



Fred E. Fuqua

May 2, 1935 - October 19, 2024

Fred E. Fuqua, age 89, of Laurie, passed away Saturday, October 19, 2024, at his home. He was born May 2, 1935, in Houston, Texas, son of the late David and Clarice (Baskett) Fuqua.

He was previously married to Kay Gautier and together they had three sons, Michael, John and Patrick. On July 1, 1987, in Miami, Oklahoma, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Betty Sue "Susie" Fuqua.

Fred proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1954-1957.

He was an elementary principal for twenty-six years in Olathe, Kansas and two years in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Fred was a member of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, going to the casino and having cocktails with his friends and family.

In addition to his wife, Susie, he is survived by his son, Michael Fuqua of Pensacola, Florida; step-children, Cindy VanKam of Spring Hill, Kansas and

Scott VanKam of Overland Park, Kansas; five grandchildren, Heather Webb, Daniel Fuqua, Emmy Martin, Brittney Ringhouse and Gage VanKam; ten great-grandchildren; his sisters-in-law, Lois "Fannie" Rusk and Keri Morrissey and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons, John Fuqua and Patrick Fuqua and a great-grandson, Danny E. Fuqua.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held at a later date on May 2, 2025 at the Hillbilly Yacht Club. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family in care of Susie Fuqua or to Phoenix Hospice.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Loved the many times that Fred came over to our deck at the lake and shared his many stories! What a wonderful guy with such a great smile and laugh. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Susie.*
Larry and Valarie Dugan



Larry and Valarie Dugan - October 22, 2024 at 07:34 AM

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“ *Fred was the best lake neighbor for many years. We spent lots of time on their lake house deck. Our friend you will be missed*
Steve & Tammy Stuhlman



Tammy Stuhlman - October 21, 2024 at 07:57 PM

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Susie, I so sorry for the loss of your beloved FRED. We loved going to the boat dock where the pontoon lived. Life is short so make the best of it in the years ahead . Ralph, my husband, I had to put him on long term care as he has Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. You have all our sympathy. Love you. Carol and Ed

Carol Schwartz - May 26, 2025 at 04:00 AM