



Donald 'Fred" Fredrick Abbitt

August 15, 1946 - January 7, 2015

Donald Fredrick "Fred" Abbitt of Spencer passed away at his residence on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at the age of 68.

Fred was the son of Harry "Bob" and Edith (Cooksey) Abbitt born on August 15, 1946 in Owen County on the family farm. He attended Spencer area schools through Jr. High and graduated from the Indiana School for the Blind in 1966. Fred lived on the farm and tended to his poultry, flowers, and his dogs. His memberships included the Gateway Poultry Club, Cochins International, American Poultry Association, and the American Bantam Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Harry Denny Abbitt, and sister, Arlene Cook.

Fred is survived by his siblings, Jack O. Abbitt of Ellettsville, Clara Gowin (Larry) of Spencer, Bernice Vaught of Ellettsville, and Robert R. Abbitt (Billie) of Gosport; several nieces, nephews, cousin, and many special friends.

Funeral services will be held at Chandler Funeral Home in Ellettsville on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Ray Salemink performing services. Visitation will be at the funeral home Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Presbyterian Cemetery

1233 West Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chandler Funeral Homes - Ellettsville Chapel
203 E. Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429
(812) 876-6075
chandlerfh@bluemarble.net
<https://www.chandlerfh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ *My cousin Freddie was the most optimistic person I have ever met. In spite of his blindness, he could see more vividly than most people, and I loved the way he shared his insights into matters that were so obscure to most of us. I expect that by now he is unraveling the secrets of the universe to his great joy.*

*Georgia Abbitt-Lucas
Mesa, Arizona*



Lee & Georgia Lucas - April 22, 2015 at 06:38 PM

BL

“ *We would like to express our deep sympathy to Fred's family. Bruce went to school with Fred at the Indiana School for the Blind, and Liz got to meet him at the alumni conventions.*

*Bruce & Liz LeMond
Indianapolis, Indiana*



Bruce and Liz LeMond - January 15, 2015 at 07:17 PM

RT

“ *Robin Tincher lit a candle in memory of Donald 'Fred' Fredrick Abbitt*



Robin Tincher - January 11, 2015 at 09:02 PM

RT

“ Donald was too good for this earth. I know that where he is now, his eyes are beholding more beauty than we can comprehend. He was truly one of the most wonderful people that I have ever known. He was thoughtful and unselfish. I am sorry for your loss, and my heart is sad with you. I know that our loss is heavens gain. Among the many things that I loved about Donald was his great sense of humor. His heart was as big as he was. I think of him often, and I am sorry I was not aware of his passing, but I do believe that he passed from death to life, and that is the most comfort of all. It's not goodbye, it's more like, "see you in a minute".

With love,
Robin

Robin Tincher - January 11, 2015 at 08:53 PM

KU

“ On behalf of the ABA members, we send our sympathies at your loss. Fred was a loyal member of the American Bantam Association for many years. He will be missed by his poultry family. Karen Unrath, American Bantam Association Secretary

Karen Unrath - January 10, 2015 at 02:30 PM

BS

“ Sending condolences from Louise Michael and daughter Barbara Sammons. Sorry to hear of the loss. The family will be in our prayers. Many memories with you all.

Barbara Sammons - January 09, 2015 at 11:23 PM

MM

“ I am sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He and I shared many hours on the phone talking about our cochins! Fred truly loved his birds and was remarkable in the way he could assess them despite his blindness! Prayers to his family....Robert, Berniece, Brian, and others. You are in my prayers. Matt McCammon

matt mccammon - January 09, 2015 at 05:44 PM

CR

“ I am his niece and there are so many memories, my favorite is going to see him and he loves to talk, and share info on chickens and flowers with me because we both love planting flowers and of course he always offered food. We had so many holidays on my grandparents farm from lighting fireworks to having a h i use full of family for Christmas.
I will miss him so much.
Tell Grandma we love her.

Carriann Reppert - January 09, 2015 at 05:13 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Donald "Fred" Fredrick Abbitt.



January 08, 2015 at 01:50 PM