



Fred Charles Lauer

September 19, 1945 - February 9, 2026

Fred C. Lauer, age 80, of Willoughby, slipped away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2026, after a tough fight against pulmonary fibrosis. The son of the late Harold and Anna Catherine Lauer, he grew up in Byesville, Ohio, and returned for years to attend Byesville High School's alumni gatherings. After graduating from Bowling Green State University, he moved to Cleveland to take a job at Halle's department store, which he remembered fondly for decades. His career in finance/IT started at the state auditor's office and decades later he retired from The Lubrizol Corp. In between, he added to his education at Lakeland Community College, and worked at Cardinal Federal Bank and Brush Wellman. He and his wife, Bonnie, lived in Wickliffe for over 30 years. He enjoyed volunteering with the Wickliffe Jaycees on their many projects. Fred lived to travel, a value he passed along to his daughters. Williamsburg, Va., and the Outer Banks were treasured destinations when his children were younger. After getting a taste of Europe in 1988, he looked for any excuse to travel abroad, eventually visiting six continents. He loved wandering around London and Paris. Fred often recounted a year-long work assignment that had him living in France in the late 1990s. His time there cultivated a deep appreciation for the country's cuisine, and he excitedly took courses at a small cooking school in Paris. Fred often saw a cruise deal as a reason to pack a bag and explore a new part of the world. Genealogy was also a passion that took him to the family history archives in Salt Lake City well before such research was common practice. Fred discovered cooking in his 50s, taking

several Italian cooking courses and becoming an avid bread baker. At the holidays, there was nothing he enjoyed more than making his family recipe fruitcake and nutroll, which Fred proudly talked about with anyone who would listen. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bonnie (Haywood); daughters Katie (Brad) Wadington and Emily Lauer; grandchildren Sarah and John Wadington; sister, Nancy Wilson; close cousin John (Deb) Wheeler; three nieces and a nephew, several cousins, grandnieces and a grandnephew.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I was so sorry to read of Fred's passing on Facebook. I've shared the information along to his extended family in SE Ohio. I am one of his distant cousins, now living in Cuyahoga Falls. Fred did so much work on the family tree which we all appreciated. We enjoyed his company at family reunions. His mother and my mother (Ruth Lawrence) were close. I did not know he was ill. I know it's a great loss to the family so my deepest sympathies are with you. Jean Lawrence Krusinski

Jean Krusinski - February 16 at 03:22 PM

JF

“ My heartfelt sympathy to you and all of your family. With Christ at your side you will get through this. My Joe passed 12-15-2018. Be kind to yourself and I know your girls will be of great support as the days and months go by. Love, your former Higbee co worker, Joanne Payne Filocco

Joanne Payne Filocco - February 14 at 01:26 PM

MJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Fred was one of my favorite people. I have some many good memories that I will always cherish. Love you Fred. Rest in peace.

Mary J. Jerles - February 14 at 10:48 AM

CT

“ Fred was a wealth of knowledge! I enjoyed our conversations and helpful advise with home projects. Always postive and enthusiastic about projects, travel and life!

Carol H Tierney - February 13 at 05:36 PM

JM

“ I was a classmate of Fred at Byesville High School. I remember working with him on the yearbook staff. He was always helpful and so so kind. Please accept my condolences for your loss. Jackie (Wagstaff) Medsker Phoenix, Arizona

Jackie Medsker - February 13 at 11:06 AM

TA

“ The Stewart's-Ken, Stephanie, Andrew and purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Fred Charles Lauer.



The Stewart's-Ken, Stephanie, Andrew and - February 13 at 09:36 AM

ME

“ I was suddenly saddened to learn of the passing of Fred Lauer. I am offering condolences to Bonnie, his daughters, grandchildren and extended family. We have been neighbors in the development of Gullybrook. I am in Florida for the winter months and upon my return, Bonnie, I will be a shoulder to lean on as my widowhood is a Club that needs to help those of us that feel your pain. I know he is welcome in Paradise. He was one of the best!!!.

Marilyn Eckert - February 12 at 11:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Fred Charles Lauer*.



February 12 at 02:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Fred Charles Lauer*.

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