



Fred Oelschlager

July 31, 2015

Fred Oelschlager, 70, passed away peacefully Friday, July 31, 2015, at Liza's Place after a brief illness.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Karen (Hartfield) Oelschlager, daughters Kara (Mike) Conners and Keely Camden, all of Wheeling; granddaughters Torey Camden, Emma Conners, and Kamryn Conners, all of Wheeling; brothers Ted Oelschlager of Birmingham, Alabama, Sam (Priscilla) Oelschlager of Moundsville; sisters Willa "Sis" Chlon of Navarre, Florida, Esther Gamble of Glen Dale; a sister-in-law Jamie (Mike) Carmosino of Wheeling; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; close extended family members Michael and Sherri Camden, and Anna Kelley; and a lifetime of special friends and colleagues.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Wilhelmina Mikus Oelschlager; father, Theodore Oelschlager; sister Ruth Porterfield; and brother James Oelschlager.

Fred was a veteran, having served in the US Air Force from 1965-1969. He was a retired administrator/teacher from Marshall County Schools and most recently served as the Northern Panhandle Tech Prep Coordinator and District Consortium Director at WV Northern Community College.

Fred was an organizing member of the Ohio-Marshall County Literacy Volunteers Initiative and the Marshall County Meals on Wheels. He actively served as a member of the Reynolds Memorial Hospital LPN Spurr School Advisory Council; was a member of the American Legion, and belonged to

numerous other professional organizations and boards.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, Bethlehem/Wheeling, where services and burial will be private.

Friends and family are invited to share in a memorial service celebrating Fred's life at 1:30pm on Saturday, August 8, 2015, at East Richland Evangelical Friends Church in St. Clairsville, OH.

In lieu of flowers, Fred preferred contributions be made to the Salvation Army in Moundsville/Wheeling/Bellaire or to Valley Hospice/Liza's Place in Wheeling.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 8. 1:30 PM (ET)

East Richland Evang. Friends Church
St. Clairsville, OH

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Fred was a *TRUE* gentleman in every sense of the word.

Mike Tribett - October 21, 2015 at 07:17 PM

MB

“ We were out of town and just heard of Fred's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences. Fred was one of the nicest men we have ever met. Always kind, sincere, and pleasant. We will keep him and your family in our prayers.

Michelle and Jim Beatty

M Beatty - August 14, 2015 at 11:06 AM

LW

“ Mr.O was a wonderful teacher, he was my DECA teacher back in 1976 and 1977. Prayers for his family.

Lila Kernan Wilson - August 09, 2015 at 03:13 PM

TS

“ Fred passed way to early !! Always a leader who cared ! The world was better because of Fred. Growing older was easier because Fred's guidance, support and example of living the right way. I now have to talk with Fred in my prayers . I' sure that Heaven has gain another Angel. Again Fred , we will miss you !!! Signed : One Of Your Glen Dale Pirates Tom Sutton

tom sutton - August 08, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred Oelschlager.*



August 07, 2015 at 12:14 PM



“ *Mr. O was the best teacher I ever had. He was such a kind and caring man. I will always remember him and be grateful for his tutelage. May God bless his soul.*

Sharon B. Schmitt - August 06, 2015 at 11:05 PM

AD

“ To the family of Mr.O



Mr.O was one of those rare people who enter your life and leave such an impact that it is impossible to ever forget them. He was most certainly that for me. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. O several years ago when I was a server at Stratford Springs. Every single party he had here, he would always request that I work it. I left for a while and when I returned to Stratford Springs I was so pleasantly surprised that Mr. O was still having his parties here and just like that I was working his parties again.

Mr. O treated me like a daughter and I am forever grateful. My father passed away this last December and Mr. O reached out to me with the love and kindness he had always shown me in the past. My heart is so heavy that the world has lost such a beautiful light. He will always be in my heart and memories. My deepest, deepest sympathy to all of you in your time of loss and sorrow. I will be praying for each and everyone of you that God will send comfort in only the way he can. May he wrap his loving arms around all of you.

Sincerely,

Amy Dunn

Amy Dunn - August 06, 2015 at 10:28 AM

BM

“ *Karen and Family:*

Fred was as positive and gracious a gentleman as I ever hope to meet. He set an indelible example of a life well-lived for each of us.

My family's deepest sympathies on your loss.

Bob Munn

Bob Munn - August 05, 2015 at 09:34 AM

VK

“ *Vicky Wade Krupnik lit a candle in memory of Fred Oelschlager*



Vicky Wade Krupnik - August 04, 2015 at 04:07 PM

VK

“ *I will always remember him as a wonderful man, teacher (who loved his job and cared about his students), husband who loved his wife and most of all an awesome dad that worshiped the ground his daughters walked on, and grandfather that was soooo proud to introduce/show-off his grandchildren!!*

GOD CERTAINLY HAS GAIN ANOTHER ANGEL! HE EARNED HIS WINGS!

You WILL be missed!!!

Vicky Wade Krupnik - August 04, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DS

“ Fred was a great person and friend and always had time to speak to you when visiting your school! He will truly be missed. RIP my friend!!!!

Doug Sarkis - August 04, 2015 at 01:13 PM

BR

“ My heart is breaking for your family, Karen...Fred was truly one of the greatest men I had ever met...Such a kind, thoughtful, caring person..My dad always admired him, which was mutual I believe... You all are in our prayers.... Rest in Peace Fred.
Pete and Barb Reynolds

Barbara Reynolds - August 04, 2015 at 12:56 PM

MS

“ My condolences to the family. I graduated with Fred from Union High School in 1963. We double dated to the senior prom. We ate lunch together. I was the only one who could sit close to him when he brought an egg salad sandwich. We both served in the Air Force from 65 to 69. We met up with one another after discharge at WLSC, later WVNCC. He was a good friend, a kind man, a true Gentleman. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Martin Strganac - August 04, 2015 at 10:34 AM

CH

“ Fred was a great uncle and he will be missed.

Christy - August 04, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ *My prayers and condolences to the family. I worked in Marshall County with Fred many years and remember him as being kind, supportive, and always congenial, even when there were difficult issues to handle. As one of the few female administrators in the country, Fred made me feel welcome. He leaves a legacy of care for the children and faculty of Marshall County Schools.*

*Sincerely,
Mary Lee Porter*

Mary Lee Porter - August 03, 2015 at 07:26 PM



“ *Dear Karen and Family,*

Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and all your loved ones. I will always remember Fred working so hard for the adults in the GED Program and the Adult Learning Center. He was always there to help me with whatever I needed. He will be sadly missed.

God bless you.

Loretta Saporito and Sons

Guy Saporito Jr - August 03, 2015 at 07:21 PM

SH

“ Karen, Kara, and Keely,

I am so sorry for your loss. Fred was the epitome of what a true gentleman is. Everyone who worked with him had the utmost respect for him. I never heard anyone say a disparaging word about him. He always greeted me with a smile and asked about my family. I had the privilege of working with him for many years in career and technical education. My life is truly better for having known him.

Sharon Hinerman-Hall

Sharon Hinerman-Hall - August 03, 2015 at 05:37 PM

VW

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. O passing. He was such a fine man and mentor to me and to all his students and anyone who knew him. My prayers are with the family.

Vonda Wyatt - August 03, 2015 at 03:03 PM

HJ

“ Fred was a first class professional educator and a wonderful person. It was a pleasure to work with him on many education endeavors. His intelligence, compassion and insights have made the valley a better place for many students for generations.

H. Lawrence (Larry) Jones, Ed.D.

H. Lawrence Jones - August 03, 2015 at 02:09 PM

LG

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. Mr. "O" was one of the best teachers that John Marshall had been blest with. His love for his students was obvious in the way that he always took an interest in them even after they graduated. He will be deeply missed.



