



Frederick Martin Read Jr.

November 26, 1931 - September 25, 2022

Fredrick Martin Read Jr. passed away on September 25, 2022. Born in St. Albans, Queens, on November 26, 1931, Fred was raised on Long Island. He attended Brooklyn Preparatory High School, and studied for a year at Georgetown University before entering the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., where he played end on the football team. He graduated on August 5, 1955, and married Mary Elizabeth Lunny on August 6, 1955. They were married until her passing in 2012.

The Reads lived in Japan and Long Beach, California, while Fred completed his service in the U.S. Navy. They moved to Michigan in 1959 and lived in Dearborn Heights for four decades before moving to Canton. Fred worked as a buyer for Ford Motor Company from 1959 until his retirement in 1990.

Fred was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents, Frederick Martin Read Sr. and Edna Sheldon Morrison; and his sisters, Phyllis Thorpe and Margaret Klein. He is survived by his four children, Peggy Read (Dave Fudala), Sean Read, Jan Read (Greg Smith) and Ginnie Read, as well as his six grandchildren, Ben and Morgan Fudala; Jason (Karen), Sam and Keanan (Jessica Indyk) Smith; and Eliza Neumann; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48375. The gathering will begin at 10 a.m., with eulogies at 10:20 a.m and a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon will follow immediately at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please make gifts to the Michigan Humane Society (https://www.michiganhumane.org/donatenow/?sl_tc=zotabox)

Previous Events

Instate

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 10:20 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Family
24505 Meadowbrook Rd
Novi, MI 48375

Eulogy

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Mass

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ My condolences to my cousins and their families. I have fond memories of Uncle Fred from numerous Lunny Family get-togethers. I especially remember talking with Uncle Fred about Ford products after I bought my Ford Mustang. And I'll continue to pick the Lions to cover.

Jim Lunny

James Lunny - October 08, 2022 at 07:29 PM

CP

“ This summer I spent a majority of my weekends with Fred, It didn't feel like a job but more like spending the day with a friend. Fred introduced me to classic thriller films, the in's and out's of minesweeper ships, and more war history facts than the average person should know. I'm grateful for my time with Fred and thank you to Peggy for not only being so kind but for trusting me to look after someone you love so dearly. I'll think of Fred anytime I watch the movie Psycho(1960), see a Chesapeake walking down the street or witness the Lions lose another game. It was a pleasure, Fred.

-Chase

Chase Pringle - October 07, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DF

“ For years while Peggy and Mary were in the kitchen, Fred and I would sit around and watch TV. Fred and I would sit and watch TV and talk. Sometimes I was lucky and we watched football – He knew every statistic possible almost to the end. Sometimes not so lucky and had to watch Alf or Married With Children. He could have been the laugh track on both. I learned he is a good quiet man. He took care of business, had strong principles and let you know when you were wrong. He married a beautiful woman who I miss. He cherished his visits from his good friend Bruce, He had a great life. His daughter Peggy took care of him for many years – Mary would be proud. The final years were not so happy. In the end Peggy found aides to care for him, a great team that put a smile on his face again. Chase, Debra, Ophelia, Pauline, and Dolli. – Thank You . We laughed your care added 10 more years to his life. But it wasn't so. Fred, I love you and will miss you. Dave

David Fudala - October 07, 2022 at 10:23 AM

PR

“ Dad, not a football Sunday will go by that I don't think of you, watching and talking about the games, of course complaining about the Lions. Love you

Peggy Read - October 02, 2022 at 08:56 AM

MF

Your Mom and Dad were great neighbors. We so enjoyed how your Dad adored his dogs. He was dedicated to his dogs and had his ball time that was always on schedule. Your mom joked, if there's such thing as reincarnation, I want to come back as Fred's dog, we laughed and I put in my like request. He shared wonderful stories about his life, the life with his bride and their family they created. I was sad when he called and said go ahead and put up your privacy fence I sold my house and I'm moving into an old folks home. He was a strong, proud man. A gentleman. I loved how he spoke his mind with dignity and respect. I'm sorry the last few years were hard, I pray he rests in peace with his bride and all his loved family members. Until we meet again. Peggy thank you for your note card letting us know your Dad has passed. Our condolences to you and all of your family xo

melissa fassett - February 06, 2023 at 10:18 PM