



## Frederick Filmore Collier III

September 14, 1955 - June 15, 2021

No obituary found for this tribute.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 11. 2:30 PM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA 95620

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brian Collier purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frederick Filmore Collier III.*



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**Brian Collier** - August 11, 2021 at 03:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frederick Filmore Collier III.*



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July 21, 2021 at 12:20 AM

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“ I first met Fred back in 1997 as we both worked in Saudi Arabia together. As the years went by, even though we worked on different platforms, we always managed to keep in touch. When Fred arrived in India in 2012, I was working in the UAE. When I came to work, I would see Fred on-line and so I would Instant Message (IM) him. Often, I would reach out to Fred for technical assistance but more often than not, we would just exchange some witty banter back and forth. We did this for 4 years until he retired in 2016. While in India Fred often griped about working with the Thug Monkeys and the snakes. I could not honestly tell if he was referring to the wild habitat or Boeing Management. (I think it was the latter). When Fred mentioned he had a tiger roaming around the warehouse I suggested that he list Zookeeper on his resume. When Fred complained about his cramped pre-fab office, I would try to one up him and exclaim “what you have an office, as I work out of a cardboard box!”. When he stated he was on a low carb Chicken and Veggie diet, I told him I was surviving only on twigs and rocks. I would always ask Fred what he was up to, and his typical response was “Just causing trouble” and so I always thought “Trouble” was his middle name. I once asked Fred why he was not on Facebook, and he said to many people were looking for him. Not sure what he meant by that but as often as Fred switched jobs (Loyal to none, sworn to fun), I was sure he was on the witness protection program. I will miss Fred’s quick wit and his dark sense of humor. We briefly spoke on the phone on 10 June, and we shared one more laugh together before he earned his wings on 15 June. I will treasure the IMs, the e-mails, the telephone conversations and the numerous laughs we shared together. I was proud to call Fred my friend.

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**Gary Crutchfield** - June 27, 2021 at 01:56 AM

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**Susan Collier** - June 25, 2021 at 09:34 AM

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**Bob Bailey** - June 23, 2021 at 12:05 AM

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“ It must be about 15 years ago when I first met Fred. I was retiring after 22 years in the Air Force and he was there helping to start up the C-17 operations at Travis AFB. He was looking for local military people to work on the program, so it was serendipitous that our paths crossed. I look back at those days with great fondness because he was so instrumental in helping set my feet on a post Air Force path that has been nothing but rewarding. I owe him a great deal.

On a more personal note, I'm not sure that I've ever met a more generous soul with such an amazing capacity to just take whatever life threw his way. A philosopher with a dry sense of humor that was as contagious as it was, sometimes, unexpected. When I would ask how he could remain so calm when I thought he should be upset about something, he would just smirk and say that he would never give someone the power to make him angry. It was a philosophy that has served me well over the years, though I've been nowhere near as successful as he was at its implementation.

Even though our career paths occasionally put great distances between us, we would run into each other several times over the coming years, and each of those times we instantly and immediately fell back into the comfortable friendship we shared. It will never be possible for me to think of the C-17 program without thinking of Fred. His fingerprints and footsteps are everywhere I look.

It's equally impossible for me to think of him as gone, and so I won't. I choose to think of him as just off on yet another of his adventures, and, as sure as I sit here today struggling for the right words to illustrate how much this man has touched my life, I know that one day our paths will cross again. When that time comes, I know we will fall right back into that comfortable friendship that I've been so fortunate to share with him. We'll have a lot of catching up to do.

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Tim Mitchell - June 22, 2021 at 04:38 PM

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“ I don't have the words to express just how very sorry I am for your loss.

Fred was my team lead for 1 1/2 years at Stewart ANGB, and although a short time he really made an impact on me and my co-worker. I have always missed him being here and working with him. I loved and admired his demeanor so much. Fred was such an easy-going guy and was able to just let things roll off his back. He would never let us stress out at work and had a way of making us realize there was nothing to stress about. Just a very likeable and fun and good person.

I have nothing but fond memories of him. He talked about his family and was obvious how much he loved and cared about you all.

I know he is in a better place and will be watching over all of you.



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**Noreen Campbell** - June 22, 2021 at 04:10 PM