



Frederick E. Bieber

November 24, 1926 - May 19, 2015

Frederick Earl Bieber, 88, of Bourbonnais, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday (May 19, 2015) surrounded by family. He was born November 24, 1926, in Momence, the son of Lenore Goyette and Mathias Bieber. Fred graduated from St. Anne High School, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and was assigned to the Cadet Program at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois before being stationed in Germany. Upon his discharge he met Oleene Courville, his sweetheart and the love of his life, and they were married on May 29, 1948. They started their life together in St. Anne shortly thereafter where Fred worked with his father and brother, Oz, at M.F. Bieber and Sons Grain & Feed, later St. Anne Grain. After some 20 years in the grain business, Fred “retired” and pursued other professional interests.

Fred was involved in a wide variety of civic activities and volunteered many, many hours for good causes, including St. Anne Catholic Parish, Bishop McNamara High School, and St. Mary’s Hospital. His commitment and abilities were acknowledged in many ways, including his election as the Knights of Columbus Grand Knight and selection as the “Elk of the Year” for Elk Lodge 627. Fred was an accomplished athlete, excelling at football, basketball, baseball, track, bowling, and golf. “Papa” relished time with his grandchildren, taking every opportunity to attend ball games and dance recitals alike. Fred loved to socialize and was comfortable interacting with a wide variety of individuals. He instilled in his children a strong sense of character and we all

knew what he meant when he said “Put your shoulders back and be somebody.” He knew much, was a keen observer, and when he talked, we all listened. His compassion and wisdom will be sorely missed.

Fred is survived by his wife of nearly 67 years, Oleene Bieber; his children Dave (Mary), Peggy (Bruce), Donnie (Karla), Mark (Jackie), Lynn (Lewis), Jeff (Joan), and Joe (Janet); 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. His brothers Oz (Eleanor) and George (Audrey) preceded him in death; he is survived by his sister Mary Ann Sparenberg (Marvin).

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to Maternity BVM Church (www.mbv-mchurch.org) or St. Anne Catholic Church.

Memorial visitation will be on Saturday from 9 AM until the time of the memorial mass at 10 AM at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ *My cousin, Fred, was a wonderful, kind person. We always looked forward to visiting with him when we were in town. The family of Emerson Goyette shares in your sorrow.*
Beverly Goyette Mieure

Beverly Goyette Mieure - May 26, 2015 at 01:55 PM

SF

“ *I volunteered with Fred at the reception desk at St. Mary's Hospital. What a guy! He was always spirit-filled and pleasant to be around. A man of deep faith. Had a good sense of humor. His wife, Oleene, is a gentle, peaceful woman. Glad to connect with her at times when Fred came for tests.*
Prayers and sympathy are with Oleene, family and friends.
Sr. Loretta Finn
Volunteer, St. Marry's Hospital

Sr. Loretta Finn - May 23, 2015 at 09:23 AM

AG

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family. There are so many memories of our days in St. Anne. He thought it was so funny to call me, "What's her name". I don't remember how that started but it lasted a long time. He was a good man, great dad and wonderful husband. Keep smiling Fred!*
Annette Gladu

Annette Gladu - May 23, 2015 at 09:05 AM

KS

“ A great man that will be missed by those of us who met Fred through his son Don, at the Sigma Chi Dad's Days at Eastern Illinois University. God Bless.

Kevin & Peg Sullivan
Wallingford, PA

Kevin Sullivan - May 23, 2015 at 04:53 AM

PP

“ The entire Pasick family, and Adam's grandmother Jean Carino, offer our deepest sympathies to Sarah, and the whole Bieber family, at the loss of Fred. We are sorry to have not met him. But we know from our son Adam, and Sarah, that Fred was a wonderful man, very much loved. A donation to the church project listed in the obituary will follow this note. Rob and Pat Pasick

Pat and Rob Pasick - May 22, 2015 at 09:44 PM

BC

“ We will remeber Fred as the salesman for our first home in St.Anne. Fred was a good friend . Karin & I offer our prayers for him and the family. Bill & Karin Cyrier

bill@ Karin Cyrier - May 22, 2015 at 08:44 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Janet Blake lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Bieber



Bruce and Janet Blake - May 22, 2015 at 10:16 AM

BB

“ Fred and Oileen were wonderful neighbors for many years, Fred will be missed by family and friends.

Bruce and Janet Blake - May 22, 2015 at 10:13 AM

SB

“ We are saddened to learn of Fred's passing and send our condolences to his family. Fred will be sorely missed. We've known Fred from the time Bob mowed his lawn (Beaver Street in the 1950s) through Fred's years working with the Knights of Columbus and the St. Anne Village Board. Fred was a great friend, next door neighbor and truly "one of a kind."

Sandra & Bob Bovie

Sandra & Bob Bovie - May 22, 2015 at 07:12 AM

DK

“ Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Bieber



Dewey Kilbride - May 21, 2015 at 03:41 PM

PW

“ Share a memory of Frederick E. Bieber or send condolences to the family.



Perry Walsh - May 21, 2015 at 12:26 PM

JS

“ *Janice Lottinville Shenk lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Bieber*



Janice Lottinville Shenk - May 21, 2015 at 10:47 AM

BI

“ *Beth Irps lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Bieber*



Beth Irps - May 20, 2015 at 07:29 PM

CH

“ *Christopher lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Bieber*



Christopher - May 20, 2015 at 06:19 PM

PF

“ We the CITGO Transportation/Traffic Department would like to send our condolences to you and family during this time of sadness.

You and yours family are in our prayers!

Pam/Angie/Joann/Jennifer/Gloria and Teleshia (Daniel)



PAMELA FENLEY - May 20, 2015 at 03:54 PM

SI

“ Sister Inga lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Bieber



Sister Inga - May 20, 2015 at 11:55 AM

MA

“ Fred was such a wonderful grandfather to Zach and father-in-law to me. I loved him dearly and truly feel honored to have known him. With love to all the family, Mary

Mary Abood - May 20, 2015 at 11:47 AM

KS

“ Condolences to the family. Fred was a great man. Always had a smile. He will be greatly missed. Prayers.



Kathy Sullivan - May 20, 2015 at 07:22 AM

LB

“ *Linda Console Bram lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Bieber*



Linda Console Bram - May 20, 2015 at 06:25 AM

LB

With heartfelt sympathy to the Bieber family .

Linda Console Bram - May 20, 2015 at 06:26 AM

MS

Fred was always my protector, my beacon of encouragement in times of trouble, right to the very end. You will be so missed Fred and your legacy is our honor.

Mary Ann Sparenberg - June 03, 2015 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ *So many, many wonderful memories - too many to list. I could never have asked for a better grandfather for my children and father-in-law for me! RIP Fred - you will be missed!*
Janet



Janet Bieber - May 19, 2015 at 05:14 PM