Lorrie Gump - August 03, 2015 at 01:23 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of Fred's family at this sad time. He was the sweetest and kindest teacher who student taught the same time as me. I will miss his smiling face and always a kind word for all. Prayers for all the family. Mickey Massey and family

Mickey Massey - August 03, 2015 at 12:33 PM

PR

“ Peggy Richmond lit a candle in memory of Fred Oelschlager



Peggy Richmond - August 03, 2015 at 10:08 AM

MG

“ Dear Karen and Family,
Our Friend, Fred, will remain forever young in my mind, as he was our Union High School Class of 1963 President. He was a great student, an able leader and a good friend. Myra Holbert Goss

Myra Holbert Goss - August 03, 2015 at 09:03 AM

DB

“ So very sad to hear of Mr. O's passing. He was a teacher of mine at John Marshall High school.

His kind heart, sweet spirit, and never ending words of encouragement impacted the lives of many young adults over the years. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to know him and been one of his students.

You will be missed!

Debra Lamanna Breslow

Debra Breslow - August 03, 2015 at 08:53 AM

CR

“ Dear Karen, Kara, Keely and all,

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy at the loss of Fred. I have so many fond memories of working with and for him in the Marshall Co. School system. He was a man of great compassion, love, understanding, and foresight. I am truly blessed to have known him. So many are sharing in your loss and I hope that is of some comfort.

One small memory. I can still see him almost running up the hall toward my room at Cameron High School exclaiming the birth of Kara. He was SO excited. He taught so many by his example and will be truly missed.

With Sympathy, Christy Rogers

Christy Rogers - August 03, 2015 at 07:55 AM

PR

“ *Karen and Girls,
We were so sorry to learn of Fred's passing. Not only did we know him as a teacher, but in later he was a great neighbor in the 4th/5th street area. May you be comforted by the strength of God's love and the love of family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
The Richmonds: Joe and Peggy*

Peggy Richmond - August 03, 2015 at 07:45 AM

TS

“ *So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I recently moved back to my family home on Virginia Street. It seems strange to not have the Hartfields, Kittles, and Crouchs as my neighbors. Fred was a very nice man who will be greatly missed.
Terry Magers Straface*

Terry Straface - August 02, 2015 at 09:15 PM

SD

“ *So saddened to hear this news. Fred and I worked as Vocational administrators in the 1990s until his retirement. He was ahead of his time. Truly one of the finest men I have ever worked with.*

Sallie Price Dalton

Sallie Price Dalton - August 02, 2015 at 09:07 PM

KG

“ *Kim Ghaphery lit a candle in memory of Fred Oelschlager*



Kim Ghaphery - August 02, 2015 at 08:47 PM

 Kevin South

“ *Mr. O truly was a man of integrity and true character. As a former student, I for one will always cherish the kindness of this man that instilled hope and love to everyone. Praying for the family.*

*Kevin S
JM Class of 79*



Kevin South - August 02, 2015 at 08:21 PM

LC

“ *Prayers for the family. So sorry for your loss. Fred will be missed by so many. Heaven has a special angel. May God bless you all. Linda and John Clark*

Linda and John Clark - August 02, 2015 at 08:04 PM

GP

“ *One of the nicest individuals I have ever met. Thoughts and prayers for a tremendous loss. Your friends at the West Virginia Department of Education!*



Gigi Parsons - August 02, 2015 at 07:38 PM

CC

“ *Dear Karen & family,
So sorry for your loss. Fred was a wonderful man & he will be missed. God will give you strength though this time. Fred is in a better place. We enjoyed the times we had through the Educators Club. Prayers to you and your family. Sincerely Fred & Charla Chavanak*

Charla Chavanak - August 02, 2015 at 07:24 PM

MD

“ Dear Karen --
May God's peace and blessings be yours
during this most tender season; and, may He
give you many lovely memories so that you
may always have roses in December.



Ever hoping . . .
Always in Jesus,

Maryann (Music Ministry Volunteer)

Maryann Droll - August 02, 2015 at 05:47 PM

CP

“ I shared time and stories with Fred (often over lunch) when we
worked at WVNCC. He was a kind, gentle soul with a sense of
humor. we often discussed politics where we shared common
interests. He was fun to be with and he will be missed! The memory
of a good friend will always be cherished!

My condolences and prayers for his family! God Bless!

