



## Fred L. Wagoner

February 14, 1941 - December 16, 2025

Fred L. Wagoner, of Mattoon, Illinois, passed away on December 16, 2025. A private family memorial service will take place at a late date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is charge of services.

He was born on February 14, 1941, in rural Rockville, Parke County, Indiana, to the late Fred Vernal Wagoner and Jeneive Lamoine Downs.

Fred graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1958 and went on to earn a degree from Lane Drafting College in Indianapolis in 1961. Over the course of his career, he worked for John Deere, Schwab Safe, and National Homes before retiring from Eli Lilly in 2005.

On November 25, 1990, Fred married Caroline L. Darling. Together they built a life filled with family and shared passions. A devoted Corvette enthusiast, Fred found great joy in attending car shows and spending time with his loved ones.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline Wagoner; three stepchildren: Gary Spencer (wife Christy; children Jacob and Lauren) of Battleground, Indiana; Tonya Bunyard (husband Keith; children RJ, Ande, Daniel, Aaron Atkinson, Andrew, and Anthony Bunyard) of Mattoon, Illinois; and Katrina Darling (husband George Hacker; children Alexia, Hannah, Priscilla, Brooklyn, and Luke) of Lafayette, Indiana. He also leaves behind one brother, Randy Wagoner (wife Linda; son Michael) of Clearwater, Florida.

Fred deeply cherished his role as a grandfather to 11 grandchildren and great-

grandfather to 31 great-grandchildren.

Fred's memory will live on through the many lives he touched and the legacy he leaves behind. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

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