



## Alfred "Fred" Espinoza

February 17, 1940 - July 23, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Alfred "Fred" Lawrence Espinoza, 80, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away Friday, July 24, 2020. No services are planned at this time. Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch is in charge of the arrangements.

Alfred "Fred" Espinoza was born on February 17, 1940, in Chicago, IL. Fred was a pastor. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to visit different nursing homes and spreading the gospel. Fred was always known to be a kind, loving person and he cared deeply for others. He was also an amazing family man. He had a passion for trains and airplanes. Fred was an accomplished visual artist. His artistry was integral in his career as an architect. He placed first in Chicago running the quarter mile in high school. He was a champion wrestler as well as a talented football player on his high school and college teams. His football career ended at the University of Illinois when he couldn't beat out Mike Ditka. No shame in that.

He had a love for classical music, and enjoyed playing the cello. Fred also had a love for trains and building model air planes. He was an avid swimmer. Above all else, he loved the Lord with all of his heart. He traveled around ministering to many different nursing homes. He inspired others by living and sharing his love for God through his ministry.

Fred Espinoza is survived by his wife, Elaine Espinoza of Olive Branch; five daughters, Maria (Pete) Espinoza, Christine (Brian) Schmidt, Micaela (Chris) Belle, and Isolina (Mike) Jackson, and Sylvia Espinoza, all of WI; two step-daughters, Tina (Peggy) Christiansen of Kenosha, WI, and Deb (Scott) Stewart of Bethlehem, PA; one step-son, Ray (Dar) Christiansen of WI; one brother, Rick (Harriett) Espinoza of TX; two sisters-in-law, Helen Espinoza and Harriett Espinoza of Chicago, IL; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Fred Espinoza was preceded in death by his parents, Santos Espinoza and Mercedes Espinoza; one son, John Espinoza; his step-daughter, Barbara Ann Maurer; and two brothers, David Espinoza and Phillip Espinoza.

Donations and memorials in honor of Alfred Lawrence Espinoza may be made to the donor's choice of a local nursing home.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

  
Micaela  
Bell

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Micaela Bell - August 03, 2020 at 11:44 AM

  
Isolina  
Jackson

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Isolina Jackson - July 31, 2020 at 11:42 PM

JM

“ I am so very sorry for your family's loss. May the Grace of our Precious Lord cover you with peace and hope during these difficult days.

Joe T Massey - July 27, 2020 at 10:47 PM

SE

*thank you very much*

Sylvia Espinoza - July 28, 2020 at 04:21 PM

ME

*Thank you so much Joe  
I miss him dearly  
Maria*

Maria Espinoza - October 24, 2021 at 12:37 PM

TC

“ My condolences to the Espinosa family. Fred was the kind of gentleman that are hard to find anymore. He would always open the door for you or allow you to order your meal first. My heart would smile when he was near as his spirit was kind and gentle. He left the world a better place by helping those in need. May you all find peace during these trying times.

*PS I knew Fred was the right husband for my mom when he told me he was a Chicago Bears fan!*

*Much love mom*

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**Tina Christiansen** - July 27, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SE

*thank you very much means a lot*

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**Sylvia Espinoza** - July 28, 2020 at 11:45 AM

ME

*So very true It's been a big loss for all of us who loved him and knew him*

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**Maria Espinoza** - July 29, 2020 at 12:53 AM

SE

“ *Sylvia Espinoza lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Fred" Espinoza*



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**Sylvia Espinoza** - July 27, 2020 at 02:25 AM

SE

“ I remember a family get together we all had at my mother's house when we were living in Union Grove Wisconsin and my older brother God rest his soul decided that we needed to have a water fight and my father Fred did not want to get wet so he decided to sneak around to the other side of the shed to look at the garden thinking OK I'm not gonna get wet well he was wrong because he one of us snuck around 1 side another snuck around the other way and he got 2 5 gallon buckets of water tossed at him and I still remember the look of shock on his face and the smile that soon followed after he was soaked I will miss my father always and will count the days till I see him again love you always

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**Sylvia Espinoza** - July 27, 2020 at 02:24 AM

ME

*I can visualize Nice memory*

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**Maria espinoza** - July 27, 2020 at 10:29 PM

KJ

*Thank you Fred for sharing your faith and inspiring me to read the Bible. I will miss those precious conversations that are now a treasure to me.*

*May you Rest In Peace and until we meet again ..... Kathy Joas*

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**kathy joas** - July 28, 2020 at 09:55 PM