



Fred Ray Pickering, Jr.

November 23, 1949 - September 4, 2020

Fred Ray Pickering Jr, 70, went to be with the Lord Friday, September 4th 2020. He was a native of Portsmouth Va. Fred was a Vietnam veteran. Fred's passion was music and he was a talented guitarist and singer playing in several bands and local venues.

Fred was predeceased by his father, Fred Ray Pickering Sr. and stepfather Warren C. Hudson; brothers, Garry Hudson and Bobby Hudson. He is survived by his mother Betty Jean Hudson; brother, Wayne Pickering; sister, Linda Beeler; daughter, Amber Bozoti Mattingly; grandchildren, Angelina and Stephen Medford; a great grandson, 2 nieces and a host of cousins. He also leaves behind a loving aunt, Virginia Cox.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday at West Norfolk Baptist Church. The family will receive friends immediately after the service. Mask are required. In lieu of flowers, make donations to a charity of choice.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

West Norfolk Baptist Church
3701 Mariner Avenue
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Mr Pickering was a patient at my medical office. He always insisted to call him Fred. I will miss seeing him and how his eyes would light up as he would talk about his music & wild days! He was such a gentle soul. The office was so saddened to hear of his passing. His mom and Wayne are in our thoughts and prayers*

Tracy Kerlee - September 14, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ *Will always remember those Wednesday night Open Mike at the Old Barrel with Fred hosting the evening....Jamming way late into the night sure made it hard to wake up the next morning to go to work but, well worth the drowsy feeling the whole next day..*



Dan Knorowski - September 08, 2020 at 11:15 AM

Chris Morrow

“ *Fred, you gave me my very first break in the this area as a musician. I am forever grateful for your kindness, your support, and your friendship. You, and the Kitty Cat song, will be truly missed!*



Chris Morrow - September 07, 2020 at 12:52 PM

AM

“ Grandpa,
I remember the time when you came to my class and sung for me. I also remember the time when we went to see Lady Antebellum. I remember all the Christmas mornings and the nights I spent with you. I remember all the cherries in my drink from you singing on stage. You helped me grow into the beautiful woman I am now. I also remember telling how I would never kiss a boy. Or how I teased you about dying your hair pink and braiding it. Candy Apple Red will forever rest in my heart like you do. I love you so very much and I miss you like crazy. If it wasn't for you, I would have given up my dream of becoming a singer. You helped me grow into a beautiful butterfly. Thank you for being part of my life and my son's.



Angelina Medford - September 06, 2020 at 04:59 PM

JD

“ *RIP Freddie. You were a great friend, an awesome musician and a wonderful person. I am thankful and grateful that we got to share a little piece of this life together. You made people happy and left your mark on all you met. This world will miss you as will !! Thank you for your friendship* 💖💖😊

Jodi Dorsey - September 06, 2020 at 11:18 AM

SV

“ The thing I remember the most about Freddie was in High School. I wasn't one of the more popular guys there but Freddie always showed compassion and was one of the few I could trust and felt comfortable around. We reconnected after I retired from the military and though age had both us looking in the rear mirror, He was still that same guy, I knew in school. I am floored and grieve to learn of his passing. My heart goes out to the family. Virginia and I send our love and prayers for the Lord to comfort and ease your grief.

Sam Vaughan - September 06, 2020 at 04:32 AM

MA

“ The one and only party Mike and I had ever thrown was for your going away party to Florida! Live music by your favs on our back deck with Hank cooking up his famous bbq...everyone laying bets on how soon you'd be back....best party ever ❤️ Gonna miss you, my friend....know you are already playing sweet music with Jesus....”Til we meet again.....💙

marsha - September 05, 2020 at 08:59 PM



That was an awesome party a lot of great memories for both Fred and I..... I'm just glad that at the end of the day he and I were still very good friends and I will miss him

Vicky Reed - September 09, 2020 at 03:42 PM

DA

“ Freddie always gave me a smile and a cherry greeting. We go way back. Sincere condolences to the family. Jack and Dayna Wyatt Austin.

Dayna Austin - September 05, 2020 at 05:33 PM