



Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr.

April 22, 1952 - September 4, 2020

Frederick P. Rhine Jr, a retired electrical engineer, age 68, died of a heart attack on Friday, September 4th, 2020 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was born on April 22, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan and lived in Beverly Hills, Michigan until 1970 when he attended college at Eastern Michigan University and later the University of Michigan. In 1974, Mr. Rhine graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor Degree in Electrical & Computer Engineering and in 1977 with a Master's Degree in Electrical & Computer Engineering. Like his father before him, he enjoyed electrical engineering and was employed for almost his entire career and worked for numerous companies including: 3M Corporation, Rockwell International, Visteon and General Motors. Mr. Rhine enjoyed biking, jogging and volleyball in his younger day. He had numerous hobbies including home improvements, antique collecting & restoration, pyrotechnics and home brewing. Mr. Rhine was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Charlotte Rhine, and his sister Janet Rhine. Mr. Rhine is survived by his four children Laura Rhine, Jennifer (Keron) Williams, David (Amanda) Rhine and Elizabeth Rhine along with his five grandchildren Chloe Snyder, Sierra Snyder, Max Snyder, Phoenix Reavis, Aria Williams and one great-grandchild Milena Lee. In addition, Fred Rhine is also survived by his fiancée and love of his life, Cheryl Schlaff. He was highly esteemed as a man of brilliance, knowledge and eccentricity by those who had the pleasure of knowing him. Mr. Rhine's tireless love, sacrifice and commitment to his family were

unmistakable throughout his life. All held him in the highest regard and loved him dearly. Visitation will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2020 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 3:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. An outdoor funeral service will then take place at 3:30 P.M. with Pastor Tom Zimmerman officiating. Those in attendance will be asked to adhere to the social distancing guidelines and masks will be required. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Fred's name may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Saline or to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later time and will be held in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. To leave a memory you have of Mr. Rhine, to sign his guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12.** 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Outdoor Service

SEP **12.** 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Fred Rhine. A Good Honest Guy.*

JEFFREY B OVERMIRE - January 21, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *It was a shock today when I learned about Fred's sudden passing. Fred and I were in the same reception (antenna) group at GM for 2.5 years where his presence always had an assurance of humor to brighten up the occasion. Fred was a great engineer and a mentor to the budding engineers. Some RF tests we are still trying to figure out today were first pioneered by Fred. That shows his experience and expertise in the subject matter. There is a HP 6GHz variable attenuator that he bought from his own money from the Dayton Ham Convention trip which we still use today. Fred also had a passion about distilling which I had the lucky opportunity to experience for a couple of times. They were delicious!*

You will be greatly missed, Fred...R.I.P.

Bill Wang - October 30, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *He seemed to be a real nice man!*

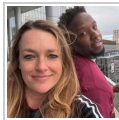
Sarah McNutt - September 18, 2020 at 09:40 AM

GR

“ 1 file added to the album AnnArborSkiClub



Greg Robertson - September 11, 2020 at 08:30 PM



Aww 😊 I miss that smile so much!

Jennifer Williams - October 10, 2020 at 03:06 PM

CH

Best smile ever!

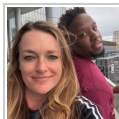
Cheryl - October 11, 2020 at 10:04 PM

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Greg Robertson - September 11, 2020 at 04:13 PM



Love all these pics! Thanks for sharing ❤️

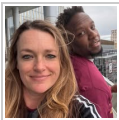
Jennifer Williams - October 10, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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Greg Robertson - September 11, 2020 at 04:11 PM



Happy Fred 🤪

Jennifer Williams - October 10, 2020 at 03:06 PM

GF

“ Gabriel, Chris, Dennis, and the Capstone Family purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..



Gabriel, Chris, Dennis, and the Capstone Family - September 11, 2020 at 10:25 AM

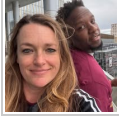
AL

“ I can't remember when you weren't in my life. From Kindergarten on you were a good friend. We may not have kept close contact, but when we got together it seemed the last time I saw you was yesterday. We were devilish little boys. Many great memories. Hey, do you want to meet at Bear Creek for a smoke

Will miss you. Love ya

Alan & Araceli Lorne

ALAN LORNE - September 10, 2020 at 11:40 PM



Your comment brings tears to my eyes. Someday I wish I could hear some of your stories. I miss my dad so much 😞 I hope you and your family are well.
- Jenny Rhine

Jennifer Williams - October 10, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..*



September 10, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ *Alan Lorne and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..*



Alan Lorne and Family - September 10, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..*

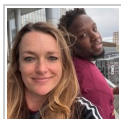


September 10, 2020 at 10:23 PM

NQ

“ Fred Rhine was a very intelligent. generous man with a great sense of humor, who loved his family very much. We will miss him greatly
Love Always Cousins Nancy Quigly and Jeffrey Groehn

Nancy Quigly - September 10, 2020 at 08:14 PM



Thank you for your kind words. My dad was pretty amazing. Would love to hear from you guys someday.

