



## Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell

June 17, 1959 - March 5, 2025

Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell, 65, husband of Debra Rogers Fretwell of Walhalla, passed away on Wednesday March 5, 2025, at Foothills Assisted Living in West Union.

A native of Oconee County, SC, he was the son of the late Grover Fretwell and Betty Jo Elliott Nix. Mr. Fretwell was a man of great skill and dedication, retiring as a carpenter, master mechanic, and manager of high-performance shops for many years. Mr. Fretwell had a deep passion for cars, he spent countless hours constructing and testing cars on the dyno, always eager to see the results of his labor. He also took pride in building dirt track race cars. He was an avid collector of guns, enjoyed participating in the ABATE motorcycle group and was a member of the Dry Ridge Hunting Club. His enthusiasm for these hobbies was only matched by his love for helping others in his community, and his family, especially his grandchildren. Mr. Fretwell regularly participated in benefit runs to raise money for various causes, demonstrating his strong desire to give back. His legacy of service, hard work, and devotion to his passions will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

In addition to his wife of 48 years, Mr. Fretwell is survived by his daughters: Macy Abell (Aaron), and Jessica Jenkins (Jimmy); brother: Freddie Crummie (Denease); sister: Elizabeth "Liz" Marrow (Billy); grandchildren: Briana Gerber

(Brannon), Madelyn Abell, Karmen Jenkins (CJ), and Hudson Abell; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, with special thanks to his Aunt Ann McCall, who has assisted the family with taking care of him.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Fretwell is preceded in death by his sister: Carmen "Lynn" Hamm; granddaughter: Rachel Abell; two infant siblings; and a cousin whom he loved like his own son: Heath "Hocake" Elliott.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at the Davenport Funeral Home Chapel.

Flowers are accepted, or donations may be made to Crescent Hospice, 1370 Browning Rd., Suite 120, Columbia, SC 29210. [www.hospicesc.com/make\\_a\\_donation.php](http://www.hospicesc.com/make_a_donation.php)

The family is at their respective homes.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
davenportfhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ Macy, I'm so sorry for your loss! If there is anything that I can do, please let me know. I'm praying for you and your family.

Michael Walker - March 10, 2025 at 12:06 PM

EB

“ Macy, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray your fond memories will sustain you all during this difficult time.

Elizabeth Bass

Elizabeth bass - March 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM

AK

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

A. Kaufman - March 10, 2025 at 08:32 AM

BE

“ In our thoughts and prayers



Bobbi Elliott - March 09, 2025 at 10:24 PM

KL

“ Debra and family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Owens Lovell - March 09, 2025 at 08:05 PM

VA

“ Macy, We are deeply sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We pray you find comfort and strength in the memories you shared with your father.

With our deepest condolences,  
Joe, Vicky and the entire South Florida Area Director's Team

Vicky Alnaji - March 09, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



March 09, 2025 at 08:27 AM

BL

“ Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell



Burgess (Bird) Laye - March 08, 2025 at 04:29 PM

BW

“ Byrd & Frankie Williams lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell



Byrd & Frankie Williams - March 08, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.*



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March 08, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.*



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March 08, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *john daniel burrell and Dee Dee burrell lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell*



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**john daniel burrell and Dee Dee burrell** - March 07, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.*



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March 07, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

March 07, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



March 07, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ Wayah I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

Wayah I. - March 07, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ Dabs, Jan and Pamela purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



Dabs, Jan and Pamela - March 06, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ Dabs, Jan and Pamela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

Dabs, Jan and Pamela - March 06, 2025 at 08:08 PM

LC

“ Macy--I am thinking of you and your family.



Lauren Capie - March 06, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



March 06, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

March 06, 2025 at 01:00 PM

RF

“ Rodney Fowler lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell



Rodney Fowler - March 06, 2025 at 12:45 PM

SM

“ Sherry Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell



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**Sherry Moore** - March 06, 2025 at 10:12 AM

KL

“ It was such an honor to know bugs. He reminded me so much of my papa and I wish I could've had the pleasure to know him longer. Sending much love to his family ❤️

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**Kirsten Leatherwood** - March 06, 2025 at 06:58 AM

SF

“ Sam and Sandy Jennings and family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



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**Sam and Sandy Jennings and family** - March 05, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

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March 05, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.*



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March 05, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ *Melissa Cooper lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell*



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**Melissa Cooper** - March 05, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *Sonya Carver Dobson lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell*



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**Sonya Carver Dobson** - March 05, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ *Seth, Brooke, Ashlynn and Wyatt Wilson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.*



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**Seth, Brooke, Ashlynn and Wyatt Wilson** - March 05, 2025 at 08:42 PM

DC

“ Heartbreaking for Debra and the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lots of fun and precious memories with Bugs and Debra over the years. Fly high dear friend you will be missed

Debbi Collins - March 05, 2025 at 08:08 PM

BW

“ Becky Nicholson Winchester lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell



Becky Nicholson Winchester - March 05, 2025 at 07:01 PM

TS

“ Terry Simmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell



Terry Simmons - March 05, 2025 at 06:58 PM

TS

“ Enjoyed our times together. Many Harley trips to Daytona and the big one to Sturgis in '04. lots of good times even just sitting on the porch at Last Chance. Will miss you Brother!!!



Terry Simmons - March 05, 2025 at 06:56 PM

DS

“ Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bugs" Fretwell



Dave & Donna Stephens - March 05, 2025 at 06:50 PM

RL

“ So sorry for your loss. ReginaLee

Regina Lee - March 05, 2025 at 06:48 PM

DD

“ Dick and Vicki Douglass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

Dick and Vicki Douglass - March 05, 2025 at 06:26 PM

DD

“ Dick and Vicki Douglass purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



Dick and Vicki Douglass - March 05, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ Debra , and family so sorry for Your Loss...  
Bugs was always one of my favorite friends ,,  
Met him when he was with Dabbs Potts  
Racing and I guess I can say he was a friend  
from that time on ,,, Last saw and spoke with  
him at a Car show at Walhalla , a God Bless and so sorry for your  
Loss...



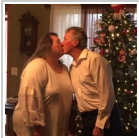
Robert Rowland - March 05, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Dry Ridge Hunting Club purchased the Simply El  
egant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Grover  
"Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



Dry Ridge Hunting Club - March 05, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Susan Harper lit a candle in memory of  
Grover "Bugs" Fretwell



Susan Harper - March 05, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ John A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs"  
Frank Fretwell.

John A. - March 05, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

March 05, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



March 05, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Rose M.* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

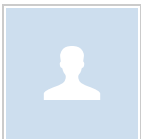
**Rose M.** - March 05, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



March 05, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

March 05, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.

March 05, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Grover "Bugs" Frank Fretwell.



March 05, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ To all of the family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of Bugs. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers today and the days and months ahead. May Gid's peace and comfort be with you.  
Darlene Newsome, Travis' daughter

**Darlene Newsome, Lucama NC** - March 05, 2025 at 04:43 PM