roberts - February 01, 2021 at 07:49 PM

AB

“ For over 35 years Joyce and Fred have been a very important part of life for Rick and me. We have had the pleasure of spending many wonderful times together hunting, fishing, golfing and just enjoying life together! We will miss those times but will always have some wonderful memories of Fred and his sense of humor and enjoyment of life! Our prayers are with Joyce as she goes through this sad time of life but we know that at last Fred is no longer suffering and in pain.

Ann and Rick Brewer - January 30, 2021 at 10:47 PM

WG

“ All of us at Calvary Pentecostal Church are deeply saddened after learning of the passing of our friend, Fred Lawson. From our broken hearts, we send our love to Joyce and all the members of Fred's family, and during this difficult time, we are praying for the Holy Spirit to grant all of you, the peace that passes all understanding.
Pastor Walter George

Walter George - January 29, 2021 at 10:14 AM

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BO

“ *I will forever miss and love you Daddy-O.
Prayers to those who knew him.
Prayers to momma (Joyce), I'm forever
thankful for you taking such good care of
Daddy.
Rest easy Daddy.*



Bobette - January 29, 2021 at 10:02 AM

JL

Love you thank you for all you are and all you do

Joyce Lawson - February 01, 2021 at 04:34 PM

RH

*Joyce thank you for letting us know of Fred's passing he was a good
friend over the years.. I am right around the corner if you need me... I
am so sorry for your loss prayers to you and family, and all who knew
Fred..*

Ret.Capt.Harold M Hamm. - February 05, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Bobette,

My condolences to you and your family.

Anthony*



Anthony Lopez - January 29, 2021 at 08:51 AM