



Fred Leroy Armstrong

April 12, 1927 - October 4, 2024

Fred L. Armstrong, 97, of Indianapolis, passed away October 4, 2024. He was born April 12, 1927, in Indianapolis to the late Roy Burriss and Emma Viola (Kinder) Armstrong. Fred proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He married his beloved wife, Paula Deane Norman, in 1948. She preceded him in death June 6, 2019.

Fred began his career with the City of Indianapolis as a Deputy Auditor for Marion County. He then became the Controller for the City of Indianapolis for 21 years as well as Controller/CFO for IndyGo Public Transportation for 28 years, Fred served as Executive Director of the Indianapolis Local Public Bond Bank for many years.

Fred was the President of the Columbia Club 1988 and a member for over 30 years. He received an honorary Juris Doctorate from the University of Indianapolis in 1983, as well as the Horatio Alger Award that year. He was a longtime Board Member of RIPEA and a vocal advocate for the members.

Visitation will be Sunday, October 13, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street with funeral services there on Monday October 14 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation starting at noon.

Fred is survived by his children, Fred V. (Diana) Armstrong, Billy Armstrong, and Pamela (Dan) Reese; grandchildren, Ross (Sarah) Armstrong, Chad (Niki) Armstrong, Heather (Justin) Sommer, and Amanda (Nick) Ashley; great-grandchildren Mallory, Judah, Sumner, Zion, Jackson, Sullivan, Peyton and

Eden, nieces, Penny (Bob) O'Neal and Lola Hagerty; cousins, Diana (Bill) Allen, Cindy (Sylvester) Truitt, and David (Dawn) Armstrong. He was preceded in death by his sister, Cecilia (Bud) Stone; niece, Sandy Stone; nephew, Grover Stone; and cousins, Harry (Rosie) Armstrong, Robert (Donna) Armstrong, John Armstrong, and Kathy Armstrong.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, the Susan B. Komen Foundation or Breakthrough T1D (formally JDRF).

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Visitation

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ Dawn, Jacob, Aubrey & Aletta purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Fred Leroy Armstrong.



Dawn, Jacob, Aubrey & Aletta - October 13, 2024 at 03:52 PM

DA

“ Dawn, Jacob, Aubrey & Aletta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred Leroy Armstrong.

Dawn, Jacob, Aubrey & Aletta - October 13, 2024 at 03:52 PM

PB

“ Fred was perhaps the smartest and most practical person I ever dealt with when I was a city-county councilman. No one knew more about city finances than Fred. He and Paula became good friends with me and my parents. I was their veterinarian for their dear Chi-Chi. I smile every time I thought I knew something he didn't. It never happened in my 28 years as a councilman. He was a self made man who I will be forever thankful to call my friend. Phil Borst

phil borst - October 11, 2024 at 09:55 PM

DC

“ David Caito planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred Leroy Armstrong.

David Caito - October 10, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred Leroy Armstrong.*



October 10, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ *An amazing man--the very definition of grit. From Western Union bicycle delivery boy to the city's financial genius. I feel privileged to have known him.*

My condolences to the Armstrong family,

Kristie Hill

Kristie Hill - October 10, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Uncle Fred*



Lola Hagerty - October 09, 2024 at 08:03 PM

AN

“ *What an amazing man! Fred held the finances of the City of Indianapolis together for many, many years—and he helped make the City what is is today. Indiana and Indianapolis are fortunate to have had Fred. Sincere sympathies to his family—thank you for sharing he and his talents with so many!*

anonymous - October 08, 2024 at 04:36 PM

FS

I only met Fred once but I found him to be a wonderful man. He took the time to give my Mary and I a personal tour of the city along with the city. Please accept my condolences to his family. Frank Sommers/Mary Stone. Love to all!

Frank and Mary Stone - October 09, 2024 at 08:31 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Penny O'NEILL (niece) - October 08, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Uncle Fred



Lola Hagerty - October 08, 2024 at 02:04 PM