

Dr. Fred F. Guthrie Jr

December 27, 1933 - May 2, 2026

Dr. Fred F. Guthrie, Jr., 92, of Fort Payne, passed away on May 2nd, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, and steadfast love.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on December 27th, 1933, Dr. Guthrie was raised with values that would shape the course of his life—devotion to God, commitment to family, and a calling to serve others. Those who knew him remember a man of sharp mind, tireless energy, a great sense of humor, and deep generosity.

Dr. Guthrie faithfully served as a Presbyterian pastor and church planter for many years, dedicating his life to shepherding congregations and helping build communities rooted in Christ. His ministry extended far beyond the pulpit; he was a mentor, counselor, and friend to many, always ready with wisdom drawn from a lifetime of studying Scripture.

A man of deep and abiding faith, he found great joy in leading Bible studies, encouraging others in their walk, and quietly living out the truths he taught. Whether in the company of many or in one-on-one conversation, his love for the Lord was evident and contagious.

At home, he was a devoted husband, having shared 67 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Shirley. Together, they built a life centered on faith and family. He was a loving father to three children, Ruth, Anne, and Fred, and a

steady, faithful presence whose influence will carry on for generations.

In quieter moments, Dr. Guthrie enjoyed reading, reflecting, and—earlier in life—spending time on the golf course. Yet even in leisure, his heart remained oriented toward serving others and investing in what mattered most.

He is survived by his wife, three children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church in the near future. Date and time to announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Geneva Benefits (the agency of the Presbyterian Church in America responsible for providing retirement, insurance, and wellbeing benefits to its ministry staff - <https://genevabenefits.org/>), continuing the work he so faithfully carried out.

Dr. Guthrie's life was a testament to enduring faith, quiet strength, and unwavering love. He will be deeply missed, yet his legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the truth he faithfully proclaimed.

A song written by their son, Fred, about his mom and dad and the family they raised: link provided

<https://open.spotify.com/album/4y5lcVQFHBz4FHXR VX6aCr?si=dOsL-4SiT5GWR01NbHcQmQ>

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.

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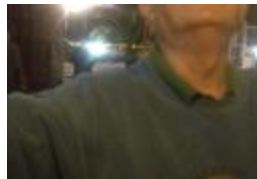
MS

“ We loved Fred so much and his precious bride Shirley as they were with us here in Georgia doing ministry together for a while. We became good friends and Shirley even had a huge influence over my prayer life. They are like our spiritual parents! We love these godly people and Fred will be so missed

Melony Smith - May 07 at 05:32 PM

SJ

“ I have never known anyone so full of light and love as Fred Guthrie. He will be deeply missed.



Sarah Jacobs - May 04 at 07:48 PM

RH

“ Fred was my chaplain at RGNS and later my pastor in Jackson, but always my friend. He was one of the nicest and most gentle people I've ever known, and he and Shirley definitely made the world a better place together! My heartfelt condolences to Ruth and all the family members.

Randall Hardy - May 04 at 05:55 PM

BC

“ We will always be grateful for our Godly encounter in that parking lot when we met Fred and Shirley. A friendship that was shared with lots of love and prayers even though we lived miles apart. Our sincerest sympathies. What a wonderful life in service to others modeling our loving Lord and Savior as Fred shepherd others.

Bernie and Ginny Calehuff - May 04 at 03:06 PM

CL

“ Cheryl Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Fred F. Guthrie Jr



Cheryl Little - May 04 at 02:36 PM

TW

“ Our heartfelt condolences 🙏 to a wonderful family. Tim and Christine Wall

Tim Wall - May 04 at 12:50 PM