



Dr. Fred M. Page Jr.

May 1, 1947 - April 8, 2020

Obituary for Fred McDougald Page, Jr.

Dr. Fred Page, Jr. passed away peacefully in the arms of his loving wife with his youngest son, Chase, at his bedside on April 8, 2020, after being diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia in December 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Page, Sr. and Mary Lee Page, and his son, Fred Page, III.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Christie, their son, Chase, one older son, John of Ellabell, and his mother, Jane Page, two brothers, Vick (Nancy) of Statesboro and Will (Linda) of Helena, and two stepsons, Haze Smith of Orlando, Florida and Bailey Smith of Statesboro. He is further survived by two grandchildren, J.D. Page of North Carolina and Thomas Page of Statesboro and their mother, Michelle Page, along with two great grandchildren, Alayna and Alec Page of North Carolina. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews: Nicholas, Abby, and Stephanie Campbell, Phillip, Macy, and Mary Ashton Salter, Brad Arrington, Jim Page, Leslie Garcia, along with an extra special niece, Nancy Lee Page. He is further survived by his favorite cousin, Bobby Dasher (Ann) of Valdosta and their daughter, DeeAnn Scruggs. In addition to family members, he is survived by two very special honorary members of the family, Lee Fulcher, who affectionately referred to him as "Daddy Fred," along with Rosaland King, friend and caregiver and longtime friend, Lee Johnson.

Fred was born in Statesboro, Georgia on May 1, 1947. He graduated from Statesboro High School in 1965 where, as a senior and captain of the basketball team, he led them to a state tournament semi-final finish. Fred graduated from Georgia Southern College with the following degrees: BSEd, MSEd, and EdS. In 1979, he received his PhD in Education from Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi.

Fred was employed by Georgia Southern from 1973-2004. He retired as Professor and Associate Dean, Emeritus, in the College of Education. For fourteen of those years, he coordinated the College of Education's Field Experience programs which involved all levels of preservice teaching. In 1994, Dr. Page's Field Experience program was recognized by the National Council of Teacher Education as a model for the state of Georgia. His development of the Clinical Associate program, the first of its kind, not only in

Georgia, but in the nation, caused institutions across the U.S. to seek his expertise in helping them to develop such a program on their campuses. His work in educational supervision enabled him to have an ongoing perspective on teacher preparation in the state of Georgia and he often presented at state and national professional meetings, as well as being published in various professional journals. He also served as an elected Executive Board member of the Georgia Accrediting Commission and was an on-going resource for the Georgia Professional Standards Commission on Education.

In 1982, Coach Erk Russell invited Fred to develop and coordinate a chain crew for Georgia Southern's home football games. This allowed him a close-up view of Eagle football which he so dearly loved. Fred remained on the chain crew until 2001. Significant sideline head injuries necessitated his giving up the down marker at the end of the 2001 season, but he continued hosting game officials until 2005. Through the years, associations with these officials created friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Fred was a member of First Baptist Church of Statesboro for more than 50 years and was a member of Bill Stubb's Care Sunday School class. He enjoyed active participation, serving as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Director, Usher, Greeter, and Deacon for more than 35 years.

Fred was the happiest when he could take his family, along with his in-laws, Billy and Mary Gibson, traveling around our beautiful countryside. Some of their travels took them to New York's Central Park, Maui's curvy road to Hana, Oahu's Diamond Head, Colorado's Red Rocks, Washington D.C.'s July 4th patriotic celebrations, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, Yellowstone's Old Faithful, the magnificent Grand Canyon, Las Vegas' never-ending entertainment, the historical cities of Boston and Philadelphia, the mountains of Shenandoah in Virginia and West Virginia, the sights of Lake Michigan and the Navy Pier in Chicago, the breath-taking Wisconsin Dells, Kennebunkport and Bar Harbor in Maine, to the fun enjoyed in Branson, Missouri. In addition to these trips, he took his family to Tacoma, Pocatello, and Chattanooga to witness Georgia Southern play for three National Championship titles.

Due to a multitude of health problems beginning in 1999 with a severe closed head injury that Fred experienced on the sidelines of Georgia Southern University to an unfortunate out-patient procedure which damaged his esophagus in 2005, his family made countless trips to Jacksonville, Florida to the Mayo Clinic. Due to Fred's constant outlook of seeing the positive in all situations, he and Christie, along with Chase, dubbed Jacksonville their home away from home. They developed many friendships, both medical and personal, as they looked for opportunities to create everlasting memories with those encountered along their journey of trying to heal Fred's body. Dr. Michael Wallace, gastroenterologist at Mayo Clinic, will forever hold a special place in the heart of Fred and Fred's family for his tireless efforts to keep him healthy.

Fred's life was always lived with others in mind. His greatest gift to those he encountered,

especially his former elementary and middle school students, the classroom teachers in which he mentored, and the student teachers which he supervised was his ability to make each one feel as though he/she were unique and the very best at their craft. For this very reason, it was not unusual for Christie or Chase to meet former students or classroom teachers throughout the years who would each claim that “Dr. Page was their all-time favorite teacher.”

