



## Frederick Witt

February 23, 1935 - January 16, 2008

A celebration honoring the life of Fred Witt, 72, of Dallas, formerly of Tyler and Carroll, Iowa, will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008, at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Paul W. Powell officiating. Mr. Witt passed away on January 16, 2008, at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born on February 23, 1935 in Denison, Iowa to Theodore and Anna Evers Witt. He opened the Ethan Allen Furniture Gallery in Tyler in 1976. Most recently, he worked with Sampson Ministries in Dallas. Mr. Witt was very active in the various communities where he lived, including memberships in the Rotary Club and Chambers of Commerce. He served on the school board in Carroll, Iowa and was very active in the Republican Party. Mr. Witt was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dallas and formerly a member of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler. His life was dedicated to the Lord, teaching Sunday School classes for many years. Most importantly, he was a loving father and grandfather to his family. In his spare time, he enjoyed sailing and fishing with his grandchildren. Mr. Witt was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by a loving family including a son, James Witt and wife Penolia of New Port Richey, Florida; three daughters, Kristen Seeber and husband Joey of Tyler; Kathy Spradlin and husband Jeff of Granbury; and Karen Kasper and husband Richard of Bryan; six grandchildren, Joseph Seeber, Witt Seeber, Sam Spradlin, Sarah Spradlin, Logan Kasper, and Madelyn Kasper; one brother, Paul Witt of Boise, Idaho; and three nephews. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008 from 7:00-9:00 PM at Stewart

Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Memorials in honor of Fred Witt may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75702. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Fred Witt was a prince of a man. We worked together for a number of years and he became a very close friend. As a Christian gentleman, Fred exemplified a warm & gentle spirit, always had an encouraging word, and loved life. He loved God, his family and his church. His daughters and son were the love of his life and the grandkids were the apple of his eye. He talked about you all the time!!

I loved, respected, and admired Fred. He was my friend. The Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 1:16-18 mentions a man named Onesiphorus. He was a refreshing friend to Paul and eager to minister to him. Fred Witt was my Onesiphorus. He always knew when to come to my office, or take me to lunch or just hang out with me. He always brought me a refreshing spirit and was constantly encouraging me during difficult days in my life. Fred became my "Texas Dad" after my father passed away in Ohio. When Fred went to be with Jesus, it is certainly heaven's gain, and personally, I have lost my Onesiphorus.

Bill Sword  
Dallas, Tx.

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**Bill Sword** - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Krsiten, Joe, Joseph, and Witt:

*We love you guys and are here for you. I cannot imagine the feelings you are going through, never having gone through this myself yet. I know that your faith will carry you through this, and bring you comfort as you go through the process. I KNOW your dad knew that you loved him and took care of him through it all. I know God is holding your dad's hand and smiling down on their loving daughter. I love you, Claudia*

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**Whitney & Claudia Donaldson** - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *It was a true Joy to have known Fred Witt since 1990.*

*We were both members of FBC Dallas and part of the Zig Ziglar class. I remember how active he was in the class and how joyful he was in serving the Lord.*

*On August 8th of 2000 Fred begin his work as a Ministry Representative of Sampson Resources in Dallas where he and I renewed out friendship.*

*Over the last eight years during the work week, Fred and I had wonderful times of fellowship over lunch where I truly enjoyed his kind heart and words of wisdom on many topics. The topic most of the time would revert to the University of Iowa and his love of his school and its football program.*

*His love of the Lord was so evident in his life and his testimony and was demonstrated as a friend and co-worker.*

*He shared with us the many times he took his grandchildren fishing and as he spoke a big smile would always radiant from his face. Fred was very proud of his family and their many accomplishments.*

*I thank the Lord for the opportunity of knowing Fred Witt over these years and as a result my life will never be the same.*

*If Fred had word to share with us at this time it would be: "Do You Know My Jesus? If not why not, For Today Is The Day Of Salvation".*

*Thank you Fred, for I will miss you but rest in the fact that you are with Jesus and no longer suffering.*

*Ed Haynes*

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Ed Haynes - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Dear Precious Family,

*I just wanted you to know that Fred was one of the finest Christian gentleman that I have ever known. It was my priviledge to work with Bro. Fred at Sampson Ministry Resources the past 7 years. He was always kind, gentle, wise and encouraging. He obviously loved the Lord Jesus Christ becuase his life exemplified service to others and to God. I will miss him greatly and will never forget what a blessing he was to me and all of us here at Sampson Resources.*

*May God richly bless you in the days ahead and comfort you during your grief. But know you can celebrate because this is not the end.....you will see him again if you know the Lord!*

*Standing with you in prayer,  
Robert Warren*

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**Robert Warren** - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Wow.....talk about a wonderful life. Although I've only know you for wuch a short time the amount of wisdom you've shared with me during our little talks. Providing light in a dark world and guiding me with insightful parables...well done thou good and faithful servant. God has called you home but your impact will live on forever. Praying for your family in this time....because I know you're better than alright...You're out-a-sight...but will live on our in our hearts. Thanks Fred...I'll see you on "The Other Shore".

*GP*

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**Gil Palmer** - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ To James, Kristen, Kathy, Karen  
You have my sympathy and condolences  
in this time. Please take care.  
Alan Sterns

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**Alan Sterns** - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I had the privilege of working with Fred for four years at Sampson.  
Seeing Fred was always a highlight of my day. After I moved to  
Oregon Fred would call from time to time just to say hi. He was a  
great friend and I will miss him.

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**Shane White** - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ A note to tell you that we miss your Dad & Brother. He would stop in  
at our Pub in Dallas on Sundays, catch up the news from the  
papers, enjoy breakfast and a little banter with the staff.

As his health was failing this past year he would still make the effort  
to stop in, walking a little slower, taking in the sights, never looking  
winded or without energy but to all outward appearances, he looked  
to be stopping to watch the activity of the village below and the  
DART train station adjacent.

He never let on that his health was failing except for his alst visit  
when we said See You Next Week, he offered the quip I hope so  
with a trademark smile and a wave!

We'll miss his visits and the gravitas he brought to our small Irish  
Pub in Dallas! God Speed Fred~

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**Marius Donnelly** - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *The friends of Mr. Witt at Trinity Hall deeply regret the passing of Mr. Fred Witt. He would come in for a good Irish breakfast on Saturday and sometimes on Sunday. He would always have a good sense of humor and seemed very content with life itself. He loved to talk about college football and politics. He was always reading the morning paper when he came in and would converse with most of us at the bar. He will be missed but not forgotten. Our prayers go out to the family.*

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**Friends of Trinity Hall Pub** - January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM