



John E. Fretwell Obituary

November 17, 1939 - December 27, 2005

John Edward Fretwell, 66, of Willow Lake Dr. in Lee County died Tuesday December 27, 2005 at his residence. A native of Marion AL, Mr. Fretwell has lived in Lee County for 2 years and was a member of First Southern Methodist Church. He retired from Keystone Foods in Franklin, KY and was working part-time at Lowe's here in Albany. Survivors include his wife Gail Fretwell of Lee County, 3 sons Kevin Fretwell of Lee County, David and Stan Fretwell both of Statesboro, GA, brother, Bill Fretwell of Gainesville, GA, 5 sisters, Mary Ruth Majors of Birmingham, AL, Barbara Hale of Pratt, AL, Nettie Mayatt of Meridian, MS, Shirley Hill and Margaret Renfro both of Marion, AL, 6 grandchildren, Dailyn, Kimberly, McKenzie, Johnathon, Matthew and Parker Fretwell.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Fretwell family and John's other friends.
Judy (Plummer) and I grew up in Marion and attend Perry Co. HS in some of the years John was there. We were a few grades earlier than John. Judy was in class with Bill.
I pulled a 1954 PCHS annual and got reminded of John's great smile. He was in the 8th grade. We call nothing but positive things about John Edward from HS days. If anyone wants a scan of it to post or otherwise see, let me know.
Jim & Judy
near Helena, AL*

Jim & Judy Robertson - January 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ John ("Bubba") was my oldest brother. He was a role model for all of his sisters and brother when we were "growing up." Recently my oldest sister allowed me to take to my home John's senior yearbook. As I reflect on our childhood days, I can see why he was such a role model - he was so versatile. I quite often told him that Mama thought we were just like "two peas in a pod" so I suppose that's why I truly adored him. Throughout his illness it was very evident that he was being strong for "all of us." That in itself is another trait for such a "wonderful role model." I loved him dearly and will miss him tremendously. Thanks for the memories, "Bubba"! I will continue to be a blood donor in your memory.

Nettie Mayatt - January 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I loved John dearly, as did all his siblings! He will be greatly missed from our family circle! I cherish memories from our childhood days. They are forever implanted in my heart!

Barbara Hale - January 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ John Edward was a very special classmate and will be missed by all.

Waymon Colburn - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Stan and David - I am sorry that I was unable to attend the service. Please remember that there will always be a place in your hearts where your love lives on. With Deepest Sympathy.

Alice Craft McLaughlin - January 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ JOHN WAS A CLASSMATE AND GOOD FRIEND. WE WENT A NUMBER OF PLACES TOGETHER. EVERY-WHERE WE WENT HE HAD FRIENDS.

WE COULD GO TO NEIGHBORING TOWNS, AND WITH ONE PHONE CALL HE COULD GET US DATES. WE WERE CLOSE TIL HE MOVED TO GA. WHEN THEY CAME TO MARION, HA ALWAYS LET ME KNOW. I VISITED HIM ONCE IN GA, AND ONCE IN INDIANA.

THE NEXT TIME I SAW HIM WAS AT HIS MOTHERS FUNERAL. HE WAS THE SAME FRIENDLY JOHN. I TRIED TO PERSUADE HIM TO COME

TO OUR CLASS REUNION, WHICH WAS SOON AFTER. I TOLD HIM EVERYONE WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO SEE HIM, AS MOST HAD NOT SEEN HIM SINCE LEAVING MARION. AND HA WAS A FRIEND TO ALL. HE SAID THEY HAD MOVED TO GA. AND WERE GETTING SETTLED IN. I HAVE SOME FOND MEMORIES, AS WHEN THE BASKETBALL BUS LEFT EARLY AND WE MET THEM UP TOWN. COACH TOLD US TO GO CLIMB IN THE GYM WINDOW TO GET OUR UNIFORMS, AND THEY WOULD WAIT. (WE WON THE GAME)

I AM NOT A PHYSIC OR ANY- THING BUT A FEW WEEKS AGO, AS I SAT AT MY COMPUTER I HEARD HIS SISTER MARY RUTH SAYING BUBBA, BUBBA THEN I HEARD HIS BROTHER BILL SAYING BUBBA,

BUBBA. I LOOKED HIM UP ON THE COMPUTER AND CALLED AND GAIL HE WAS IN BED WITH A HIGH FEVER AND WAS VERY SICK.

I DO NOT KNOW HOW THESE THINGS HAPPEN BUT WHEN MY SISTER WAS SICK WITH CANCER, AND I WAS ON THE ROAD THE SAME THING HAPPENED WHEN-EVER SHE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL

THERE WAS ONLY JOHN EDWARD AND HEAVEN MUST BE AS HAPPY AS WE ARE SAD.

MANLY D. BRELAND - January 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I remember John and family when they lived in Indiana. John never saw a stranger. He always greeted people with a warm smile. My father worked with John and I heard many stories about their golf games. I know John will be sadly missed by friends and family

Karen Breeden - January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Although words cannot begin to ease the sorrow of you loss please know that you are in the prayers of so many who care. Celebrate the joyful memories.

Take care, Christy Bentley
(worked with John at Keystone Foods in Camilla)

Christy Bentley - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of John. He was such a wonderful and definitely funny person. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you struggle to deal with this loss and continue on with your lives. John holds a special place in my heart - he always made work fun and always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.

Amy Shiver - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Just wanted you all to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Big John was a wonderful man and he will be missed by alot of people. Stan, David, and Kevin...loosing a father is one of the most difficult things a child will go through and you will always have your memories of him. Remember him often, that is what helps me in loosing my own father. God Bless you all!

Rita Passmore - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Gail, Stan, Kevin and David: We want you to know how very much we loved John and that we will truly miss him very much. He was such a gentle and kind man and truly an inspiration to us all in the way he lived his life, even to the very end. He was always an example to everyone who knew him as to how a Christian was to live his life. A life lived for the Lord in encouraging others and being there to help in any way that he could. You boys did such an excellent job at the "Remembrance Service" describing your dad and how he was a roll model to each of you. Always strive to follow Christ as your dad did and he will be extremely happy and will pleased; as will our Lord and Savior.

Ty and Judy Wingate - December 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Eric, Stacy, Caitlin & Alyssa Sims - December 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ John was one of the most optimistic and upbeat personalities I have ever met. If you ever met John you liked him instantly and knew you had a friend for life. I will miss him greatly, but never forget him and all he did for me.

Kevin Burch - December 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ MY SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS GOES OUT TO THE THE FAMILY.

GENISE JACKSON - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Although I cannot attend the service I wanted you to know that John has been in my heart and thoughts for some time now. I live in Corydon and worked with John at Arpac so many years ago. I will always remember his laugh. I am so glad Kevin Burch and I had called him earlier to talk to him when he was well. Please know that he made a lasting and loving presence in our lives.

Thinking of you, Dixie Cockerell

Dixie Cockerell - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Our sympathy goes out to your family.

Leigh Ann and Shaun Nicolella - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and work with such a wonderful human being. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. God Bless.

*Teresa Rowe
HRC, Lowes*

Teresa Rowe - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM