

In Loving Memory



Jerry Wayne Freeburne

1940 - 2023



In stormy, difficult times or in peace, the lighthouse represents Jesus as our light and our call to reflect the light of Jesus to others.

Jerry Freeburne

DATE OF BIRTH

September 13, 1940 ~ Newton, Kansas

PARENTS

Marshall & Lareta Sharp Freeburne

MARRIED

Myrtle Funk

CHILDREN

Jennifer, Chris, & Andrea

DATE OF DEATH

September 9, 2023 ~ Blackfoot, ID

VISITATION SERVICE

1:00-1:45 p.m. Saturday, October 7, 2023
First Mennonite Church ~ Aberdeen, Idaho

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 7, 2023

Officiant.....Pastor Christy Dirren
Prelude & Postlude.....Carla Jensen & Marilyn Horsch
Family Prayer Damon Peck
Welcome & Opening PrayerPastor Christy Dirren
Special Music “*Gift of Love*”..... Dean Funk,
Becca Freeburne, & Heidi Lusk
Sharing..... Jennifer, Andrea, Chris
Congregational HymnHFG 591
“*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*”
Message Pastor Jeanie Hershey
“Jesus is the Light”
Special MusicCarla Jensen & Marilyn Horsch
“*Amazing Grace*”
Psalm 121 Shannon Jensen
Benediction..... Shannon Jensen

*** At the closing of the service, the bell will be tolled
in remembrance. We ask that you remain seated. ***

Following the service, please join us to enjoy Jerry’s
favorite dessert, Ice Cream and Cookies

Jerry Wayne Freeburne, 82, of Blackfoot, Idaho, passed away peacefully at his home on September 9, 2023, surrounded by family.

Jerry was born September 13, 1940, in Newton, Kansas, to LaReta W. Sharp and Marshall (Jack) Freeburne. He was raised in Newton, Kansas, and graduated from Newton High School in 1958. He was active in the school choir, football, and wrestling. He attended the First Christian Church and was active in their Boy Scout Troop, obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

While attending school at Bethel College in Newton, Kansas, Jerry married Bette Ann Standish. They were later divorced. During his time at Bethel, Jerry helped form a Civil Defense Rescue Team and served as its Commander until 1960. Jerry transferred to the University of Denver and graduated with a B.A. in Sociology and Psychology in 1964, and earned his Master's Degree in Social Work in 1967. While at Denver University, Jerry married the love of his life, Myrtle (Marty) Funk, and they had 3 children, Jennifer, Chris, and Andrea.

Jerry's career was in Social Work. He worked for the Children's Division at Fort Logan Mental Health Center in Denver, Colorado, Vancouver General Hospital in British Columbia, and the Family Guidance Center in Lamar, Colorado. In 1976 the family moved to Aberdeen, Idaho, and Jerry worked for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare until his retirement in 2002. He held several positions including Clinician, Mental Health Act Team Supervisor, and Child Protection Worker. Jerry had a heart for helping people and truly enjoyed the many friends and colleagues he had during his career.

Jerry's other passion was volunteering for fire and ambulance crews in Colorado, Aberdeen, American Falls, and Swan Valley. He also volunteered for Bingham County both as a Reserve Officer and with Search and Rescue.

Jerry was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Aberdeen, Idaho, where he was active with music and served as a Deacon. After moving to Blackfoot, Idaho, in 2018, he attended Jason Lee United Methodist Church and gained a second church family.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Marshall (Jack) Freeburne, mother LaReta, and brother Ted. He is survived by his wife, Marty, daughter Jennifer (Damon) Peck, son Chris (Becca), daughter Andrea (Darren) Brassington, grandchildren Hunter, Colton, Caiden, Jared, Gabrielle, Ethan, Caimbrya, Brianna, and cousin Bruce Day.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to the Aberdeen Fire Department, Blackfoot Senior Citizens Center, or a charity of your choosing.

An open house will be held at Jason Lee United Methodist Church, 168 South University Avenue, Blackfoot, Idaho, on October 6, 2023, from 5 – 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held at First Mennonite Church, 381 West Washington Avenue, Aberdeen, Idaho, on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with visitation at 1:00 p.m.

Appreciation

On behalf of the family, we express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought, deed, and attendance at the service.
Davis-Rose Mortuary & Monuments, American Falls, Idaho

