



## Fred Gene Arwood

October 9, 1956 - November 22, 2012

Big Stone Gap, VA

Fred Gene Arwood, 56, passed away on Thursday (Nov. 22, 2012) at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN, after 46 courageous days of battling leukemia.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1956. He was a graduate of Powell Valley High School. He started in the auto parts business in 1974 and was presently owner of General Auto Parts in Big Stone Gap. He was a former member of the Jasper Vol. Fire Dept. and the Big Stone Gap Vol. Fire Dept. Fred loved to golf, but when asked how he played he always said "not too good!"

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Evelyn (Hamm) Arwood; and a half-brother, Bill Arwood.

He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Gail Percy Arwood, of the home; his very special sister-in-law and brother-in-law who were with Fred through everything, Sandy and Ronny Stroop of Mt. Juliet, TN; his nephew whom he thought of as his own son, Noa David Stroop of Mt. Juliet, TN; sister, Jan Blevins and husband, Danny of Kingsport, TN; brothers, Herbert Arwood and wife Penny of Jasper, VA, Kenneth "Bub" Arwood, and Gary Arwood and wife Arlene, both of Big Stone Gap; half brothers, Jack Arwood and wife, Carol of

Sandusky, OH, Johnny Arwood and wife, Llana of Knoxville, TN, and Donnie Arwood and wife, Doris of Norton, VA; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ralph and Bernice Percy of Duffield, VA; special and close friends, David, Diane and Kristi Coomer of Big Stone Gap; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

Burial will be 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Percy Family Cemetery (351 Chase Drive) in Pattonville, VA. The family and friends wishing to attend will meet at the funeral home by 12 noon Sunday to go in procession.

To view the obituary and offer condolences, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Arwood family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Gene Arwood*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Gail, i so sorry for you lost. i have talked with Ray and he informed me me. my prayers are with you.*

**Tommy Hopkins** - May 02, 2014 at 11:20 AM



“ *Gail, I'm very sorry about your loss. Our prayers go out to you and your family.*

**George Simpson** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM



“ *Gail & Family,  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Barb & Glenn Humphries*

**Glenn Humphries** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss*

**Jerry & Kara Burgan** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

MC

“ Fred is like family to us and he will be greatly missed. Enjoyed working with him for many years. Our prayers are with Gail and Family.

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**Mike & Angie Cameron** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

RR

“ Gail I am so sorry we could not be there for you, but know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We loved Fred like a brother and I'll miss hearing his voice. He had such a big and good heart,, and he will be forever in our hearts.  
We love you Gail and share your sorrow.

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**Ron & Chris Reed** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

WH

“ Gail, I am left at a loss for words to express how I am feeling. Fred was one of a kind to say the least. We all had lots of good times on the FD and at work. Fred had a big heart and I will miss him. I will always remember "hanging on with both hands" and "up to my eyeballs in alligators". Love and prayers for you and the family.  
Wanda

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**Wanda Harless** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

BS

“ Gail I'm sorry about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Bobby Sanford** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

MH

“ You're in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Mary Hooks** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

SB

“ Gail & Family - I am so sorry for your loss. May you find peace in the many cherished memories that you have of Fred. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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**Sue Botsford** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

JA

“ I am Freddie's half-brother. I really only got to know Freddie within the past couple years because I left Virginia shortly after high school graduation and lived in Ohio. I got to know my other half-brothers and half-sister and various cousins and other family also.

Freddie was a joy to talk to. He would call me fairly often and we would catch up on the Arwood happenings from back in the time. He always made me laugh with his stories.

I will really miss him. He left this world too soon.

Gail and family, I am so sorry for his passing.

God bless you all.

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**Jack D. Arwood** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM