



## Frederick Leland Wheeler Jr.

April 21, 1952 - February 5, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and love that we announce the passing of Frederick Leland Wheeler Jr., 72, of Bethalto Illinois on February 5, 2025. Fred was born on April 21, 1952 to Nancy Estelle Wheeler and Frederick Leland Wheeler Sr., both preceded him in death. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend.

Fred was the brother of Gary Wheeler, Karen Peter, Beth Ann Wheeler, James Wheeler, and Mark Wheeler. He graduated from Bunker Hill High School and later attended Lewis and Clark Community College. His devotion to his community and country was evident in both his professional career and his service in the military. Fred proudly served in the United States Army, stationed overseas in Europe, and continued his commitment to public service as a police officer and firefighter for St. Louis.

Fred married his wife Cindy on October 1 1983, and together they built a life filled with love, faith, and family. He is survived by his daughter Heather Claxton and son-in-law Tanor Claxton, as well as granddaughter Sable Snyder (Jimmy), and great grandson, Dorian Leland Raymond Snyder. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter London Risch.

Fred was a devoted man always putting his loved ones first and working tirelessly to provide a good life for them. His faith in God was his anchor, and

he remained an active member and dedicated member of several church communities in St. Louis, Springfield, and Alton. His strength, kindness, and unwavering dedication to both his family and his service to others made him a beloved figure in the lives of those who knew him. Fred was deeply proud of his service to both his country and his community. He will be remembered for his unwavering fortitude, his devotion to his faith, and the lasting impact he made on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A service will be held at Community Christian Church on Union School Road in Alton Saturday February 8, 2025 with visitation at 2pm and a service will follow.

Fred's legacy of service, faith, and love will continue to inspire all those who knew him. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 8. 2:00 AM (CT)

Community Christian Church  
2345 Union School Rd  
Alton, IL 62002-6931  
(618) 462-1196

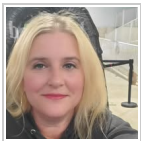
# Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Frederick Leland Wheeler Jr..



February 09, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ I love you dad, always. You will be missed beyond words!



**Heather Claxton** - February 08, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick Leland Wheeler Jr..



February 06, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frederick Leland Wheeler Jr..

February 06, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frederick Leland Wheeler Jr..*



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