



Fred Russell Lambert

August 6, 1954 - August 19, 2020

It's with great sadness we announce the passing of Fred Russell Lambert, age 66, August 19, 2020 after a 5 week battle with Covid. He was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and Poppy, and so much more.

As a young man, he often chose the unorthodox route. He owned countless classic cars, got kicked out of college, and married the cute, unconventional, Chris Bradley Lambert. One of these choices would prove to be the best one of his life. Fred and Chris went on to build a family, raising Brad Lambert and Katie Lambert Clemmons who blessed him with 5 grandchildren, Charlotte, Olivia, Asher, Nora, and Carter.

Together, Fred and Chris worked tirelessly, for him to achieve his dream to become a pilot. He led a 27-year career flying commercial planes, achieving the Chief Pilot position to lead his fellow pilots. He always helped the underdog no matter what the personal consequences would be.

Fred was a leader of a different kind. He spoke often about the fact that people remember how you make them feel, not what you say. He was relentlessly optimistic. He was willing to reinvent himself and grow, thus inspiring others to do the same. He would fight for those who couldn't fight for themselves. But more than that, he instilled his belief in you, that you were important, worthy, and capable. He could tell a joke and a lesson in the same sentence, leaving you laughing and reflecting in the same thought. He'd ask you to hold the flashlight and teach you to change the oil. He somehow caught many fish on his tangle of fishing poles.

Although our hearts are heavy, we celebrate his full life as we got to see him and learn from his very best. Please keep our family in your thoughts and prayers as we process this loss and find ways to celebrate Fred.

Darby Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lambert Family.

Comments



“ Chris, Katie and Brad, I just learned of Fred's passing today and am so shocked and saddened for you all. My heart goes out to each of you for your loss. Fred was an incredible, uplifting person with whom those who knew him wanted to spend time. I don't recall ever seeing him without a smile on his face. I remember the first we met you guys, seems like many moons ago. John was so very proud of Fred's accomplishments in the world of aviation, and put him right up there with the finest. I can see the two of them now "hangar flying" with all their individual stories. Fred was an exceptional individual and lucky to have such a devoted wife and children and adoring grandchildren. I am certain you all agree. I pray that God will comfort each of you during this difficult time and be with you in the days ahead. You are all in my prayers. With love, Zona Daniell



Zona Gayle Daniell - October 25 at 08:53 PM



“ There are countless pilots that owe their very careers to Fred. I am but one of them. On behalf of all of us, thank you and tailwinds Captain Lambert!

Steve - September 03 at 09:45 PM



“ Fred was one of the finest men I ever met. We only worked together nine years, but remember his kindness and caring for others. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you and wrap his loving arms around all of you.
Cheryl Harper



Cheryl Harper - August 31 at 09:18 AM



“ Mr. Lambert will be missed! He was a blessing to my family and we will never forget him. I spent numerous nights after Friday football games with the Lambert family where he always welcomed me into his home. He also paid respect after I lost my father. We love you and will keep the Lambert family in our hearts.

The Hunter Family

Terek Hunter - August 28 at 01:29 AM



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chris lambert - August 24 at 10:57 PM



“ Bill & Julie H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Fred Russell Lambert.



Bill & Julie H. - August 24 at 02:09 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Fred Russell Lambert.



August 22 at 06:08 PM



“ I feel blessed to have had Fred in my life for the time I did. Fred was a member in my crossfit class. Always a smile. The last time we all spent together was when Fred invited our whole class up to Lake Arrowhead for a hike and outside workout. We had all been locked in our homes so long at the beginning of this covid stuff. Fred decided it was time for a class gathering. It was a great day of fellowship. Fred I know I can speak for our class, already you are so very missed.



debbie garrett - August 22 at 02:04 PM



“ He was always so pleasant. We were so happy when he attended my late husband surprise birthday party. RIP

Phyllis Hunter - August 24 at 09:13 PM



“ words can never express what Fred means to me - then, now, forever. Prayers continue for the family. Louise joins me in sorrow at his passing, yet eternal joy of holding him in our hearts and minds for as long as we draw breath.

Nat Harwell - August 22 at 01:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Russell Lambert.



August 22 at 09:03 AM



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Greg Vines - August 22 at 08:18 AM



“ A good and decent man. Words fail to adequately express my sorrow at Fred's passing. We were friends. Real friends. I miss him.

Greg Vines - August 22 at 08:12 AM



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