



## Michael Clement Freund

January 17, 1943 - June 22, 2025

Michael Freund, born on January 17, 1943, in Memphis, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2025, at the age of 82.

Throughout his distinguished career, Michael held numerous patents that reflected his passion for engineering and his commitment to sustainable technology. In the late 1960s, he played a pivotal role in designing an electric jeep for the postal service in California and developed an electric food service cart for Sweetheart, enhancing hospital food service efficiency. His career took him to South Bend, Indiana, where he designed a line of electric garden tractors for Wheel-horse in the late 1970s.

In 1984, Michael joined Ford Motor Co. in Atlanta, where he worked tirelessly in various capacities, including robotics during a significant plant changeover. His leadership qualities shone through when he served as president of the Atlanta Chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers for several years.

Despite the long hours, Michael always found time for his family, attending his children's early morning swim practices, ball games, and swim meets.

In his 70th year, Michael embarked on a mission trip to Haiti, bringing parts, tools, and duct tape, skillfully fixing items others deemed irreparable—a testament to his talent for "McGivering" solutions.

Michael also had a strong sense of community, enjoying Tuesday breakfasts with his Ham Radio buddies and leisurely tours of local thrift stores. He will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his work, his family, and his ability to find joy and purpose in all facets of life.

He was a loving husband to his devoted wife of 59 years, Carol Freund, and a cherished father to his four children: Christine Cox and her husband Jeff, Andrew Freund, Stephanie Heeps and her husband Fergus, and Katy Freund. Michael was also a proud grandfather to Connor Masonick, Weston Freund and his wife Haley, Ray Freund, and Harrison Heeps, as well as a great-grandfather to his beloved great-grandson, Eli Masonick.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Freund and Dorothy Zeimes Freund. He is survived by his siblings, who will dearly miss him: Mary Jo Benoit, Benet Freund and his wife Cheryl, Tim Freund and his wife Margaret, and Peter Freund.

Family and friends are invited to honor and celebrate Michael's life at a service to be held on Friday, June 27, 2025, at 11 o'clock in the morning at St. Matthew Catholic Church with a visitation one hour prior to the service.

He will be remembered for the love he shared with those around him and the warmth of his presence in the lives of all who knew him. May he rest in eternal peace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or Saint Vincent dePaul, <https://svdpgeorgia.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
215 Kirkley Road  
Tyrone, GA 30290

## Memorial Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Michael Clement Freund*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - June 26, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Clement Freund*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - June 24, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ *Somerby Peachtree City Family extends our heartfelt condolences to the Freund Family. Peace and Blessings!*

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**Pat Jackson** - June 26, 2025 at 11:24 AM

DF

“ Dan and Angel Jane and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Clement Freund.



Dan and Angel Jane and family - June 26, 2025 at 10:28 AM

M5

“ Marissa Cody Cooling -District 5-2 purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Michael Clement Freund.



Marissa Cody Cooling -District 5-2 - June 26, 2025 at 09:06 AM

SB

“ Mr. Freund was a co-worker and my boss for a while at Ford Motor Company. One of the smartest men I ever ran into and was proud to work with and for him. He helped me figure out a complicated formula for a project I was working on and I', proud to say it worked out perfectly. I never knew of his patents but, it doesn't surprise me. Farewell my friend, it was a pleasure knowing you!!

Steve Bushroe - June 25, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Michael Clement Freund.



June 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM

JT

“ Joe and Honey Tschacher purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael Clement Freund.



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**Joe and Honey Tschacher** - June 25, 2025 at 01:07 PM

TB

“ Michael and I worked at Ford Motor Company together. We spent over 20 years together and he was always willing to go the extra mile. He was good friend at work and outside of work. He was a steady and loyal friend. Rest in peace my friend, a job well done!

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**Tommy Blasingame** - June 25, 2025 at 10:13 AM

DC

“ Denny and Lynne Cox purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Michael Clement Freund.



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**Denny and Lynne Cox** - June 24, 2025 at 09:56 PM

TB

“ Team Boccelism purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Clement Freund.



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**Team Boccelism** - June 24, 2025 at 09:32 PM

DF

“ David, Dianne, Riggs and Caleb Fowler purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Michael Clement Freund.



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**David, Dianne, Riggs and Caleb Fowler** - June 24, 2025 at 06:30 PM

TC

“ The Hamanns - Bryan, Michelle & children purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Clement Freund.



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**The Hamanns - Bryan, Michelle & children** - June 24, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - June 24, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Clement Freund.*



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June 24, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Met Mike thru Carol when I worked with her. Best boss ever! Always knew Mike to be so kind and soft spoken. I know he loved Carol and his children. A wonderful man gone home to be with Jesus.*

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**Juanita Lesueur** - June 24, 2025 at 10:56 AM



*Loved my Buddy. Such a delightful friend to work with at the Atlanta Assembly Plant.*

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**Michael walter white** - June 25, 2025 at 08:27 PM