



Frederick V "LT" Morse

May 30, 1947 - November 26, 2015

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Frederick V. Morse, long-time resident of the Lower Yakima Valley, Washington, passed away on November 26th, 2015 after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of forty-nine years, Joyce Morse; four children, Daniel Morse, Ann and Gabriel Villanueva, Katy Brennan and her husband Brian, and Christopher Morse; brother Thomas Morse; surviving sisters Holly Cox of North Carolina, Cheryl Otwell of Arkansas and Lea Tillery of Florida; two sisters who predeceased him, Kathy Karate and Vicki Cain; grandchildren Alexa Torres, Demitrius and Mataya Villanueva, and Kaleb Lewis; great-grandson Imari Torres and numerous nieces and nephews. Frederick V. Morse was born on May 30th, 1947 in Los Angeles, California to Helen and Charles Morse. Fred was raised initially in Oceanside, California and then throughout California where his father was stationed at various military bases.

He enlisted and served in the United States Air Force in Vietnam as a jet mechanic, and was subsequently stationed at bases throughout the country including Washington, Texas, and Arizona. LT continued his military career in the Army National Guard Reserves and retired as a First Sergeant after a combined 25 years of service.

Concurrent with his Reserve service, Fred joined the Toppenish Police Department. He served as a patrol officer, rising through the ranks and retiring

as a lieutenant after 27 years. He was best known in the department for mentoring and developing new officers.

LT volunteered as a baseball coach when his children were young. Once they were grown he continued to give back to his community through donating extensively to local food banks and shelters. He and his wife Joyce generously opened their home as foster parents and as a neighborhood day care to hundreds of youth. In his limited free time, Fred was committed to riding his Harley motorcycle and involved with motorcycle associations near and dear to his heart including the ABATE, Christian Crusaders and Christian Motorcycle Association.

The third stage of Fred's career was with Phoenix Protective Corporation where he again continued his tradition of teaching and mentoring new officers. His primary work was at the Toppenish Valley View Elementary School as a School Resource Officer, where he was again able to positively influence a generation of children.

In every endeavor he undertook in his lifetime, he gave back to the community. Fred will be missed by his family, friends and the thousands who have known him throughout his well-spent life.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 1:00, at Toppenish Middle School, 104 Goldendale Ave (off Buena Way), Toppenish, WA 98948, in the AJ Strom Gymnasium.

In lieu of flowers, and to continue his lifetime commitment to service of service to others, please bring non-perishable goods to be donated to the local food bank in his memory in the memory of Frederick V. "LT" Morse.

Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frederick V "LT" Morse*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Jai-Dee And Ted Janis & Family lit a candle in memory of Frederick V "LT" Morse*

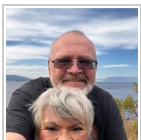


Jai-Dee and Ted Janis & family - December 06, 2015 at 02:57 AM



“ *Fred was one of the good guys. He always had your "6". If he had an issue with something or someone in was straight on, not around your back. If he wasn't 15 minutes early he considered himself late! 'LT will be missed as a friend, co- worker, and team leader. Godspeed.
Ben Hittle*

Ben Hittle - December 05, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ *Fred were going to miss you. From the day you started Toppenish PD to present you never changed. Always a smile to brighten ones face, a quick hug, a kind word , to yelling at my daughter run faster you can do this.*

Barbara Capetillo - December 02, 2015 at 02:15 PM

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“ *Your littlest sister is going to miss you. Life will never be the same waiting for you to pull up on that big Harley of yours each summer. Michael has lost his favorite fishing buddy even though he still says you couldn't catch fish if they were in a five gallon bucket. You two and your competitions! And, you always wanting to find that mermaid. You were the one that carried me home from the hospital when I was only days old. You've made an impact on every person you've ever come into contact with, especially me. Brother, I am going to miss you more than words can say - I could go on and on about everything that you have meant to me. Rest in sweet peace and dance with the angels whenever you get the chance.*



Through tearful eyes ~

Cheryl and Michael Otwell

Cheryl Otwell - December 01, 2015 at 03:06 PM

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“ *TinaMarie Stephens/Morse lit a candle in memory of Frederick V "LT" Morse*



TinaMarie Stephens/Morse - December 01, 2015 at 09:32 AM

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Our talks on the phone were great ones. Your way of making things that were hurting feel like hope. You helped me in many ways to find my inner strength when i was feeling weak. Your guidness when i was going through diaylsis with my Kidney was uplifting and gave me hope. I will miss you so very much but i will never forget you, you will always be in my heart and on my mind. RIP Uncle Freddy.

TinaMarie Stephens/Morse - December 01, 2015 at 09:36 AM