Never having said an unkind word about anyone, he leaves this earth with still much to give his family and friends. Their hearts will always be filled with the love he so generously lived.

On Saturday April 11, 2020, from 11:30am until 12:30pm, there will be a drive thru visitation for family and friends desiring to speak to the immediate family at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home. Autos will enter the parking lot and be directed to the portico area. Everyone attending will be required to remain in their car, lower their window and speak to the family as they pass. Everyone will be more than six feet from the family.

A private family graveside service and burial will be Saturday at 1:00pm at Eastside Cemetery in Statesboro with Rev. Ricky Allen and Pastor Edward Salter officiating.

For those desiring to view the service you may do so by joining the group “Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory Live Stream” at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jafhlive/>. For friends attending the service they may remain in their cars at a distance and view the live stream.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to First Baptist Church of Statesboro’s Building Fund 108 North Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458 or Ogeechee Area Hospice, P.O. Box 531, Statesboro, Georgia 30459.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Events

APR **Visitation** 11:30AM - 12:30PM

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Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home - Statesboro
502 Miller Street Ext., Statesboro, GA, US, 30458

APR **Service** 01:00PM

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Eastside Cemetery
Northside Drive, Statesboro, GA, US, 30458

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - April 10, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ Dr. Page was my 5th grade teacher at Marvin Pittman. He was my favorite teacher! The only time I ever made straight A's for the entire school year, he was that good of a teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Rest in peace Dr. Page, you will be greatly missed!

Michele Chodnicki - April 18, 2020 at 05:12 AM



“ Michele, thank you so much for your kind words. Fred loved all of his students so much. He will be missed by so many.

Christie - April 30, 2020 at 12:05 AM



“ I am sorry to learn of Fred's passing. I worked with Fred at GA Southern for several years. And during the past few years, I had visited with him a couple of times at Mayo Clinic when I, too, was there for treatment. He was a real Southern Gentleman and excellent teacher. My sincere sympathy is extended to his family and many friends. Dr. Nancy J. Lanier

Dr. Nancy J. Lanier - April 18, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ Thank you so much for your sweet words.

Christie - April 23, 2020 at 07:27 PM



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Joy McCown - April 11, 2020 at 01:47 PM



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Barbara S White Deal - April 11, 2020 at 10:04 AM



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Yelena Cooper - April 10, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Janet Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Fred M. Page Jr.



Janet Hamilton - April 10, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Dr. Page was one of my favorite professors at GSU. I had many classes under him as I completed my Master's Degree and my Educational Specialist's Degree. He was always kind and helpful. I frequently saw him around town after I started teaching. I am sad to hear of his passing. I send love and prayers for his family. Bobbie Trowbridge

Barbara Alice Trowbridge - April 10, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words.

Christie - April 23, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ 124 files added to the album LifeTributes



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - April 10, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ Fred Page was one of the finest men I ever knew. I knew Fred at the First Baptist Church, but also had the privilege of working with Fred at the Holiday Inn in Statesboro in the 1970's along with my brother Richard Mallard, my brother Mike Mallard, and Lee Johnson. Fred would usually be seen with a smile that would soon be followed by laughter. It was just a better day when Fred was around. To me the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22 that characterized Fred was his joy, kindness, goodness, and gentleness. Fred, You Will Be Missed.

John Mallard - April 10, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Fred M. Page Jr..



April 10, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Christie and Chase my heart and prayers go out to you. Mr. Page was kind and always willing to help. He always had smile on his face. I am and always be appreciative of the impact he had on my career. May there be comfort in knowing that Mr. Page was special and will never be forgotten.

The Littles/The Abrahams - April 10, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ That was so very sweet. I agree that he was a special man. Thank you for keeping his memory alive.

Christie - April 23, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ I will never forget that Fred was with me and Will just before my mother died back in 2007 and then came again to be with us shortly before my father passed away in 2012. He was such a comforter to me both times. He always had a thoughtful spirit just like his sweet mamma. We will always miss Fred but we cherish all those precious memories with him !

Linda Page - April 10, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ Remember Fred from graduate school. Always cheerful and upbeat. Sorry for your loss

Johnny Brantley

Johnny Brantley - April 10, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Thank you so much.

Christie - April 23, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ Fred and I grew up across the street from one another on North College Street. He and I we childhood buddies back in the 1950's. His family lived across street from my grandmother so I was always over there visiting. He and I lost contact after I moved to Savannah and later Atlanta. Would always stop by to say hello to his parents when visiting Statesboro. So sorry to hear of his passing and pray for him and his family. God bless ya'll. David Abernathy

Dave Abernathy - April 10, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ From Will Page. I was so happy to read your message about Fred. We have so many great memories of you on College St. growing up in the 1950's. Hope you and your family are well and God bless you !

Linda - April 12, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Thank you David. He mentioned your name to me a few times when he would reminisce about his childhood days. Obviously you were very special.

I'm curious to know if you had any family in Louisville, Georgia. My neighbor was Aurie Abernathy and she had two boys, David and Grant.

