



## Mr. Frank B. Merrifield

August 6, 1956 - January 4, 2024

Mr. Frank B. Merrifield “Scootie” was born August 6, 1956 in Alton IL. He was the biological son of Frank Brown Jr. and Vera Day Brown. He was the adopted son of Rockford Merrifield and Mary Lee Brown Merrifield of Alton, IL.

Frank attended school in Alton, IL, he served in the US Army and was active in the Army Reserves for many years after that.

Frank was raised with the church family of Greater St. James Baptist Church in Alton, IL.

Frank’s life, like most of ours, had many ups and downs, but most important of all he always had the love of the Lord and many family members and friends which helped sustain us all. He was known for having a great sense of humor and kindness.

Frank was a great drummer who loved his music and collected musical instruments, trains and army gear. His dad was a great jazz saxophonist, and music within the family was very diverse. One grandfather loved Country-western, the other Lawrence Welk champagne music, I believe the ladies loved R&B and gospel.

Frank relocated to Carlinville, IL with our cousin Maxwell (Butch) Crabb. He loved it there and did very well in that tiny town. He was still employed for the

school district there at the time of his passing. He seemed to develop a chest full of pride working there and his coworkers and the children loved him. Some are represented here today as well as some neighbors and friends.

On the evening of Thursday January 4th Frank entered eternal rest. Praise the Lord, he did not suffer long. He was hospitalized on Dec. 2nd, home by Dec. 8th. He had 3 great weeks with family and friends then he went away with family by his side. He was blessed with 67 yrs. In addition to parents he was preceded in death by a sister Joanie Ellington.

Frank leaves to cherish his precious memories: his children Teshana and LaMarr Merrifield, four grandchildren: Aubreney Willis (Ben), Jaelin Ricks, Marquez Singleton & Melody Merrifield (he called her M&M). 3 bonus sons and their children all of Alton IL and surrounding areas, his sister Malaya Brown Branch of Alton IL, a brother Rick Brown and sister Christy Pryor of Florida. A huge host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JAN 20.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cathy M. Williams & Sons Funeral Home LLC  
1695 Oakwood Ave  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 462-9155  
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### Service

**JAN 20.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside

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JAN **24**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery  
2900 Sheridan Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63125-4198  
(314) 845-8320

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ Scooty will be missed. So many good memories and truly a wonderful friend.

EJ Bouldin - January 23, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Holding on to all the memories, all the good time. I know you're already jamm'n in the Funk, Soul, R&B, Rock n Roll, and all other Heavenly music bands. Rest well "Scooty" Your voice will always be in my head

Steven Jordan - January 19, 2024 at 03:18 PM

RH

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family

Ruth Ann (Moore) Hardimon - January 17, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank B. Merrifield.



January 16, 2024 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ Dr. Lanne LaMarr Slaughter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Frank B. Merrifield.

Dr. Lanne LaMarr Slaughter - January 16, 2024 at 08:13 AM

DS

“ Dr. Lanne LaMarr Slaughter purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Frank B. Merrifield.



Dr. Lanne LaMarr Slaughter - January 16, 2024 at 08:13 AM

RG

“ Frank worked at the high school and that's how my girls and I came to know him. He had a positive attitude and wore his heart on his sleeve. My youngest daughter said she gave him a hug on her last day of 5th grade. Fly high, Frank! Prayers to his family.

Robin Phelps and Girls - January 13, 2024 at 07:53 PM

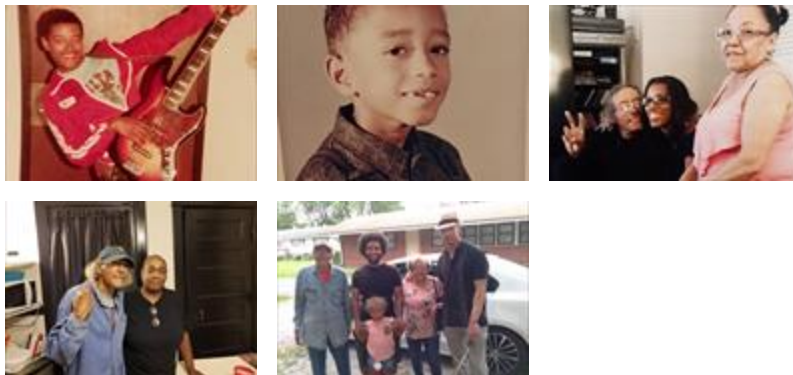
PB

“ I worked with Frank at the school . Frank was a stranger to no one , he was well liked . He saved us so many times subbing for us . We had a lot of good times . Thanks Frank until we meet again .

patty bolton - January 13, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Cathy M Williams & Sons FH - January 12, 2024 at 11:30 AM

CS

*I didn't know Scott that well, what I did know of him, he was a character always had me laughing 😂. He will be missed. RIP scooty*

**Carol schehl** - January 13, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ *Mr. Frank was a close family friend. He came into our lives when my oldest son was about 3 and later became a grandpa figure as my son got older. Some of my favorite memories with Frank include fish fries, shrimp boils, his loud jazz music, watching him ride up on his bike and always sharing a good laugh. He was always sure to stop us whenever we were to check in on the family. Our lives are forever changed because of his love and kindness.*

*Alright, alright, alright*



**Cyleah Garner** - January 11, 2024 at 07:03 PM

AR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Frank was the custodian in the high school and cleaned my room occasionally. He was always very friendly and we talked a lot about fishing. I had a fish tank in my classroom and he would always watch them and tell me stories. I enjoyed our discussions, as he always had something interesting to share. It was a nice way to end the day, chitchatting with him!*

*Amy Ratcliff*



**Amy Ratcliff** - January 10, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ We will miss you Frank! You always took time to come to the CHS Office to say hi. Your kindness was appreciated. I'll always say "All Right" and smile!



Jeff & Julie Hammann - January 10, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Cathy M Williams & Sons FH - January 09, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank B. Merrifield.



January 08, 2024 at 06:20 PM