



Frederick Charles Curry

September 14, 1944 - September 5, 2018

Frederick Charles Curry, who would have turned 74 on September 15 2018 passed away on September 4 2018 at his home in Bloomington. The son of Charles G Curry and Patricia Curry, Fred was born in Peoria, Illinois but moved to Bloomington shortly thereafter, where he remained for the rest of his life.

His father often said that Fred was the smartest and most creative of his three children, a sentiment with which both his brother and sister concur. However, at age seventeen Fred was diagnosed with schizophrenia, and battled the disease for the rest of his life. Fred was a prolific writer in his own journals. He enjoyed walking throughout Bloomington, especially in downtown and the courthouse square. He was a regular at the Runcible Spoon café. Fred had many acquaintances and friends in town with whom he would engage in conversations expressive of how his mind worked differently from most people's.

Fred was predeceased by both of his parents but is survived by his brother Clifford Curry and his wife Delight Stone, sister Phoebe Campbell and her husband Thomas Campbell, step mother Harriet Curry, four nieces and nephews as well as a great niece and nephew. His family also wishes to express their profound appreciation to Greg Clark of Center Point, Fred's wise and compassionate mental health case worker of many years. Fred will be cremated, and a private family celebration of his life will be held in due course. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Comments



“ Here's a link to help Centerstone help others like Fred. This was done in his memory.

<https://giving.centerstone.org/fred-curry/>

Kevin Burdeshaw - September 15, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ Hello Fred's family. I had been looking for Fred on the streets ever since I got back to Bloomington three years ago, I am so sorry to find him here. I hung out with Fred a lot when I was a misfit undergrad in the 80's and I am impressed with the memory of how free he was, unbound by any will except his own. After I was left in the road by a drunk driver who struck me in 1995 and I barely survived a traumatic brain injury, I have had to live a life similar to Fred's in which I was left in my own mental world, set apart from others. I am now wondering just how much my memory of this guy in Bloomington, who was living his own life as best he could could in spite of such overwhelming difficulties, had impacted me. When the judge at my SSDI determination hearing got irate with me because I was wanting to terminate my claim at that time, I knew only that I had to do what I wanted with my life. I now see that my having know Fred must have left an impression on me; I knew that it was still supposed to be my life. Fred had control over his life. I went on to teach at a Navajo high school in New Mexico for fifteen years.

Thank you Fred.

Kevin Bizzell
kpbizzell@yahoo.com

Kevin Bizzell - September 14, 2018 at 03:32 PM



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Kevin Burdeshaw - September 14, 2018 at 05:16 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Fred's passing. My brothers and I were friends with him through elementary school and high school. He was a smart fellow with a wonderfully whimsical sense of humor.

Barratt Patton - September 12, 2018 at 05:56 PM



“ "Everything is lovely". This was the way I last heard Fred talk about his life and how things were going and I think that is how he would want us to remember his kind and genuine soul. Wishing strength and serenity to his friends and loved ones.

Anonymous - September 12, 2018 at 07:46 AM



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Greg Clark - September 12, 2018 at 06:29 AM



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Greg Clark

Greg Clark - September 11, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ is it possible to add a donation link for Centerstomn? this has come up on Facebook as we remember Fred there.

mike whybark - September 10, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ YES great idea. Let me see if i can figure that out.

Phoebe - September 12, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ Coming soon - I will post a link here.

Kevin - September 14, 2018 at 06:14 AM



“ Fred Curry was a creative and brilliant individual, and he will be missed!

Jeremiah S. Junken - September 10, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ I was lucky to have known Fred. Some of my best memories of Bloomington involve him; having coffee, walking around town together, cooking dinner for him, reading his notebooks and learning to look at life differently. Rest in Peace, my friend. I will never forget you!



jami spice - September 10, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ Fred,
You were often a ray of fun on an otherwise lackluster day. I always enjoyed your yarns and was often delighted with your energy and spirit. I regret that I lost track of you over the years and hope you were able to enchant others with your electrifying personality like you enchanted my friends and me.
Odin's Speed Old Friend.

kevin burdeshaw - September 10, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ Fred was a truly kind and sympathetic soul and a dear friend. Sincerest condolences to those he leaves behind. The world will be a less wonderful place without him.

Craig Blacketter - September 10, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Rest In Peace, Fred. You were an interesting friend and a useful teacher and I value the time we spent around each other.

mike whybark - September 10, 2018 at 04:04 PM