Christie - April 23, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ I remember the last time I saw Fred as I was walking up to his house. He was leaving with his brother and he hugged my name and called me by name. A special time since he was dealing with dementia.

God speed Fred and I look forward to seeing you in Heaven one day!!!

Barbara Brooks

Barbara Brooks - April 10, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Thank you my sweet friend.

Christie - April 23, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ Christie I look back over nearly 40 years of knowing Fred, and there are so many wonderful memories - the way he loved his parents and brothers and sons and students and colleagues and on and on I could go. Thank you for the love and care you gave him. God bless you. Bill Perry

Bill Perry - April 10, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ Bill, thank you so much. He loved, admired, and appreciated you more than you'll ever know. Thank you for uniting us in marriage. All my love. Christie

Christie - April 23, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Christie, Bill and I have so many fond memories of times we spent with you and Fred. May you find peace and comfort in your memories. Our love to you and all the family...

Bill and Carolyn Broucek - April 10, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ My heart felt condolences to you Christie and Chase. What a delightful man Fred was. As hard as the last few years have been for him and you , his gentle spirit persevered. He was pleased to see everyone. He will always be revered and remembered as a loving gentle man. I was blessed whenever I was with him and know that God is glad to receive him with open arms.

cheryl e perkins - April 10, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ Oh if you only knew the people and especially your students that you touched in more ways than one. Such an intelligent humble man. Always that kind smile you'll never be forgotten Fred you showed your kind heart and love for God in your every day life. Yes God got a good man. Prayers to this wonderful family

freda johson - April 10, 2020 at 01:24 AM



“ Dr. Page was a wonderful teacher and mentor at Georgia Southern in the Early Childhood Education program. Prayers of comfort for his family.



Kathryn Cribbs Sutton - April 10, 2020 at 12:54 AM



“ Dr. Page was one of my best professors at Georgia Southern. My prayers go out to the entire family. Heaven has surely gained another angel.
Leslie Belcher

Leslie Belcher - April 09, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ He was Mr Page as our 6th grade teacher at BA..He made coming to school everyday a wonderful experience and he was my all time favorite teacher! What a beautiful obituary for a special man.

Nancy Thomas - April 09, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ Prayers and thoughts for you Christie & all the Page Family ..God Bless



Melissa Ann Brannen - April 09, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Linda Loveless lit a candle in memory of Dr. Fred M. Page Jr.



Linda Loveless - April 09, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ What an awesome man! He came into my life as an educational teacher/supervisor and became a friend that was always supportive and encouraged me to be the best. He believed in the value of education and family. He will be missed. However, his legacy will live on.
Christie and family - my prayers and love are with you.

Love,
Rebecca Anderson

Rebecca Anderson - April 09, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Christie,
I am so sorry for your loss.Fred was such a wonderful, sweet man and he loved you dearly. I hope your memories will bring you comfort in the days ahead.
Allison Corbin

Allison Corbin - April 09, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Dr. Page was a valued friend and mentor for many years. Especially important to me was his leadership as a member of my doctoral committee and his continued mentorship in my first principalship. What an awesome, humble gentle giant of a man he was. Prayers for his sweet wife, children, and all of his family.

Dr. Brenda Shuman-Riley - April 09, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Thank you Dr. Brenda. He thought so highly of you. He will be missed by many.

Christie - April 29, 2020 at 11:58 PM



“ Fred made an impact on so many of us. He was a dad to many of the Georgia Southern cheerleaders and always went out of his way to help us.

Blaine Wheeler - April 09, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ Blaine, thank you for your kind words. Fred loved all aspects of GSU football. I'm glad that he was there for you and the other cheerleaders. He will be missed by many.

Christie - April 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Page was a great teacher, and mentor. He chaperoned a friend and I to Omaha to see Southern in the CWS in "73". I know he was a positive influence on many!
Jim Hall

Jim Hall - April 09, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words. They are very much appreciated. He will be missed by many.

Christie - April 30, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ Fred and I send our prayers and love to the Page family. We know personally how difficult it is to lose a loved one by degrees as Donna’s father died with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

Fred always considered Fred an exceptional colleague and one of Georgia Southern’s stars.

Take comfort in knowing that he is once again whole.
Donna Whitt

donna whitt - April 09, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ Thank you Donna. I, too, agree that he was a shining star. We miss him so much but know that Heaven gained an angel when Fred entered the gates of Heaven.

Christie - April 30, 2020 at 12:03 AM



“ I last saw Dr. Page with both his wife and son, Chase when Chase was getting his learner’s license as was my son. It was so wonderful to be able to briefly speak with Dr. Page then. I am a teacher and I always loved my interactions with Dr. Page. He was so kind and helpful all the time. I would also like to tell John that I am so sorry for your loss. John and my husband Clint worked together at one point in time and I enjoyed getting to know him. To his grandson JD whom I taught I would also like to send prayers to you as well as all of Dr. Page’s friends and family. He was a great man!

Julie Akins - April 09, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Thank you Julie. I remember meeting you. Your kind words have touched my heart. Fred will be missed by many.

Christie - April 30, 2020 at 12:04 AM



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