



Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd

October 22, 1926 - March 20, 2014

Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd, 87, of Peoria, IL departed this life Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:05 PM at Richard Owens Hospice Home.

Fred "The Mighty Roach" was born October 22, 1926 to the union of Fred Rudd and America (Smith) Rudd in Litchfield, Illinois. Fred attended Lincoln Grade School and Manual Training High School of Peoria, Illinois. He married Martha Jackson on January 2, 1949 and to that union 10 children were born. Fred was an U.S. Navy Veteran, serving honorably during World War II, in Okinawa and Hawaii. He was a lifelong member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church currently under the leadership of Reverend Alphonso Lyons, Jr. He served faithfully as a member of the Brotherhood and as a Trustee.

Fred was owner of "Rudd's Auto Body Shop" until he retired in 2009. He was an instrumental member of the Atomic Jets Motorcycle Club where the love of riding and racing brought countless awards and accolades along with admiral respect from his fellow brothers and sisters of the motorcycle family. He was a faithful member of the American Legion, Post 537.

Fred was well known for his "Bar-B-Que Pits" and was acknowledged by Peoria Journal Star Newspaper in July 2007.

Fred leaves to cherish his memory; his wife of 65 years; eight daughters, Linda Turner, Brenda (Tony Thomas) Cayson, Marcia (Lee) Lowe, Vanessa Peters, Theresa Gloster all of Peoria, IL, Pamela (Kenneth) Washington of DeSoto, TX, Sharon (Michael) Collins of Bloomington, IL, Laurie (Lloyd) Thompson of Matteson, IL; two sons, Fred (Tamika) Rudd, Frank (Brenda)

Rudd of Peoria, IL; 22 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; one sister, Rosalie Stone of Peoria, IL; a host of other family members and friends who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Sonny Gayles and James Rudd; three brothers, Frank, Wilburn and Sam Rudd; one sister, Pauline Nance; one grandchild, Willie Riley and a great grandchild, KeAsia Edwards.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at his beloved Church with a visitation two hours prior beginning at 10 AM.

Pastor Alphonso Lyons, Jr., will officiate. Fred will be laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL. Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion M.B. Church. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-4379

Funeral Service

MAR **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd*



Simons Mortuary - June 10, 2014 at 10:31 AM



“ *Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Simons Mortuary - June 10, 2014 at 10:30 AM

BC

“ *My Daddy, My Man, and My Best Friend, what else can I say. I am missing you so much! Days and nights are going by so fast, no sleep, wiping tears constantly, pain seems to never go away. Daddy I miss you so much what am I to do without you? I am trying so hard to be strong yet it hurts so bad. I know you are in a better place now, no more pain, suffering or worries. I pray daily God gives me the strength to carry on, I know this is what you would want me to do. So don't you worry I will help take care of Mom and you rest in peace till we walk through the pearly gates of heaven! Always in my heart now and forever. Love you always, Brenda P.S. I bet you have everyone laughing about now telling your jokes.*

Brenda D Cayson - April 07, 2014 at 06:49 PM

FW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss.... My brother Wilburn Rudd, Jr. notified me of his passing. I wish you all (family) much comfort during this time. My condolences and prayers are with you.*

*Felita (Wilson) Carter
Cleveland, Ohio*



Felita V. Wilson-Carter - April 02, 2014 at 01:59 PM

SC

“Daddy, I will never forget you. You were the strongest man I have ever known outside of God! You loved your family dearly and each one of us felt it. I'm missing you so much, also talking to you on the phone practically every day. I miss hearing you say I'm gonna back on out of here right before we would hang up. Then the last thing you would say was bye baby! I love and miss you daddy! Roni....”



Sharon Collins - March 30, 2014 at 11:04 PM

DG

“I'm very sorry to hear of your family's loss. Although I didn't know Fred personally, if he was anything like his daughter, Linda, whom I had the pleasure and privilege to work with for quite a number of years, he had to be a very special man!!! Rest assured there are many that sincerely care for you and are in our thoughts and prayers! Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart, your soul and your mind and He will give you peace and comfort. That's a PROMISE!!! Love you all.”

