



Albert O. Fricke

January 9, 1931 - September 13, 2017

Albert Otto Fricke, 86, of Petersburg, IL, passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. Albert was born January 9, 1931 to Albert and Johanna (Korsmeyer) Fricke in Arenzville, IL. He married Merle Blair at the Lutheran Church October 11, 2003.

Albert is survived by: his wife; his children Albert A. (Jairo) Fricke of NY, Martin A. (Debbie) Fricke of Sarasota, FL, and Susan L. Fricke of Springfield, IL; granddaughter Jennifer Fricke of Sarasota, FL; son Gary Gabehart of Chandlerville; daughter Marsha (Lenard) Dollarhide of Huntsville, AL; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; siblings Elta (Leonard) Renken and Norman (Ruthelma) Fricke of Petersburg.

Albert was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters: Delbert Fricke, Arnold Fricke, Marie Krueger, Doris Janssen, Clarence Fricke, and an infant sister Eleanor; grandson Travis Fricke and a daughter Pamela Fricke.

Albert was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Petersburg Jaycee's, Kiwanis Club, Menard County Sportsman's Club, Menard County Farm Bureau, and the Shambole Golf Club. He was a Petersburg Harris High School Graduate from "Class of 1950". He was a proud lifetime farmer and a Pioneer Seed Corn dealer for 20 years.

Funeral Services for Albert will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg. Pastor Jeffrey Gross will officiate. The family will hold visitation at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg on Sunday night, September

17, 2017 from 6 to 8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, The American Heart Association or to St. Jude's Hospital for Children. Condolences for the family may be left at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **17**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
120 W Monroe
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2453

Tribute Wall



“ *Albert O. Fricke*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Martin and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father, father in law and grandfather. Hugs to everyone. My parents also send their love. We are thinking of all of you.*

LeeAnn Palombit - September 23, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ *I worked for "Wild Wayne" Wilde the last few months of 1950 before I left for the Navy in January of '51. I remember Clarence Fricke was the auto body repair man and Albert would drop by every once in awhile to visit. I remember him as a "very easy going, laid back" kind of guy. My condolences to all the family.*

Bob Clemens

Bob Clemens - September 19, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ *Merle - I am so sorry to hear about Albert's passing. For the short time I knew him he was always a very kind and caring man. My prayers are with you.*

Mary Jo Welch - September 19, 2017 at 11:13 AM

AD

“ Andrew Dollarhide purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Albert O. Fricke.



Andrew Dollarhide - September 18, 2017 at 11:34 AM

AD

“ Albert was a good and kind man. It is an injustice to him to sum his life in a single paragraph and I won't make my remarks a eulogy. Like all of us, his life had its ups and downs but he weathered the storms and was humble during the sunshine. Yet the world seems an emptier place. Albert was an intelligent man who could teach himself any topic he desired. His many years of life allowed him to separate the good and bad and helped him find a spiritual center. Albert consoled me in some of my own dark days probably because we had a similar experience. I will be grateful for his words that gave me comfort as I navigated a challenge. You might agree that the path the Lord puts before us is sown with the lessons of life. Those lessons make no sense looking forward; you can only make sense of them looking backwards. So you have to have faith that eventually life's lessons will fit together in a nice neat puzzle. It is our comprehension of the puzzle that allows us to recognize our deep love for the Lord. May the Lord guide him in the next journey...may the Lord provide peace to those who loved him.

Andrew Dollarhide - September 18, 2017 at 11:26 AM

MV

“ So sorry to hear that Albert has passed away. Mike enjoyed golfing with him. We know he will be missed by all who knew him.

Mike & Pat Vig - September 17, 2017 at 10:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert O. Fricke.*



September 17, 2017 at 03:09 PM



“ *Joan and I are so sorry for your loss of Albert. He was fine man who always had a smile on his face. I will never forget our golfing trip to Foley Alabama where we golfed every day and went out to eat at night. It is often said that if you really want to know a man, play a round of golf together. Albert and I played numerous rounds together. I found him fun to be around, honest, respectful, a pretty good golfer, and a true gentleman. We will miss him.*

Doug and Joan Golden - September 17, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *He was an excellent farmer his sweet corn was really good he knew how to take care of his cows the meat we got off of him was very tasty no fat or,grease family cookouts was always greatfull great personality smart and great at golf*



Kevin cowan - September 16, 2017 at 09:59 PM

JS

“ Merle, I have known you and Albert my entire life and have never heard either of you say a negative word about anyone or anything. Neither have I heard anyone say anyone negative about you. You have both always been so kind to me and that speaks volumes. I wish God's blessings on you and your family, good memories, peace of mind and love. You have my deepest sympathy, love and prayers.

Judy Gerdes Schafer - September 16, 2017 at 06:18 PM

RF

“ Merle and family,
Thinking of you and prayers for your comfort during this difficult time. We always enjoyed our time with you and Albert and will miss his smile.
With love,
Gil and Rita

Rita Ferguson - September 16, 2017 at 04:16 PM

MM

“ To the Fricke Families:

We send our sincere condolences on the passing of Albert. He was a great friend and guy to know. Our thoughts and prayers are for all of you at this time.



Bob and Mary Jo Morlee, Petersburg, IL.

Mary Jo & Bob Morlee - September 16, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert O. Fricke.*



September 16, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about your father, your in our thoughts and prayers...So glad your all safe after the hurricane. Paula Moore and Family*

Paula Moore - September 15, 2017 at 07:55 PM