



Frederick Kasper

January 16, 1958 - August 27, 2024

Son, Brother, Friend, Cousin, Uncle, Dad, Husband. All these describe Freddie Kasper.

Born January 16, 1958, son of Martha Glynn and the late Wilfred Alvin Kasper, Freddie Kasper was a good man. While he spent grade school in Garland, Texas, Freddie returned to his roots in Forney, Texas, in 8th grade, and then gave years of service to the Future Farmers of America and the Student Council at Forney High School.

He met his wife, Billie, the day before classes began at Texas A&M in the fall of 1976 as “fish” Kasper, one of the Corps of Cadets. They were married on July 24, 1982 in her hometown of Irving, Texas. Freddie followed his father and uncle into the fire service, starting his career at Carrollton Fire Department on January 16, 1986. He soon convinced his city girl to move to Talty, Texas, down the road from where his parents grew up. They built a house together, started a farm together, and made it a home with the birth of their son, Daniel Thomas, in 1990, followed by their daughter Kody Elizabeth in 1992. In 1994, he helped Billie realize the dream of owning her own flower shop where he became her holiday helper and all-around handyman for many years.

Before becoming a firefighter, his work at Mosher Steel, Norton Concrete, and

Pioneer Concrete meant that he was always ready and able to create anything out of nothing. If you needed something built, or you broke something and wanted it fixed, Freddie could definitely offer advice and he probably had the exact tool you needed in his truck.

As the children grew up, he guided them back to his roots, through the joy and responsibility of joining the FFA. Together, they showed rabbits, pigs, goats, steers, commercial heifers, and a Brahman bull at shows including the Kaufman County Show, the Fort Worth Stock Show, and the Great State Fair of Texas.

Freddie enjoyed cooking for a crowd and experimenting in the kitchen, and his fire station and deer hunting friends could attest. His best buck was a high-tined eight-point whitetail deer, and while he saved many lives as a firefighter, one of his finest moments was photographed in the Dallas Morning News after a water rescue on the Trinity River.

A life-long advocate for college and practical learning, Freddie studied for and passed the arson investigator exam for the State of Texas, took classes at the Eastfield Campus of Dallas Community College, and passed the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement exam to become a peace officer in Texas. After retiring from Carrollton FD, he was hired by the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office and became a vital part of a whole new set of friends and family. His five years as a deputy demonstrated to us all that Freddie never met a person he would call a stranger.

Greeting him in heaven was his father Wilfred, his father-in-law Sterling James Ford, his aunt Ann McConnell Glynn, his aunt Blanche Glynn Rizkal, his cousin Kenneth Wayne Schleich, as well as many loving friends and relatives. Staying behind to cherish him is Billie, his wife of 42 years, his children Daniel and Kody, his mother Martha, his sister Lisa, his brother

Michael and wife Mollie, along with nephews, nieces, great nieces and great nephews, a whole mess of cousins, a heap of friends, and everyone who ever called him family.

There will be a gathering on Sunday, September 22 from 5-7PM at Max Slayton Funeral Home, 642 N. Rockwall Ave, Terrell, TX. Services will be held on Monday, September 23, at 11AM at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 702 N. Frances St, Terrell, TX. We will gather at the church hall across the street following the service.

The family asks that if you are so moved to bring your favorite dish—appetizer, entree, or dessert—to share at the service, or you can donate in his memory to the International Association of Fire Fighters Fill the Boot Campaign. As Freddie would be the first to tell you, we should all get together to eat a little and visit about all the good memories, so we would be so honored if you could join us.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

SEP **22.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Mass

SEP **23.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
702 N. Frances St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Frederick Kasper*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - September 27, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DF

“ *Darla and Mike Lowry and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frederick Kasper.*



Darla and Mike Lowry and family - September 20, 2024 at 07:01 PM

RN

“ *Rose Niezgoda purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Frederick Kasper.*



Rose Niezgoda - September 20, 2024 at 06:06 PM

LF

“ Love, The Silver Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frederick Kasper.



Love, The Silver Family - September 19, 2024 at 04:01 PM

LF

“ Love, The Silver Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick Kasper.

Love, The Silver Family - September 19, 2024 at 04:01 PM

ME

“ Mark ,Chelsea and Emily purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frederick Kasper.



Mark ,Chelsea and Emily - September 19, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Kasper.



September 18, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *The Curves Ladies purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frederick Kasper.* ”



The Curves Ladies - September 17, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ *169 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - September 17, 2024 at 12:54 PM

AN

“ I rode the medic with Freddy for most of my time with the Carrollton fire department. Things I learned: laughing gas must be tested daily, how to quickly skin a rabbit, that when Freddy had an allergic reaction you literally had to chase him around the fire station with Epi and Benadryl., Bacon and food can sit out overnight on the FD stove, how to take care of baby chicks and ducklings.. how the country half lives.. I could go on!

He gave me the baby crib my three girls slept in, and helped me in so many ways navigate working at the fire department as a woman. He was supportive and kind, and a good man. We had many many laughs and he and I made each other really enjoy work. I'm going to miss him but I'm confident I'll see him again 🙏📧 ~ Andrea

Andrea - September 14, 2024 at 02:28 PM

KK

“ I rode the ambulance with Fred for several years. He was a character, in the finest sense of the word. A laugh a minute. He had a wreck in his personal truck right in front of 3 station at shift change one morning. I was there before the ambulance and police showed up. I made sure he was okay and then asked him if there was anything he wanted me to remove from his truck before it went to the pound. I bet I pulled out seven rifles, a shot gun, six knives and four pistols. Freddie stocked his freezer with Venison, Wild hogs, rattle snakes, rabbit and squirrel, dove and quail. You had to be careful when he brought bacon into the fire station. He would laugh because there was often still hair from where he skinned it. He kept us laughing. God Bless your family. You are in our prayers.

keoni kai - September 12, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Frederick Kasper.*



September 11, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ *Billie and family, we are so sorry to hear about Fred's passing. Enjoyed working with Fred at the Fire Department also so much fun at the deer lease. Special memories we all had.
Rodney and Marsha Keeling*



Rodney Keeling - September 05, 2024 at 06:48 PM



Dear Billie, Kody, and Daniel, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and father. He was a good man and loved you all dearly. I'm praying for all of you that God will comfort you and guide you through this sad time. Love to all of you, Cheryl and Don DeJong

Cheryl DeJong - September 10, 2024 at 09:59 PM