



Fred Hampton Reger

July 13, 1943 - April 23, 2023

Fred Reger, 79, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away on 22 April 2023 after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Ann Reger; his children, Lyle (Ann) Reger and Kelly (Russell) Wilson; his grandchildren, Emma Harris, Savannah Reger, Jay Wilson, and Philip Reger; and his sisters Alice Chambliss and Susan Melton.

Fred was born in July of 1943 to Mason and Sigrid Reger in Ontario, Oregon. The family would later settle in Mount Jackson, Virginia where Fred graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1961. Fred joined the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI) in Blacksburg, Virginia and graduated with a Bachelor of Science and later a Master of Science in Education. Fred was a member of the VPI cheerleading squad and a proud alumnus who was known to boisterously cheer “Hokie, Hokie, Hokie, Hi!” at any given time.

In 1963, Fred met Ann Sorrels at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, while dropping his sister off at the library. Some friendly banter and an invitation to lunch led to a June wedding in 1965 and 57 years of marriage. The pair moved to Fairfax, Virginia where Fred began teaching Distributive Education at Oakton High School and worked as the PA announcer for Oakton football games.

In 1978, Fred was bitten by the auction bug and started teaching himself how to run numbers. He graduated from the Mendenhall School of Auctioneering in Highpoint, North Carolina, in June of that year and began his career as an auctioneer – never looking back. He was an active member of the auctioneer community serving in various roles at the local, state, and national level. He would also return to Mendenhall as an instructor and serve as a mentor to many in the profession. Proud moments for Fred included earning the title of 1982 Virginia State Champion Auctioneer and being inducted into the Virginia Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame in 2004. He also had the unique experience of selling storage on an episode of TV's "Auction Hunters" which aired May 2012.

After working with several auction houses, he started his own auction company in 1994 specializing in fundraising, real estate, and storage. While he enjoyed the people, challenges, and opportunities that each of the genres presented, the benefit auction was his real love as it combined his passion for community service with his joy of auctioneering. The signature derby hats he and his team wore were synonymous with his mantra, "we are here for the cause, not the deal". For the next 25 years he would support numerous non-profit organizations to include Goodwill, American Cancer Society, Special Olympics DC, and Wounded Warriors as well as conservation groups like Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

In his free time, Fred enjoyed whitewater rafting, wood carving, reading, fishing, and a decent glass of scotch. He appreciated a good baseball, football, or hockey game and was the best of grandpas on the sidelines of his grandchildren's sporting events. He loved spending time with family and friends. To paraphrase Will Rogers, strangers were friends he hadn't met yet. Fred loved telling a good story, perhaps even stretching it a bit, as a good story teller does. He was a force of nature with a big smile and a booming

voice. He left behind a legacy of hard work, community service, and generosity as well as a love of life that was authentic, unapologetic, and carried out on his own terms.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 am on Thursday, 4 May 2023. The family will welcome guests at Pierce Funeral Home, in Manassas, Virginia, beginning at 10:00 am. After the service, the family will host a gathering at the Winery at Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia from 1:00-3:00 pm. In remembrance of Fred Reger's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
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Tribute Wall

FJ

“ *Ann so sorry to hear about Fred. We won't be able to be there but we have sent flowers. We sure have thought about you all these last years a lot. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Fuzzy and Carol Jones*

Fuzzy Jones - April 28, 2023 at 03:27 PM

HJ

“ *Hokie Fuzzy and Carol Jones purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Fred Hampton Reger.*



Hokie Fuzzy and Carol Jones - April 28, 2023 at 03:13 PM

DJ

“ *Rest in Peace old friend, we had a lot of good times on Strathmore Farm at Mt. Jackson, VA. when we were kids. Your Friend Donald Jenkins*

Donald Jenkins - April 27, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Fred Hampton Reger.*



April 27, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Fred Hampton Reger.*



April 27, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Lana Conner lit a candle in memory of Fred Hampton Reger*



Lana Conner - April 26, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ *Ann and family,*

What a beautifully written obituary -- it is a wonderful tribute to a truly remarkable man. I have such fond memories of Fred, who always greeted me warmly. His witty banter and infectious personality left a lasting impact on me. I feel very blessed to have known him. I wish there was something I could say to comfort you, but those words simply do not exist. Just know that you are all in my prayers, and I am wishing for you everything your hearts need for peace during this very sad and difficult time.

Dale (Potts) Jepson - April 26, 2023 at 06:56 AM

BR

*Ann and the entire Reger family,
I am sorry to learn of Fred's death and, while I know that it was
expected, the finality still hits the heart hard. My sympathy to all of his
family and friends. We classmates from SJHS, 1961, will miss him too!*
Barbara Showman Rhinehart

Barbara Showman Rhinehart - April 27, 2023 at 11:13 AM

BS

*I just learned of Fred's passing . I remember Fred from R Squadron at
Virginia Tech . He was a Junior when I was a Freshman . Best thoughts
to the entire Reger Family . Bill Stepp*

Bill Stepp - June 19, 2023 at 08:16 AM

DL

*I attended many of Fred's auctions and got to know him well. He
always treated me with fairness and respect and quickly became my
favorite auctioneer. I was saddened to learn of his passing but have
many fond memories by which to remember him.*

Dave Lindahl - June 26, 2025 at 10:04 AM