



Frederick Howard "Fritz" Culver

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Frederick Howard "Fritz" Culver, 90, passed away at his home on Tuesday December 20, 2022. He was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin to Ralph E "Stuffy" and Thekla von Schrader Culver on February 14, 1932. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1955.

He went to work for Shell Oil Company in Louisiana and Texas following graduation. He married the love of his life Barbara Marlene Bergh on June 23, 1956. They lived in Houston, Texas and then moved to McAllen, Texas where their son Jeffrey was born. They next moved to New Orleans, Louisiana. Fritz worked for Gurtler Hebert for a few years while they lived in New Orleans. Their daughter Vicki was born in New Orleans. While working for Gurtler Hebert, Fritz helped develop the technology for reeled pipeline laying. In 2004, he was inducted into the Technology Hall of Fame by the Offshore Energy Center for the pipeline technology. He then went to work for Tidewater Marine Service. Their next move was to Morgan City, Louisiana and their daughter Pamela was born there. Fritz became an executive with Tidewater and soon the family moved overseas. They lived in Lagos, Nigeria and then in London, England. In 1977, the family was transferred back to New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1979 Fritz began his own business "Fritz Culver, Inc." which designed and manufactured deck equipment for the offshore oil industry. Fritz retired in 1999 and he and Barbara spent several years traveling and enjoying their cottage at the lake in Wisconsin.

Fritz was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Covington and he helped build the parish hall and Christ Episcopal School. Along their journey through life Fritz and Barbara have amassed many lifelong close family friends. Fritz and Barbara have always been welcoming of friends and family whether at their home in Louisiana or their cottage in Wisconsin.

Fritz is preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Thekla and by his brother H. Tod Culver. He is survived by his wife Barbara, his children Jeffrey (Stacey) Culver, Vicki (Jim) Anderson and Pamela Culver, his granddaughter Erin Culver, his sister Thekla Johnson and several nieces and



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nephews. He will be sorely missed by many friends and family who have been blessed by his friendship over the years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Episcopal Church, Christwood Retirement Center, the American Heart Association or Ben's Legacy, Inc. (Pine Lake), P. O. Box 897, Sheboygan, WI, 53082.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the memorial services at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 S. New Hampshire, Covington LA on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 11:00 AM with a gathering at church on Tuesday beginning at 9:30 AM. A reception will follow.



Events


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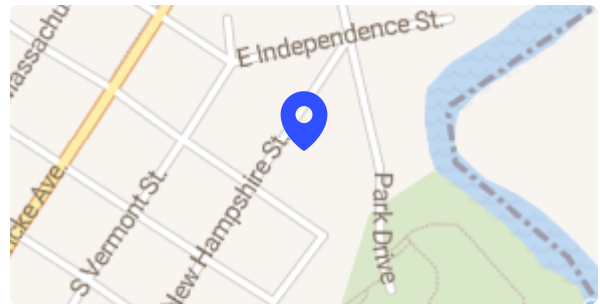
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Gathering

 **Tuesday**, December 27, 2022


 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Christ Episcopal Church**
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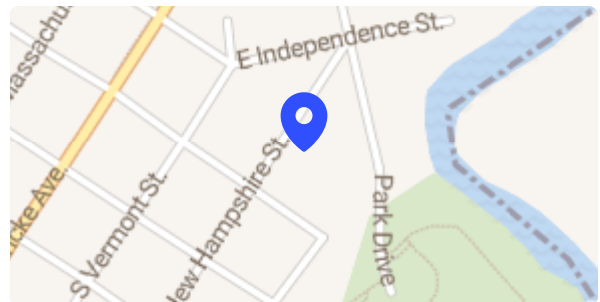


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William R. Harris posted:

It was always a pleasure to work for Fritz ! We enjoyed many lunches together when I was there working on his cutting machines. He had a great sense of humor and was always kind giving you the benefit of the doubt when there was a problem.I have thought about him often over the years!!My thoughts, condolences and prayers to the family and everyone who knew Fritz.from: Bill Harris and Deborah Young (formerly of Union Carbide and L-Tec) Folsom,Louisiana

December 29 at 11:16 AM



Sandra Stuart posted:

Fritz could fix anything! If you had a problem, he was there and willing to help you with it. He helped me put on a party for my sister, Carolyn. It was cold in September; he brought over heaters and made my porch nice and warm for my party. I'm so sorry to lose such a good Pine Laker. from Jeanne Stuart

December 27 at 12:13 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Culver family.



December 26 at 11:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Culver family.



December 24 at 2:52 PM



Laura Bourg posted:

I am so happy and blessed that I had the privilege to become acquainted with Mr.Fritz and Ms.Barb! I was a companion to them but they always made me feel like family! Mr. Fritz was an amazing man! He always knew how to make you laugh and was a wonderful storyteller! He taught me how to use a bacon press and make pancakes and he also schooled me on how to make a perfect " bullet"! Most of all, Mr. Fritz taught me about kindness, endurance and to never give up! I will forever cherish his friendship and I will always remember him well. Praying for Ms. Barb and all of the family. May God keep each you and bless you with His peace!

December 24 at 6:41 AM



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AB

Anne Bullock posted:

My most sincere condolences to Barbara and the whole family. Fritz was one of the kindest people I have met and an honour to have worked with him in the UK. María José sends her best wishes to you all and has good memories of his kindness to her and her son. You will be greatly missed Fritz RIP dear friend.

December 24 at 1:48 AM

ED

Eldar Lind Dragesund posted:

Sorry for your loss, but we are grateful to learn Fritz and Barbara to know. We have a lot of good memories from visit to your homes, New Orleans, your cabin at the lake and here in Norway. You will always be in our minds ❤️ Arna and Eldar

December 23 at 11:58 AM

SD

Siv Lind Dragesund posted:

So sorry for your loss ❤️ When I was around you're family it has always felt like being home. I have so many Great memories. The week I had with you and you're family when I was an exchange student were the highlight of the year. Wish we were closer in miles. Feel like our ❤️ are close across the globe. Big hugs from Siv Lind Dragesund

December 22 at 9:21 PM

JB

Jenn And Bill Baier posted:

We will forever be grateful for all the Pine Lake pancake breakfasts and pontoon rides with Fritz. Our deepest condolences to the family.

December 22 at 4:57 PM

FD

Fogel Dan posted:

Sending love and condolences. Fritz and Barb had been great friends over the years. Barb and family, all the best in these difficult times. You will be in my thoughts. Love Dan Fogel.

December 22 at 4:13 PM



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JH

Joni Heath posted:

Fritz was so light hearted; easy with a laugh. A real class act with an interesting and impressive history. Barb and Fritz were so supportive of their kids; a tight, fun-loving group. I'm sure he appreciated and relished their devotion, especially of late. Sending hugs! You've done him proud!

December 22 at 3:54 PM

BS

Beth Sullivan posted:

So sorry for your family. Fritz was always smiling and full of life. Many memories of Fritz and Barbara supporting our triathlon and other endeavors. Hugs to all!

December 22 at 1:32 PM

JD

Julie & Joey Drouant posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. We pray that you & your family have the strength you need to get through this difficult time.

December 22 at 12:01 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frederick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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