



# Fred Grant Attebury

APR 23, 1932 - AUG 23, 2018



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**F**red Grant Attebury, age 86, was a 50 year resident of East China, Michigan.  
Born, April 23, 1932 – Died, August 23, 2018

Fred Grant Attebury was the 3rd of four children, preceded by brother David and sister Ellen, followed by brother John, born to Clark Mackin Attebury and Lydia Howard-Attebury on April 23, 1932 in East St. Louis, Illinois, during the depths of The Great Depression.

In 1952 Fred joined the US Coast Guard. Fred was a Yeoman, and often told the story of how he joined the Coast Guard football team in order to get better food. He was stationed at various bases, including New Jersey, Connecticut and Traverse City Michigan.

Fred attended the University of Illinois where he graduated in June of 1958 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He continued his education, acquiring a Master of Arts in Art Education.

Fred taught art at Champaign Central High School from 1958 thru 1968, where he also coached the Champaign Central high school tennis team to multiple winning seasons.

In 1968, Fred moved his family to Michigan where he took an assistant professorship at Wayne State University in the Art Education department. Fred loved teaching, and taught classes in Painting, Sculpture, Printmaking, Pottery, Wood and Metal Design, Animation, Computer Graphics, and Multi-Image Projections. His 'Saturday School' art program brought hundreds of art students from the Detroit area to Wayne State University for instruction, offering Fred's art education students an opportunity to hone their teaching skills in a realistic learning environment. He also initiated a program to recognize Outstanding Achievement in the Arts by alumni. For a many years Fred was also an Administrator in the College of Education, and served as Chairman of the Art Education Department.

In 1994, Fred retired to his home on the St. Clair River, where he and his wife Sandy enjoyed life tending his trees, swimming in the river, and visiting with friends, relatives, children,



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grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Beloved teacher, husband, father and friend, Fred was preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley Ann Lardie. He is survived by his sister Ellen Jane McDowell, brothers John and David, along with many loving nieces and nephews. Fred is also survived by his second wife, Sandy, his children Annette, Clark, (Holly), Mike (Marguerite), and Fritz (Ruth). Grandsons Trenton, Mathew (Susan), Brian, Kevin (Kristine), Blair (Tiffany) and Christopher. Great grand-children, Eleanor, Madison, and Harrison.

He was also the beloved Stepfather to Benita Alexander, Joss (Chris) Saccone and Matt (Sarah) Alexander and step grandchildren, Paige & Zoe Alexander, Jessina Noel and Alex Saccone.

Memorial services will be held at Young Funeral Home in China Twp, Michigan on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 12n. Visitation from 10a.

Your memorial gift to the National Forest Foundation will plant trees to help restore America's National Forests. To make a gift, please visit:

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# Events

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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 8, 2018


 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



## Memorial Service

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 12:00 PM ET

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## Cemetery Details

 Cremation



# Tribute Wall

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**Lori Hannon** lit a candle in honor of Fred.



September 8 at 4:27 AM



**Steve Achatz** posted:

Well I didn't know Mr. Attebury super good. But I knew him better in the last 10-15 years. When he came to my store to buy soup he always had some great stories from the days of SCHS and my classmates. And he always had 2 cents worth for the Lions, (as we all do) . I remember when I ran out to his car one day when he was leaving and showed him my Lions football that Matt Stafford threw 5 passes to me and signed at a Jack's Place for Autism fundraiser. As I handed it to him he had a gleam on his face that I won't soon forget.I hate to say it but I wasn't sure if he was going to give the ball back, Fritz can attest to that.I am going to try and make it today, but I am in the catering business and have over 10 events today and with my strongest team member on vacation it could be tough.I'll wrap it up with...he was a guy who was really easy to talk to and put you at ease.Mr. Attebury I hope you can find some soup as good as mine!Steve Achatz

September 8 at 1:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Attebury family.



September 7 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fairest of All to the Attebury family.



September 7 at 5:18 AM



**Julie Belling** posted:

Fred was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He was such a kind soul. We will miss his stories of the "old" neighborhood. Prayers to Sandy and the family. The Bellings and Bells

September 6 at 7:16 AM



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**Tim Brooks** posted:

In any of my interactions with Mr. Attebury at Wayne State, he was always an attentive and amicable fellow. You always felt as though he cared for his students-- both collectively and individually. He was an easy man to respect, and even easier to like. Tim Brooks

September 5 at 12:47 PM



**Ray Rutyna** posted:

Fred Attebury was one of the stars in Wayne State University's Art Education department. My memories of him are from the years after 1969 when he convinced me to enter the Art Ed program which I thought was not needed since i already had a B.F.A. degree from the university. But convince me he did, saying that teaching, even art, needed to meet State of Michigan requirements. And he was of course right, as the methods for teaching art differed from those of Fine Arts. Professor Attebury was always informal in his approach and his classes were always inspiring as well as just plain fun to be in. They were the greatest examples of how to be an effective teacher. Fred Attebury's students have gone on to successful careers in school systems around the country due in large part to his dedication, hard work, and the creative example that he provided for all to follow.

September 5 at 6:27 AM

**SF** **Sharonne Fogle** September 5 at 7:01 PM

It was a joy to be in Fred's classes in Art Ed!!! WOOD~~METAL~~SILKSCREEN~~to name only three. Working on the band saw, scraping out the silver from the centrifuge.all fond memories. Camping with my kids on the lawn, while the ships went by~~ One dip in the freezing water and shooting right back out!! Here, this is for you~ Fred: " From the sweet-scented streams of Thine eternity give me to drink O my God, and of the fruits of the tree of Thy being enable me to taste, O my hope!---"This is the start of one of my favorite Prayers of Baha'u'llah.

**RM** **Robert Di Marzo** September 5 at 8:21 AM

Fred was a great joy to know and work with many of his students have fond memories of him. Fred rest in peace, dear friend.



**Aaron White, Valerie Dubose** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Attebury family.



September 4 at 12:56 PM



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**Fred Mcevoy** posted:

My sympathy to Sandy -- and my good wishes, happy thoughts and grateful prayers accompany Fred on his journey home to that great Art Room in the skies. He was truly a super guy, great teacher, talented mentor and friend. It is comforting to know now that we have another great ally up there putting good words in God's ear! Godspeed, and thanks, Fred.Fred McEvoy

September 3 at 9:29 AM



**Frank Puddy** lit a candle in honor of Fred.

Professor Attebury came into my life via my aunt (Iris Youngs) who encouraged me to be an art teacher. I met with him before I started at Wayne in 1993 and although I was new to him and the program he welcomed me in graciously.I will never forget my time in his classes and everything I learned from him. When I think about all the students I've taught over the years it makes me realize that Professor Attebury has had a direct affect on all of them too.He was one of the greatest influences of my life.Frank Puddy



September 3 at 5:46 AM



**Jeff Loveland** posted:

Fred was a popular woodworking instructor for occupational therapy students at WSU. I still have the box that was made in his class. Comfort and peace to his family- especially to his son Clark who was a teammate on the WSU rowing team.Jeff LovelandSlippery Rock, PA

September 2 at 1:54 PM



**Marilyn Biernot-Hess** lit a candle in honor of Fred.



September 1 at 5:00 PM



**Old Eyes** posted:

I really miss this man. Love to Mr. A's whole family.

August 30 at 10:05 PM



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**Bill Pace** posted:

Hello, Clark - very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My good thoughts are with you and the family. Bill Pace

August 30 at 3:39 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket of Memories to the Attebury family.



August 30 at 11:06 AM



**Patricia Dupuie** posted:

What a great and funny man. Mr A always had a story. I grew up on Chamberlain Dr next to the family and miss everything about those days, including Mr Attebury. My condolences to the family. Patty Anderson/ DuPuie

August 28 at 1:06 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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