



Rev. Dr. Frank "Tex" Frye

December 13, 1951 - July 3, 2022

The Reverend Doctor L. Frank Tex Frye, 70, of Winfield, West Virginia, was called Home on Sunday, July 3, 2022.

Born December 13, 1951 in Fort Worth, Texas, he was the son of the late Floyd Baxter Frye and Mae Edmunds Frye. Tex was a 1969 graduate of Barboursville High School, 1979 Marshall University, 1981 Emory University Master of Divinity, and earned his Doctor of Ministry at Trinity Theological Seminary in 1993 from United Seminary School. Beloved by many, Tex worked as a radio personality in Kansas City, Missouri, for one year and then for WGNT in Huntington, WV. He was also one of ten people first trained to work as a CSO/EMT/Paramedic in West Virginia and served in that position in Huntington, West Virginia for five years. It was while working as a paramedic that he felt called to the ministry to help save people not only physically but spiritually.

He served as a minister for the next forty years and retired in 2014 from Madison United Methodist Church in Madison, West Virginia. He was a retired Elder in the United Methodist Church, having served many churches throughout the West Virginia United Methodist Conference during his thirty-eight full time years. He was credentialed to teach classes through United Theological Seminary In-Context Program and traveled throughout the North Eastern United States teaching at this level.

Tex was an avid outdoorsman who loved taking his family and friends hunting or fishing and often referenced these adventures in messages to the congregation. He adored his grandchildren and children and always spoke of the new and exciting things in their lives no matter what it was – whether singing, gymnastics, football or horseback riding – he loved talking about them all. Tex was always easily approached and eager to listen; he never met a stranger and often times strangers would become life-long friends. He truly loved each and every one of his parishioners and always called them “the Apple of God’s eye.” He truly touched so many lives and would want everyone who knew his loving spirit to share that same loving spirit every day.

Family and Friends visitation will be held at St. John’s United Methodist Church, 4536 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, on Thursday, July 7, 2022 beginning at 11:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life Service will follow beginning at 1:00 p.m. Officiating this service will be his son-in-law, Chaplain Richie McNiel.

Tex is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Devona Davis Frye of Winfield, West Virginia; daughter, Leslie McNiel (Richie) of Hurricane; son Eric Frye (Amelia) of South Charleston; and grandchildren Sophie and Rylee McNiel of Hurricane, and Michael and Emma Frye of South Charleston.

The family asks that memorial donations may be made in Tex’s name to either: UMCOR PO Box 2469 Charleston WV 25329 or Hospice Care, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. W Charleston WV 25387.

Anyone wishing to leave an online tribute or memory may do so by visiting Tex’s tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane WV 25526 is

honored to handle the Frye family's arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Ridgelawn Memorial Park

5547 W. Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV 25705

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John United Methodist Church
4536 Teays Valley Road
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Funeral Service

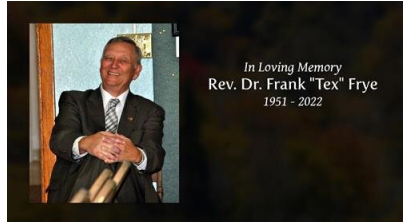
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Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Dr. Frank "Tex" Frye



Chapman Funeral Homes - July 07, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ Rev. Dr. Frank "Tex" Frye

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ There are so many great memories of Tex as my Pastor for ten years at St. John. One last, enjoyable memory from just two weeks ago is talking with Tex and Devona at a local restaurant. Tex walked over to my table and we were able to reminisce, but mostly listen to him talking about Leslie and Eric.
Bill Goode

Bill Goode - July 07, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ I have fond memories of Tex and family. Condolences to the family He baptized my friend Andrew Glancy. He will be missed. Katherine Dolin, Madison United Methodist Church.

Katherine Dolin - July 07, 2022 at 11:27 AM

SC

“ Susie Cabell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Frank "Tex" Frye



Susie Cabell - July 07, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ "Remembering You" 30" Solar Sonnet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Frank "Tex" Frye.



July 07, 2022 at 10:11 AM

PC

“ Tex was the first to congratulate me after my first interview with the district committee on ministry. He was always an encourager and I enjoyed his classes . He will be missed

Patti Connelly - July 06, 2022 at 09:41 PM

EM

“ Devona and family, as with you, my heart is saddened by the loss of this loyal servant of the living God. Tex was so supportive of my husband, the late Rev. Thomas Moore during his seminary years. Tex was serving St. John's in Teays Valley at the time, and gave Tom office space to work in. Besides all that, we knew Tex from the Emmaus Movement where he poured his love out on all God's children. Tex was loved by all who knew him. I pray that the God sends God's Holy Spirit to comfort and keep you as you mourn this difficult loss. Love and Prayers, Eugenia Moore

Eugenia Moore - July 06, 2022 at 05:43 PM

TB

“*Tex was a big part of my family. He videoed my husband and mine's wedding. He hunted with my husband and children. He had stories of my dad when he officiated at his funeral that I never knew. He was a wonderful friend and will be truly missed.*”

Terri Baker - July 06, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Frank "Tex" Frye.*”



July 06, 2022 at 10:23 AM

RA

“*So sorry to hear about “Tex” departing to be with the Lord. We worked together as paramedics at the HPD. We were both Barboursville grads.*”

My Greatest memory with the department was delivery a baby in 1973 and Frank Fry was my partner that morning. We struggled to complete the delivery of this little guy. He was born prematurely and the delivery was challenging.

So proud of hearing of Frank's call to ministry. I too was called to pastoral ministry and served the church until my retirement in 2019. I regret deeply not trying to reach out and try to find his direction in life. Please accept my sincere condolences. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Pastor Dale Adkins
Delaware Ohio*

Rev Dale E Adkins - July 06, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Frank "Tex" Frye.



July 06, 2022 at 03:55 AM



“ Eric and Amelia,
So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you.
Shirley and Ken Hall

Shirley Hall - July 05, 2022 at 11:30 PM



“ Tex married Barb's and my 3 children with services in 3 different churches in Huntington and White Sulphur Springs and in Madison. We have wonderful daughters in law and a son in law plus seven grandchildren from those unions. Devona was an indispensable part of his marriage ministry too. His sermons were at once insightful and straight to the point and eye-opening and brief. He was kind and a joy to know. He was a perfect example of God's love. Rest in peace. We offer our deepest thoughts and prayers for of his family.

Dan Parker - July 05, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ Tex came to pray for my daughter before her surgery. She was already given the “goofy” meds. When he began to pray, she started giggling. He just laughed with her and kept on praying! Our love for him is so big and he will be missed so much!

Mary Etta Mitchell - July 05, 2022 at 07:37 PM

RB

“ *Blessed to have known him... The jewels of his crown are many and his wings fly high with the angels! Oh the rejoicing there was, truly an angel on this earth! Prayers and Love to you all! ❤️ The Barkers*



Renate Barker - July 05, 2022 at 07:14 PM

JM

“ *I'm truly crushed for you, Devona, Leslie, Eric and your families. Uncle Tex was like no one I'd ever met before. I always looked forward to our family get togethers as I knew I'd get to talk with him and maybe catch a pearl of wisdom or some slyly funny thing from him. Things won't be the same here without him, but I'm comforted in knowing that Tex's faith has seen him home to his reward.*

Jeff Minor - July 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM