



Fred W. Wise Jr.

April 12, 1928 - May 19, 2012

Fred W. Wise Jr., 84, of Clarion, died on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at his home.

Born on April 12, 1928, in Sykesville, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Fred Wise, Sr. and Sara Haines. On Aug. 9, 1952, he and LaGene Hummel were married. He graduated from Sykesville High School in 1946 and obtained degrees from both Clarion University and Penn State.

For over fifty years, Fred was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarion and of the John M. Read Masonic Lodge of Reynoldsville. He was also a member of the National Huguenot Society and the Amateur Radio Club of Clarion.

Mr. Wise was a well-loved science teacher at Keystone High School from 1953 to 1991. By creating fun and engaging science lessons, he aspired to create students with a lifelong interest in learning. Scientific experiments were regularly enjoyed by all.

Fred was an accomplished artist, bicyclist, conversationalist, photographer, genealogist, supportive ally, certified ham radio operator, stained glass craftsman and nurturer of an Ubuntu forest. Since 1950, each day was symbolically documented in one of his well-known "flower garden stones" which he sold at the Cooks Forest Sawmill Center for the Arts. As a lifelong learner and creative free thinker, he embraced life while bringing science to his art and art to his science.

He is survived by his children: Dr. Kevin Wise and Mila Hyde, of Carbondale, Ill., Lori and Daniel Grunick of Knox, Beth Wise of Mountain View, Calif., Kirke

and Kathy Wise of Strattanville; and grandchildren: Ezra Grunick and Tricia Nale of Sligo, Arlyn Grunick and Takeru Garcia of Austin, Texas, Miria Grunick and Thierry Lamarre of Hoboken, NJ, Adam and Aaron Wise of Strattanville, and Irene and William Groethe of Mountain View, Calif; and one great grandchild: Fredrick Sohei Gibo of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by his treasured extended family and a brother, Howard Wise of Spring Mills. In addition to his parents, Mr. Wise was preceded in death by his wife, LaGene Wise, and an infant grandson, Michael Grunick.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion. Private funeral services are being held.

Memorials may be made to Clarion Free Library, 302 N Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214, or the Clarion Senior Center, 516 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214.

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *John And Edie Barty lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Wise Jr.*



John and Edie Barty - October 17, 2021 at 09:59 AM

KB

“ *Fred was an inspiration. He and I forged the first link in 150 years between our Bonnet families who emigrated from Charlottenberg, Nassau, Germany in the mid 1800s. We are descended from Bonnet brothers. Fred represents a tribute to the best in all of us, and is a model and person of pride in our history and to all who knew him.*

Kenneth Bonnet - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *To Fred's family...
Sorry to hear of Fred's passing....although we were teaching in different buildings....enjoyed his words of wisdom and sense of humor when our paths crossed.....special 'Hi' to Miria!
God be with you all as you walk through the journey of grief.
Lois Eisenhuth*

Lois Eisenhuth - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ My sympathy goes out to the Wise family. Fred was a participant in several of my science teacher education classes. I valued him as more than a graduate student; he was a colleague and friend with unique interests and views. We shall all miss him.

Ken Mechling - May 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I was sad to see that Mr. Wise had passed. I have great memories of Mr. Wise as a student of his at Keystone. His love for science and his students was very evident. I especially enjoyed the way his unique sense of humor made science really enjoyable. It was always great to run into him in recent years around Clarion. He was always very willing to stop and say hi and reminisce.

Kerry Mapes - May 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was very sorry to hear of your loss and would like to express my condolences. Fred was a very much appreciated member of our science faculty and brought many creative ideas to the classroom.

John Summerville - May 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I first met Mr. Wise as a student. Then a co-worker at the school. And finally as a retired friend at our retiree luncheons. He was always so much fun at the luncheons. He will be missed. I am so happy to have one of Fred's Round-to-its in my flower garden.

Nadine Knight Sheffer - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Please accept my condolences in the loss of your Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. He was a well loved man at Keystone High School. It has been many years since I had him for a teacher. But I remember him well. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
God Bless
Vicki Burns Romine

Vicki Burns Romine - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I recently came upon my science project report from high school. I can truly say my class with Mr. Wise was the ones I remember. My love of the outdoors was intensified with his classes. I also got to personally get to know him as I became an adult, (how lucky I was). Fred daughter Lori has been a friend for more years than I will admit! I know he will be remembered as one of the great teachers at Keystone and so he will never be forgotten. What a legacy he has.
Thank you Mr. Wise

Kris Weeter Parker - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am remembering our childhood friendships and the love we shared. My deepest sympathy to the Wise family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cara Cherico - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Sorry for your loss. He was a great teacher and will be missed by all his students.

Pearl McClure - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *What a super,wonderful man Fred was. Not only was he a member of the senior center exercise group, but he repaired our tiffany lamp after our toddler tried to climb it. Fred had so many talents. I looked for him whenever I passed his garden, which was quite often since it's right in back of the library. I fondly remember LaGene who was so kind.*

Joyce Gendler - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Wise' passing. He was our beloved teacher at Keystone for so many years. He was truly one of a kind and will be missed by all. Prayers and sympathy to the whole family.*

Jeanne Kurtzhals/Schmader - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. May your memories comfort you at this difficult time. Your father was a wonderful person. Fondly Jane*

Jane Reish - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *I was so sorry to hear of his passing and send my thoughts and prayers to your family at this time. Mr. Wise was a wonderful teacher and always loved his science classes! RIP MR. Wise!*

Debra Harris - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Fred's backyard art and stained glass was full of joyful light for all who would pass his home on Wood Street. He will be missed.*

light fan - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *R.I.P. Mr.Wise !!*

Condolences to all the Wise family;remember all the good times ,till you meet again. Mr. Wise was a great teacher at Keystone and someone that all the students respected.

B.J. Weimer - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM