



Frederick E. Carroll

October 12, 1941 - August 8, 2025

Frederick E. Carroll of Cadillac passed away, Friday, August 8, 2025 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 83.

He was born October 12, 1941 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan to Tobias L. Carroll and Bernice H. Seymour Carroll. Fred was raised in Flint, Michigan and educated at Flint St. Michael's High School. He attended Mott Community College and graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree. Fred was selected for a Flint Mott Foundation administrative educational internship in 1967 and graduated with a Specialist in Education degree. In 1971 he was again offered a Mott Foundation internship with Wayne State University. His Educational Doctorate was awarded in 1972.

Rochester, Michigan, 1964, was Fred's first teaching position. He taught and administered in community schools in Flint, where he met Rochelle Galey while teaching at Stevenson Elementary Community School. They were soon married in Crawfordsville, Indiana, at Wabash College Chapel. Fred was soon offered the Essexville-Hampton Community Schools administrative position. In 1971, Fred accepted the position as superintendent of schools in Homer, Michigan, which made him the youngest school superintendent in the State of Michigan. Cadillac Area Public Schools offered Fred the superintendency in 1982. His wife, Rochelle, later became a band director in the district. They remained in their positions until retiring in 2003. Fred truly appreciated the

district and all those involved. Upon retirement Fred and Rochelle spent their winters in Naples, Florida and summered on Lake Cadillac.

Fred served with the Lions Club of Homer, Michigan, Cadillac Rotary Club as president 1985-86, president of the Cadillac Chamber of Commerce 1988-89 and as a member of the Cadillac Industrial Fund. He enjoyed leading the school construction of Lincoln Elementary School and Mackinaw Trail Middle School. In 2003, he was recognized for implementing the Cooley Alternative School and was given a state award by the Michigan Association of Administrators.

Woodworking, especially designing and making tables and cabinets, Corvettes, and friends and family completed Fred's life. He never saw a stranger and always said, "Make them smile."

Fred and Rochelle had two wonderful children who survive him, Shannon Paige Carroll-Frey (David Frey) and daughters, Megan and Molly Frey of Greenwood, Indiana; Patrick Carroll (Sheri Carroll) and son Dominic Cataldo (Rebecca Cataldo) of Cadillac.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife on April 15, 2023.

Visitation will be held at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services on Sunday, August 24, 2025 from 4-6 pm. The Memorial Service will be held at Cadillac United Methodist Church on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to: Cadillac United Methodist Church (<https://cadillacumc.org/>) or the Munson of Cadillac Foundation. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Memorial Service

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM.

Cadillac United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Uncle Fred was a great man and even though family a friend. His subtle sense of humor always brought a smile to our faces and he always made us laugh. Was looking forward to him coming to AZ in 2026 and we talked about where we would play golf. I will play a round in his honor. He will be missed more than anyone knows.

Live,

Ton, Sally, Jackson and Tatum Carroll

Tony Carroll - August 24, 2025 at 12:15 PM

TC

Edit- Love, Tony

Tony Carroll - August 24, 2025 at 12:17 PM

DC

“ Fred will be greatly missed at United Methodist Church of Cadillac. As the Office Manager I looked forward to seeing him several times a week, popping in to see what he could do for the church maintenance and grounds. He was a truly thoughtful man and I will miss seeing him. Diane Coon

Diane Coon - August 21, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TF

“ The Centaurus family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Frederick E. Carroll.



The Centaurus family - August 20, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Frederick E. Carroll.*



August 18, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *I was hired by Fred many years ago, to be a principal. I will always remember him fondly for giving me a chance to do what I loved doing , as a career. Your caring for everyone on staff was always appreciated. Dennis Stratton*

Dennis Stratton - August 18, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *In February 2001 Fred was a valued, founding board member and investor in MCS Industries, Inc. (MCS, Miller, Carroll, Swope) located in Homer, Michigan. He had always expressed to me that he wanted to invest in manufacturing "where the big money was made" He always contributed insightful, constructive suggestions to our organization, which did become quite successful serving the railroad industry.*

Fred was a real gentleman, and personal friend, who led a complete life.

Respectfully,

Christopher Miller, President and CEO, MCS Industries, Inc.

MCS Board members, Stan Swope, Phil Moilanen, Brian Jurasek, Dan Miller, Pat Miller, Tom Miller

Christopher Miller - August 18, 2025 at 08:52 AM

RF

“ Ray and Jackie Frey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Frederick E. Carroll.



Ray and Jackie Frey - August 17, 2025 at 02:34 PM

RF

“ Ray and Jackie Frey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick E. Carroll.

Ray and Jackie Frey - August 17, 2025 at 02:34 PM

MS

“ I was Fred Carrolls secretary for a number of years. He was always kind and caring and will be missed by many. So sorry for your loss 🙏. Mary Scholten

Mary Scholten - August 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM

SV

“ Fred was a kind, gentle man and a true gentleman. He always had a smile on his face and made being around him fun. We missed him after Rochelle passed and he sold the home in Naples. My deepest condolences to the family. Hold dear to your memories. 💔

Sharon Vigorito

Sharon Vigorito - August 12, 2025 at 01:50 PM

RV

“ Fred was a truly valued member of our Naples Florida community
His strong leadership as a board member was always to better our
community

He was a sincere and humble man

I miss him

Robert Vigorito

Alden Woods Board President

Robert Vigorito - August 11, 2025 at 08:24 PM