C. Ed Powell

C. Ed Powell - August 02, 2015 at 03:00 PM

JZ

“ Freddie, remembering childhood memories of your kindness, kind
words and awesome smile. A true scholar and gentleman. God
Speed Freddie. Joette Zeigler

Joette Zeigler - August 02, 2015 at 02:10 PM

DN

“ I was so sadden by the news of Fred's passing. There are not words enough to describe all of his good qualities, he was the best teacher I ever had. He knew exactly what his students needed and was a great listener, everyone had a place and value. I am sorry for Karen, Keely, and Kara, for your loss is huge. I know there is a special place in Heaven for him. May God bless you and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dee Dee and Tony Novel

Dee Novel - August 02, 2015 at 02:02 PM

MG

“ Fred was a class act and true gentleman. I had the pleasure of working with him when I was a counselor in Marshall County Schools, and I was so happy to work with him when he was the Tech Prep coordinate when I had moved on to Brooke County Schools. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for his family and may God welcome him into the Kingdom.

Mary Freshwater Geib - August 02, 2015 at 01:11 PM

NS

“ Fred was the most kind man I have ever met. I had the privilege to work with him for several years as a Tech Prep Coordinator, during our time together he became one of my favorite friends. He always had a smile on his face and kindness in his heart. I will miss this man dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family as I know he loved you more than life itself. He shared many stories with me about his children and grandchildren, but the one that sticks out the most is when he took his grandchildren to the conservatory in Columbus. He really enjoyed that trip. The world needs more people like Fred but no one can replace him. Prayers for you all.

Nicole Runyon Stanley - August 02, 2015 at 11:30 AM

KG

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Fred when I worked as a teacher at the Middle College at Northern Community. He was a wonderful teacher and colleague. More importantly, he has an exuding grace and gentleness. He served the world through a quiet example that all of us would like to emulate. He always made me feel that he was glad to see me and had the time to talk. He was also generous with his Hersey Kisses! I will remember him always as I look back at these early years in my teaching. I will miss seeing him. To his family...you have been blessed. My thoughts are with you in your sadness.
Kim Ghaphery

Kim Ghaphery - August 02, 2015 at 11:25 AM

BH

“ Karen, Kara and Keely, My deepest sympathy to all of you and your extended family.
I never got to know Fred but I know he was a good and kind man.
Thoughts and many Betty Jo Hall

Betty Jo Hall - August 02, 2015 at 11:01 AM

BH

Thoughts and many prayers Betty Jo Hall

Betty Jo Hall - August 02, 2015 at 11:02 AM



Margaret
Williams
DeCola


“ I feel like I have known Fred forever! Most recently, I worked with him at WVNCC. Such a wonderful soul and so kind and gentle. He had a smile that made you feel welcome and a spirit that made you feel like family. I will miss my friend.

Margaret Williams DeCola - August 02, 2015 at 10:03 AM

CS

“ Fred was a wonderful individual. I have never encountered someone so committed to the education of young people. My deepest sympathies to all of his family. I will be sending lots of love and prayers to the Ohio Valley!

Candice Stadler - August 02, 2015 at 09:52 AM

 Heidi
Zumbrunn
Frazier

“ My sympathies to the Oelschlager family

Heidi Zumbrunnen Frazier - August 02, 2015 at 09:01 AM

MJ

“ So sorry to read this. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Fred was dependable, hardworking, and a gentleman. He will be missed!!!

minnie jones - August 02, 2015 at 08:10 AM

VK

“ The world just got a little dimmer, a little colder, and certainly a lot less kind with Mr. Oelschlager's passing. He embodied what a "gentle"man is. Sincere sympathies to his family.

Vickie Kamlowsky - August 02, 2015 at 07:59 AM

CB

“ Such sad news. What a wonderful man! Ken and I send condolences to Karen, Keely and Kara. We always appreciated Fred's views and advice. He demonstrated strength of character with his quiet leadership style. He will be truly missed in our community.

Ken and Charlotte Blake

Charlotte Blake - August 02, 2015 at 07:49 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Fred Oelschlager, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete.

I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of..... US Air Force Veteran, Fred Oelschlager, “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 02, 2015 at 07:03 AM

RF

“ *Fred was a good person and friend to me even though we did not always run in the same circle. Wow I don't know what to say I am full of grief and sadness. He will be missed by me and Mary Ellen. Tell all the family we pass on our condolences to them and prayers.*

Duke & Mary Ellen Fry

Robert Duke and Mary Ellen Fry - August 02, 2015 at 06:43 AM

DA

“Karen and family, so sorry for your loss. I never knew Fred, but Karen I remember you well from our younger days. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know he must have been special if he was associated with you all these years.

Dale Allen

Dale Allen - August 02, 2015 at 06:08 AM

MC

“ I'll always remember my Uncle Fred for the time he spent with me during my early years in Glen Dale. He was much like an older brother, more than an uncle - just eight years older than me (I am his sister Willa's son) and we have several photos of him with me from those years. He certainly didn't have to do the things he did, but that was indicative of the kind of guy he was then and became all of his life.

One thing always stands out for me, and I doubt it was even something he remembered.

Fred really helped me learn to practice and play baseball. He taught me a simple game, using a rubber ball and his own front porch steps, to help me learn to catch the ball well and throw accurately. I went on to play/practice that game in my own basement for hours on end, for many years, all the while having fun doing it. That simple game and the time he spent with me had a big impact.

Though I left the Ohio Valley after high school, I heard from many friends who met Fred in some way. Always the comments were positive, always about how he was helping others, being a friend, or doing something for the community.

*Our prayers and sympathies to Karen and Fred's immediate family, his siblings, his wide, wide circle of friends and other relatives - and others whose lives he touched. I hope you (and we) are somewhat comforted that Fred's was truly a life well lived. Stories of his positive influence on others would fill many pages in a new script for a redo of the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*. Just imagine, like Jimmy Stewart's character, the impact he had on others during his life. He will be missed.*

Mick Chlon, nephew

Mick Chlon - August 01, 2015 at 09:56 PM

GC

“ *Kara, Mike, and Family,
In this time of need we are sending prayers
and condolences to the family. You can rest
assured that he is in Heaven with God. If we
can assist in any way please feel free to
contact us.*



Gary and Teresa Church - August 01, 2015 at 09:34 PM

BD

“ *Karen and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you! Fred was a very special guy!
He always had a smile and good thoughts to share! He will be
remember as a loving husband, father, brother, teacher ... friend that
touched the lives of some many! You have another special angel
watching over you! I can just hear the stories he's sharing with your
Mom and Dad ... his parents ... he was so proud of his family!*

Betty Duffy - August 01, 2015 at 09:18 PM

BD

“ *Betty Duffy lit a candle in memory of Fred
Oelschlager*



Betty Duffy - August 01, 2015 at 09:15 PM

LA

“ Fred was a very kind and caring man who along with my parents molded me into the person I am today. He helped keep me out of trouble while I was trying to grow up too fast. He loved teaching and was so inspiring. I will never forget all the great family times, especially this February. He will be so missed by everyone. Love and prayers to Karen and family.

Lynn Abraham

Lynn Abraham - August 01, 2015 at 08:09 PM

SG

“ Uncle Fred was a kind, gentle, and great man. I remember my first job out of college with Procter and Gamble. when Uncle Fred came to me to give a talk about marketing in the corporate world. I consider it an honor. He took an interest in me when I needed some one to talk to and we kept in touch for years . He was truly a family man. My condolences to Karen, Kara, Keely and his three grandchildren and their families. Uncle Fred is a soldier for GOD. Sherry Gamble, his loving niece.

Sherry Gamble - August 01, 2015 at 05:37 PM

BH

“ Gentle, kind, compassionate, patient, encouraging, selfless are just a few words that describe our friend Fred. We are blessed to have known him. May God comfort you with loving memories in the days ahead. Love and prayers for all.

Brian and Diana

Brian and Diana Harto - August 01, 2015 at 04:11 PM



DS

“ *What a wonderful, caring man Fred was to all. We enjoyed so much working with him on DECA projects and years later at WVNCC. My sincerest condolences to Karen and family. His enthusiasm in all things will be missed.*

Donna Smittle - August 01, 2015 at 01:34 PM