



## Frederick L. Weiler

August 14, 1939 - September 2, 2016

Fred Weiler age 77 of Milwaukie Oregon passed away on September 2nd 2016 at Kaiser

Sunnyside Hospital from cancer.

Born on August 14th 1939 in Oregon City Oregon to Theodore and Helen Weiler.

Fred was the first of the Weilers born on American soil and was very proud of this. His father

was born in Alberta Canada and his grandfather was born in Odessa in the Ukraine. The Weiler

family left Russia in 1917. While German was spoken in the home he was quick to remind

people the family was not German, but Prussian as the Germans had taken their country. As a

small boy he lived in California for several years where his father was a translator in the Army

for German prisoners during WW2. Being the son of an immigrant father expectations were high

and many pressures were put on him as he grew up. His grandparents John and Rosa Jackson

played a large role helping soften some of the edges and to make sure there was a softness

under his hard exterior.

He graduated from West Linn High school in 1957. He married Sherry Rivers in 1962 while in the Marines. Fred served 4 years in the Corps, but always remained a Marine. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton California and served on the USS Topeka in the Pacific. His unit served as support to the troops in Vietnam with the superior artillery fire and air support from helicopters. He was very proud of his time in the Corps. Upon his discharge from the Corps in 1963 he returned to Oregon and lived in Gladstone. After his son Fred Jr. was born the family moved to a small farm in Mulino Oregon. Many memories were created while on the farm. Fred proved to have quite a way with the animals shooting at least one toothless Billy goat. He and Sherry divorced and Fred Moved to Milwaukee where he lived until his death. Fred was a bit of a restless soul. He found his match when he met and married Fran Dionne. The couple had a special relationship and were married for 29 years. Fran was one of the only people in his life who were able to keep him on the straighter and somewhat narrow path. His last words to his son were of his beloved wife. Fred was a renaissance man who had many jobs and hobbies during his lifetime. Some of the positions he held were garbageman, truck driver, police officer, millrite, grain inspector, manager of the service department of Thomason Ford and he owned and operated his own upholstery

shop for many years before his retirement in 2001.

Fred was also an avid outdoorsman. He loved his time in the woods hunting and on the water

fishing. He was an avid shooter and lifetime member of the NRA. He had a love of history and

ancient cultures. This was depicted in his artwork, whether it was inlaid details in a rifle stock a

replica of a native american spear or a wildlife scene painted on a saw blade.

He loved to tinker and build time saving devices. There was no problem that arose that he

couldn't solve with some clever down home engineering.

Fred was quite a musician. Encouraged to play the piano at a young age he continued to make

make music and try new instruments. He had the ability to pick up an instrument he had never

played before and become proficient without any formal training. He had a love for old time

country and gospel music, but his true favorite was Bluegrass. He made many special

friendships in the bluegrass community and will be missed dearly. He and Fran looked forward

to traveling to bluegrass festivals and spending time with friends.

Fred was a complex person. While he may have had a rough exterior he had a heart of gold. He

had a great sense of humor and loved to tease.

While he had no biological siblings Fred did have a couple of brothers who were there for him

through thick and thin. Ken Dye and Al Uney were both very special and had a dear spot in his

heart.

He is survived by his wife Fran Weiler of Milwaukie, Oregon; Son Fred Weiler  
and

Daughterinlaw

Dayna Weiler of Damascus, Oregon; daughter, Debbie Cannon and Soninlaw  
Mike Cannon of Estacada, Oregon; Son Duane Dionne of Oregon City,  
Oregon; Grandchildren:

Zane Weiler, Quade Weiler, Etta "Scottie" Weiler, Townsend Weiler, Kiki and  
Shaun Dohman,

Jabin Dionne, Jaren Dionne; GreatGrand

Son: Baby Beau Dohman

# Cemetery Details

## Willamette National Cemetery

11800 Southeast Mount Scott Boulevard  
Portland, OR

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Hillside Chapel  
1306 7th Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
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<https://www.hillsidechapelfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hillside Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Frederick L. Weiler*



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**Hillside Chapel** - September 15, 2016 at 02:04 PM



“ *Frederick L. Weiler*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *I remember Fred. Son of Ted and Helen. I remember a piano in their home. I remember Fred sitting on the couch at Grandpa and Grandma Weiler house in Oregon City. Ed and Mary and Pam and Nancy were there. Maybe Donna and Sonny too. Perle and Jerry with little Jerry. So very long ago.*

*Gail Weiler Little  
Step-daughter of Alfred J Weiler*

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**Gail Little** - May 15, 2017 at 08:40 PM

JS

“ Attended services for Fred today and met a lot of people I've heard about but never met. Everyone had the same opinion---Fred was one of a kind with a heart of gold who would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. A nice musical tribute from Annie, John, and Chuck playing Jimmy Brown and other BG music. I was impressed with the procession to the cemetery and the brief service at Willamette National Cemetery. The Patriot Guard Riders were present as well as VFW honor guard and a military honor guard. At the end of the services, four F-15s flew overhead. Don't know if that was part of the ceremony or if they were off on a training mission somewhere. Somehow, Fred Sr. made it happen and he would have been proud of the sendoff.

*Fred, we will be leaving an empty chair for you at future Bluegrass Festivals and your presence will be truly missed. Thank you for the short time that we spent together. Joe & Donna Schaal, Oregon City, OR.*

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**Joe Schaal** - September 19, 2016 at 06:30 PM

CP

“ Wonderful photos and tribute to your Dad. He'd be pleased. Rest in Peace, Big Fred.

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**Cherrol Pacholl** - September 17, 2016 at 05:01 PM

GW

“ My name is Gloria Woolridge and in 1965 Fred & Sherry introduced me to Chuck Woolridge. I worked with Sherry at the bank and Chuck was a truck driver where Fred worked. Chuck and I had 44 happy years together until his passing in 2009 thanks to Fred and Sherry.

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**Gloria Woolridge** - September 14, 2016 at 09:47 PM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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Hillside Chapel - September 14, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ 59 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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Hillside Chapel - September 12, 2016 at 04:13 PM