Doug Getz - March 29, 2014 at 12:24 PM

DP

“Mr Rudd made I dad a BBQ grill over 20yrs ago and we still got it.....he was a great guy”

Daryl Parker - March 28, 2014 at 10:54 PM

JC

“THE GREATEST MAN IVE EVER KNOWN...MY GRANDPA WILL ALWAYS AND FOREVER LIVE IN MY HEART”

JESSICA CAYSON - March 27, 2014 at 05:41 PM

RI

“ Rita lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd



Rita - March 26, 2014 at 09:15 PM

RI

Rudd Family, we extend our condolences, love, & prayers in transition of your beloved father. May you find comfort in knowing that we care... Troy & Rita Vinson Burns Family

Rita - March 26, 2014 at 09:19 PM

CP

“ Cindy & Dan Poplette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd



Cindy & Dan Poplette - March 26, 2014 at 05:47 PM

GJ

“ our prayers goes out to the Rudd and Mrs roise Stone family may God Bless you,from goldus & dolly Jackson family

goldus jackson - March 26, 2014 at 11:25 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd.



March 26, 2014 at 10:38 AM

MY

“ To Mrs. To Mrs. Rudd, Linda, Brenda, Marcia, Freddie, Pam, Sharon, Frank, Laurie, Theresa and the rest of the family. During your time of sorrow I want you to know although miles away, each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May you each be comforted with special memories of the life and time your husband/father gave to each of you. . As for myself, I will remember the many days when coming to your house wait for some of you Mr. Rudd, no matter the conversation, included the words "yes sir" in it. The days of Smith Street are long gone but never forgotten just as Mr. Rudd will never be forgottnen. May peace come to each of you in it's own perfect timing.

With Deepest Sympathy,
Marsha

Marsha Yvonne - March 25, 2014 at 12:49 PM

FP

“ To the Rudd Family, my deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Uncle Freddy, was always a very nice, man with an extremely deep voice. As a child, I can remember him taken me for a ride on his motorcycle, and telling me. "You better hold on tight girl" He will be missed , My prayers go out to my cousin Vanessa Peters and the entire family.

FAYE PETERS - March 25, 2014 at 12:40 PM

C(

“ Chrystal,Phil Maclin (grandchildren) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd



Chrystal,Phil Maclin (grandchildren) - March 25, 2014 at 12:16 PM

TW

“ To my Aunt Pam & Cousin Angie, you guys are in my prayers. I hate I can not be there with you all like you all was there for us just a few weeks ago. But always know that we are family & we are here for you guys. Love you all lots Tiff

Tiffany Washington - March 25, 2014 at 11:27 AM

RC

“ Walking into Uncle Freddie & Aunt Martha's house just last August was like the old days...we sat and talked and looked at pictures and best of all Uncle Freddie blessed me with one of his Treasures: A Motorcycle Trophy, which I will always cherish...Thanks a million for all that you gave throughout your years on this earth. Love you and Rest in Peace in the loving arms of our Savior "Jesus Christ"!



Rebecca Casey - March 25, 2014 at 11:25 AM

RC

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Rebecca Casey - March 25, 2014 at 10:21 AM

MD

To the Family of Mr. Fred Rudd our Prayer are with the Family, to his wife, Children, and the entire family he will be missed, but God love him more. Our love and prayer are with you all.
Bishop Charlie Davis & Mary Davis

Mary Davis - March 25, 2014 at 09:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd.



March 25, 2014 at 06:46 AM



“ Mr. Rudd, the gentle giant. You will be missed but your love and protection of your family is forever. To the family I pray your comfort during this most difficult time, trust in know God will keep you in perfect peace.

Vachon Young - March 25, 2014 at 06:38 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Marcellus Rudd.



March 25, 2014 at 04:20 AM



“ To my dearest friend Sharon sharing our birthdays you are so dear to me and nieces love you all.and to the family love you all God bless and all the best.
Sandra

Sandra Vanndyson - March 24, 2014 at 11:47 PM

VH

“ *My fondest memory of Mr. Rudd was his love for his children and how much Sharon was a daddy's girl! :) I just loved listening to her express her love for him and how he was the best father ever ! May his spirit live on. Vickie and the Hamilton Family*

vickie hamilton - March 24, 2014 at 09:55 PM

GJ

our prayers goes out to the the Rudd and mrs stone family from goldus & dolly Jackson family

goldus jackson - March 26, 2014 at 11:18 AM