Jennifer Williams - October 10, 2020 at 03:05 PM

TT

“ Fred is a beautiful man. The frustrations of working in large corporate settings never dulled his enthusiasm or love of his work. He was a constant joy to work with and he made every day I worked with him brighter. Lovely guy.
Cheryl and the rest of his family: wish I could be with you but I have relocated to VA. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love
Tim

timmy talty - September 10, 2020 at 03:42 PM

CM

“ I was fortunate enough to work with Fred at GM. He was a brilliant engineer. I enjoyed his stories and his no nonsense attitude. I'm so sorry to hear about his passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family. May God and support from loved ones comfort you during this difficult time. May Fred rest in peace.

Christine Marzan - September 10, 2020 at 10:15 AM

AB

“ My condolences to your family upon the passing of Fred. We were in the same group together at GM. I admired his technical expertise and his willingness to share his knowledge with me.

May he rest in peace.

Alan Budyta - September 10, 2020 at 08:50 AM

NM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Fred's passing. I first met him at a Saline Singles dinner at my home, and he was a wonderful addition to our group. Each time I saw Fred he reminded me of his meeting Cheryl at our dinner. He was so warm and friendly. We will miss him.

Nancy Miller - September 10, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..



September 09, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..



September 09, 2020 at 08:02 PM

CG

“ I didn't know Fred very well but my husband clicked with him right away. I will never forget how kind he was and my husband saying, “ that's a smart man. I would sure like to know him better.” I would have too. Rest in the arms of Jesus Fred.



Cherie and Bob Greene - September 09, 2020 at 05:48 PM

CH

I wish we could have had that time also.

Cheryl - October 11, 2020 at 09:54 PM

PI

“ So sorry to hear of Fred's untimely passing. Fred and I met while attending classes at U of M. Subsequently we wound up working at Watkins-Johnson Co. in Maryland and designed / developed radios for the Defense Department. He was responsible for the RF front end and I was responsible for the digital user interface part of it. To this day I fondly remember our spirited technical discussions while at work as well as during our commute together from Fredrick MD, to Gaithersburg. MD. We also spent many evenings socializing and spending time together with our families..
May the Lord bless Fred and comfort everyone in his family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincerest condolences.
With Love, Simeon and Patti Iliev

Patti J ILIEV - September 09, 2020 at 05:26 PM

MR

Simeon, Fred always had great memories of your time together and lived retelling the stories. It meant so much to him.

Mary Read - October 03, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..*



September 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..*



September 09, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *I had worked with Fred at GM for almost 8 years as his supervisor yet he was way too superior in his career than me. He was the only person in GM that I indulged in long technical conversations and discussions. He was a man of character and knowledge; no hidden agendas, spoke his mind all the time. I resorted to his opinions and advice numerous times on technical and non-technical issues. I do remember his passion of going to flea market on every Saturday. My condolences to his beloved ones: his children and Cheryl. He will be dearly missed.*
Eray Yasan

Eray Yasan - September 09, 2020 at 12:57 AM



Thank you Eray. You are correct, he is greatly missed.

Cheryl - October 11, 2020 at 09:52 PM

FC

“ Fred and I were housemates when we went to Michigan. He would help me with my Calculus problems. Frequently I told people, “he’s the smartest man I know”.

Over the years our families enjoyed many happy times together. Canoeing down the Huron river and watching Michigan football on TV were just some of the activities our families shared.

Fred was a dear loyal friend of mine who enriched my life with his presence.

I will miss him.

Fred Castenholz

Fred Castenholz - September 08, 2020 at 11:07 AM

LL

“ I didn’t know Fred as well as I wish I would have! The moment I met him I liked him, partly because I saw how much he loved my beloved sister in law Cheryl. I only wish I could have spent more time with the both of them, but distance kept that from our realities! As much as I did know him, I really liked him! He was kind, humble, and a true Gentleman! It is my loss that I did not get to know him better, and them better as a couple. I know he meant the world and more to Cheryl and she is hurting greatly in his absence. My Love and prayers go out to Cheryl and Fred’s Family, and we are all so very sorry for the loss of this wonderful man! God bless him and may your memories keep him alive in our hearts! ❤️🙏

Linda Lessels - September 08, 2020 at 02:56 AM

CH

Thank you Linda. I wish you could have spent more time with us too. He was the most amazing man I have ever known. My heart is weeping.

