



John Fredrick "Fred" Townsend

June 12, 1941 - March 13, 2013

John Frederick "Fred" Townsend passed away at home on Wednesday, March 13, following a lengthy illness. He was born in Hartford City, Indiana, to John Arthur "Art" Townsend and Agnes "Delite" Townsend. He graduated from Hartford City High School in 1959 and worked at Crankshaw Motors and Huggins Cycle Sales there. He moved to Bloomington in 1972, where he worked at Westinghouse and Otis. In his free time, he enjoyed restoring cars and motorcycles as well as attending and helping with motorcycle and car races. He chose Clear Creek Cemetery because he wanted to be able to hear Bloomington Speedway.

Survived by wife Ellen Patten Townsend, daughter Sarah Townsend, Stepson Aaron Sparks, all of Bloomington; mother Delite Townsend, brother Rick Townsend, and sister-in-law Dahla Townsend of Hartford City Indiana; and by uncles, aunts, cousins, many friends, and Lola the Welsh Terrier.

Pallbearers will be Troy Monroe, BJ Sanders, Richard Blackketter, Eric Evans, Steve Raines, and Kurt Ritchie.

Funeral services for Fred will be held Saturday March 16, 2013 at

12:00 Noon at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 15, also at Allen Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

WA

“ *My heartfelt condolence to Family of Mr.Fred Townsend.Fred was a very spirited man who showed compassion for life and everything in it.The years I worked with Fred at Otis Elevator,he was very knowledgeable and witty on just about anything.He always loved a good joke and told a few himself.May memories of Freddie bring comfort and peace to your heart and soul.Prayers and Blessings to all.*

Warner Costley - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JS

I also worked with Fred at Otis . I remember when he worked on the go cart for the race around the courthouse in Bloomington. I was one of the drivers and we won 3rd place the very first and only time Otis entered that race! Fred was a great mechanic and had a lot of knowledge about racing which was evident by Fred was a great mechanic and had A great knowledge of racing which was evident by the success we had with that very first race! God bless Freddy he will truly be missed!

Jason Sims - June 29, 2022 at 07:36 AM

TU

“ *I am sending my thoughts, prayers, and spirit in the wind from here at Manchester.*

Turner Ritchie - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

SA

“ *Very sorry to hear about Mr. Townsend's passing. You are in my thought and prayers.*

Sara Dillon - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

SH

“ Sarah and Ellen, please know that my heart is with you during this difficult time.

Shawn Henline - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JF

“ Ellen, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Jamie

Jamie Thomas Fish - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JC

“ Ellen - I am so sorry for this loss. Even though you could see it coming, it simply can't be easy. As an adult - even though we haven't spent much time together - I have considered you as much a part of the family and someone I would look forward to seeing. You are always busy and interested in some of the most unusual things - and I look forward to them.

Sara - Losing your dad is never easy, no matter how young or old you are. That daddy that knew you as that precious little baby, and that daddy that knew you as a young, vibrant woman - nobody can replace that special relationship. I will pray that you will find comfort while you remember him.

Aaron - My memory of you is as this boy that would flit from here to there. I don't even know how old you would have been when I would have seen you. But regardless of my lack of knowing you - I do know that losing a dad, even a step dad, is a huge loss. You will likely learn to understand that more as the days and weeks go by. I will also pray for you, that you will find comfort as you remember him.

When I think of Fred, I am that gawky little kid that probably just stared at him. I think I was pretty annoying to him. He and Rick would sit in their recliners and watch TV. I'm not sure what I found so interesting - but I really think I just sat there and stared. Fred would look at me sometimes and ask me what I was doing. I'm not sure if I even answered him! I also remember thinking he had some of the coolest cars.

I'm sorry we can't be there today and tomorrow. Our thoughts and prayers will certainly be with you all.

Jerry and Cindy Hawkins - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

BM

“ Dear Ellen and family, I was so sorry to learn of the passing of your husband, Fred. Hoping prayers and love of friends and family will get you through this very difficult time. Prayerfully, Bev

Beverly Key McCloskey - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

BL

“ Delite, Ellen and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. We are unable to attend the service but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Love to all,
Ben & Louann

Ben & Louann Townsend - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

BI

“ Thinking of you all during your loss.
Ellen aaron sarah

billy raines - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

LA

“ I worked with Fred many years at Otis and am so sorry to hear of his passing. I will pray for your family for I know he will be well missed.

Lanny Stephens - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JE

“ So sorry to hear about Fred. Try to be thankful that he is no longer suffering. I wish you both the best.

Jessica Henline-Deckard - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM