



## Billie Charles Friend

September 8, 1937 - July 10, 2018

Billie Charles Friend, age 80 of Fredonia, died Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at his home. Billie was born on September 8, 1937 in Fredonia the son of Charles Henry and Annabel (Lyon) Friend Jr.

After graduating at Fredonia High School, Billie served in the US Army from 1960 to 1962. Billie dreamed of farming his entire life, and in 1967 had the opportunity to move to Fredonia and began farming until 1991, when he began transporting mail for the USPS for 8 years before his retirement in 1999. Billie was a charter member of the Church of Christ in Fredonia. He enjoyed playing his guitar and listening to music, being outside and working in his garden. Most of all, Billie enjoyed Sundays, being with his wife, and helping prepare the family meal for the entire family after attending church.

On January 3, 1960, Billie married Esther Lambert at the First Baptist Church in Fredonia. Billie and Esther have been married for 58 years, Esther survives at their home.

Including his wife Esther, Billie is survived by:

Son:

Greg Friend and wife Jennifer of Fredonia, KS

Daughter:

Deanna Fink and husband David of Fredonia, KS

Brother:

Larry Wayne Friend of Pierce, CO

Sisters:

Ruth Rovenstine and Rita Phillippe both of Bartlesville, OK

5 Grandchildren: Jamie Gunn and husband Jacob. Joshua Fink and wife Abbey, Jonas Fink and wife Megan, Tristan Friend and Trevor Friend.

8 Great Grandchildren: Ethan and Charlie Gunn,,: Briggs, Jace, Harper, Xavier, Yates and Zayd Fink

Billie was preceded in death by his parents; son Eric Lyle Friend and sisters: Susan Halgedahl, Martha Elsberry and Betty Ann Colaw.

A Memorial Service of Worship will be held Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Church of Christ Church in Fredonia. The family will receive friends after the service at the church gymnasium. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Memorials have been suggested to the Church of Christ and left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ We are truly sorry for your loss. Jim & Jean Ann Kariker

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**Jean Ann Kariker** - July 14, 2018 at 07:00 PM

BD

“ Esther, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time in your life with the passing of Billie. Sincerely, Paul & Betty Doane

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**Betty Doane** - July 14, 2018 at 10:45 AM

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**Betty Doane** - July 13, 2018 at 04:05 PM

RE

“ The Lord's church has lost a great servant in the death of Billie Friend. I know and can testify to this fact in that I was I (was) (am) a result of Billies' faithfulness to the Lord's command to "Go and teach". We wept at our loss, but rejoice in that Billie has gone home to be with his Lord, Jesus.

*Ron Engstrom*

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**Ronald Engstrom** - July 13, 2018 at 07:55 AM

VW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
-Virginia Wheaton and Family

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**Virginia Wheaton** - July 12, 2018 at 05:03 PM

CS

“ *Billie was a good Christian man, a excellent bible teacher and wonderful example for all those around him. Rest in Peace Billie.*

Chris Slaughter - July 12, 2018 at 02:47 PM

CH

“ *Loved talking to him on sunday mornings at church about his gardening, fishing, weather or whatever, beautiful man with a beautiful soul and a beautiful family!!*

Chuck Harshman - July 12, 2018 at 12:14 PM

LW

“ *Watching him mow his lawn on his tractor waving as I go by*

Linda Linder Dwayne's wife - July 12, 2018 at 08:34 AM

CR

*sorry to hear that .we went to school.born the same day but a year apart.may god bless his family.his wife might know mewe all went to same school.take care have a good one.love ya*

carl robbins - July 29, 2018 at 11:50 AM