Cheryl - October 11, 2020 at 09:58 PM

CB

“ I only knew Fred for a short time when he and Cheryl attended Bible studies and coffee get togethers at Tim Hortons, but he left a lasting memory of a kind, humble man. He had an infectious smile and a deep love for Cheryl. His hunger for learning God’s words contributed so much to our class. He will be missed.

Charolette Becker - September 07, 2020 at 11:31 PM

KP

“ Cheryl, we were so saddened to learn of Fred's passing. He added so much to our Weds. morning Bible studies, and most recently to our study of "The Chosen" on Tuesday evenings. Fred approached all of our studies with such enthusiasm, and both Gordy and I are grateful to have known him. We will always remember how much fun that we had with you guys and Julie and Mike at the "White Christmas Sing-Along." We will also treasure the memories from our coffee meet-ups at Tim Horton's after our Bible studies. We will truly miss Fred.

Karen & Gordy

Karen Peters - September 07, 2020 at 03:38 PM

CH

We did have some special times together. Thanks for your loving support.

Cheryl - October 11, 2020 at 10:01 PM

SH

“ We are so sorry to hear this news. We enjoyed being in Sunday school class with Fred and Cheryl and hearing Fred's ideas in our discussions. We will miss him!
Sending our sincere condolences,
Ken and Sandy Heywood

Sandra Heywood - September 07, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr..



September 07, 2020 at 10:44 AM

CE

“ We didn't have nearly enough time to get to know Fred but our times at his house and his hospitality was so warm. The light in his eyes when he looked into Cheryl's eyes showed how much they loved each other. A good guy that has left us too soon. There are angels among us and now one more has been added.

Chris and Earl - September 07, 2020 at 08:24 AM

MW

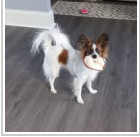
So very sad to hear. Such a wonderful person ❤️.

Mary Waltz - September 07, 2020 at 09:15 AM

CH

Thanks Chris your love during this difficult time helps.

Cheryl - October 11, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ *Many, many memories starting with meeting Fred and Al at a high school football game! Watching all you kids grow up from the womb to the wonderful adults you are now! Helping with the move to Maryland and then to Saline. And I can't forget the Nova! Don't know how old it was when it finally went to the junkyard but Fred had it in high school and it was still around in Saline! Thank you Fred for the memories. May you rest in peace.*

Karen Keveney - September 07, 2020 at 04:29 AM

FB

“ *So sad to hear. A good guy. He will be missed. Deepest condolences to his family and relatives.*

Fred Berruti - September 07, 2020 at 12:15 AM

KM

“ *I remember Fred hosting the pre-party for an Ann Arbor ski trip I led; he was kind enough to open his house to many people, some of whom were new! He was a gracious host, whom was adored by many! Rest In Peace, dear Fred. Karen Miller*

Karen Miller - September 06, 2020 at 11:22 PM

HR

“ *I remember when Fred was into making fireworks. We were all together and able to attend with a front row view. It was at one of the Lake Erie Metro Parks, dinner included. The DSO was playing the music to go with the fireworks spectacular. Your dad was an amazing man and will be an amazing angel watching over all of you. Love and Hugs from The Rash Family.*

holly rash - September 06, 2020 at 09:56 PM

DA

“ *Very sorry to hear this. Had many interesting conversations with Fred and many laughs. My sincere condolences to his children and loved ones.*

Dana - September 06, 2020 at 09:14 PM

JO

“ *A great, good-natured fellow. Very sad to hear this news.*

Jeff Overmire - September 06, 2020 at 09:04 PM

BH

“ *I will miss seeing you with Cheryl and all your wonderful and knowledgeable comments in study groups. Coffee klatch at Horton's on Wednesdays will not be the same without you. Great conversations with a great guy. You will be missed by many.*

Bobbe Hinsman - September 06, 2020 at 08:22 PM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Frederick Preyer Rhine Jr.*



Mary - September 06, 2020 at 08:15 PM

RN

“ *I remember that field theory class we took together at U of M and the many late nights. Visiting in Maryland, the move to Texas, and back in Ann Arbor and finally at GM. I will miss the many technical conversations as well as well as the long friendship.*

R Niner - September 06, 2020 at 06:28 PM