



## Fred M. Todd

January 20, 1923 - January 3, 2016

Fred M. Todd went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 3, 2016. He was 92 years old. Fred passed away of kidney failure at the Decatur County Manor.

Fred grew up in Parsons on a farm. He attended school at Mt. Pleasant, Bear Creek and Parsons. He was drafted and served in the US Navy on the USS James C. Owens as a fireman. While in the Navy, he met and married Bonnie Martin Todd. Fred and Bonnie lived in California for over 19 years, during which time they had their son James. Fred worked for Glidden Paint and was a NASCAR driver during his time in California. He moved his family back to Parsons and purchased a farm on Myracle Town Road in 1965. Fred raised award winning registered polled Herefords, a few row crops, drove a school bus, did carpentry work, and was even a truck driver.

He was a long time member of Bear Creek Baptist Church. He served on the local and state Farm Bureau Boards, the Decatur County Fair Association and the State of TN Fair Association. He was the Master Mason for the Parsons Masonic Lodge. He was also active in several other civic organizations. Fred loved Jesus, his family, fast cars and his farm.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Augusta Lee (Gussie) Todd, his wives Bonnie Dale Martin Todd and Georgia Pearl Johnson Todd,

his sister Faye Todd Tolley and his brother Vaughn Todd. He is survived by his son, James Ray Todd (wife Delphia), and his two granddaughters, Cynthia Todd Graham (husband Troy) of Memphis and Tammie Todd Patterson (husband Mike) of Scotts Hill and three great grandsons Todd Patterson, Hayes Graham and Ian Patterson.

His funeral service will be at Bear Creek Baptist Church in Parsons, TN at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, with Bro. Andy King and Bro. Adam Wood officiating. Burial will follow in Bear Creek Cemetery with military honors.

Visitation will be Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Reed's Chapel - Decaturville and Tuesday at Bear Creek Baptist Church from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to:  
Bear Creek Baptist Church Building Fund  
61 Bear Creek Access Rd.  
Parsons, TN 38363

# Tribute Wall



“ *My heart felt condolences to Cindi and Tammie. Love you both*



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**Steven Faye Mooney** - January 07, 2016 at 07:36 PM



“ *While working at the Extension Service for many years, I had contact with Mr. Fred & Ms Bonnie, especially through the Decatur Co. Fair. They were precious, salt-of-the-earth folks .... my sympathy to the family.*

*Brenda Johnson*

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**Brenda Johnson** - January 06, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ *Growing up we did spend many summers at Uncle Fed's and Aunt Bonnie 's house. So many childhood memories were created. The cases of Fanta sodas, being spun around on the tire swing and going to church. We always had fun. Hugs and prayers are being sent.*

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**Sharon Young Mars** - January 05, 2016 at 09:36 AM

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“ My best summers were spent visiting Uncle Fred's and Aunt Bonnie's. Can't begin to count how many trips Uncle Fred took us to Shiloh, the fish market on the River to always buy us the biggest fish they had, Natchez Trace, Bear Creek Church, Troy & Ruth's, Roxie's house, visiting Ree & Vaughn, Gussie's, and so many more places. Loved carrying water to the "hay haulers", eating watermelon, fishing in the creeks, homemade ice cream, the tire swing, and all the special things Uncle Fred did when we visited. So thankful I got to continue the visits after I had my own kids. Will never forget the tooth fairy visiting my son at Uncle Fred's house! When I think of the very best example of a Wonderful Christian man, Uncle Fred is the man who comes to mind. What a wonderful life he lived! May God wrap his arms around Jim, Delphia, Cindy, Tammy and their beautiful families and comfort them with loving memories. Beverley

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**Beverley Young Nelson** - January 05, 2016 at 05:22 AM

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“ Thanks Uncle Fred for the wonderful memories—cool cars (loved your Studebaker) and awesome homemade ice cream. You made time for everyone—with your gift of hospitality and service. You fought the good fight, you finished the race, you kept the faith, you lived and shared the good news of Jesus Christ.

*Love and blessings,*

*Kenneth W. Young*

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**Kenneth Young** - January 04, 2016 at 10:46 PM

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“ *Thinking and praying for all of you.  
Remembering our conversations at church,  
Fred would always take time out to ask how  
things were going. His caring and concern for  
others was a blessing to many. Such a  
wonderful sweet man. Love to All, Jennifer Moore*



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**JM** - January 04, 2016 at 04:08 PM