



## Frederick Walter Biskie

May 30, 1937 - July 24, 2023

Frederick Biskie, a hall of famer and late-blooming professional athlete, died July 24, 2023 at his home with his family by his side. Frederick Walter Biskie was born on May 30, 1937 in Buffalo, New York, to parents Leonard and Winifred (Sias) Biskie. After living in Joliet, IL, then coming to Michigan and living in Dearborn, Parma, and Hudson, Fred moved to Charlotte, MI to take a teaching job. While teaching at Charlotte High School, Fred met another teacher in the building, Sara Lu (Haddon), and they were the talk of the school when they began dating, and married just six months later. Fred taught for 31 years as a business educator. Fred and his wife, Sara, have been married for 55 years. They have enjoyed teaching, raising a family, camping, fishing in Canada, visiting their children and grandchildren, traveling, and in recent years, spending winters in Sebring, FL.

Fred passionately pursued his hobbies. Introduced to rabbit raising by his father, Fred raised and showed American Checkered Giant rabbits for decades. He was inducted into the American Checkered Giant Rabbit Club Hall of Fame, and was an ambassador for the hobby of rabbit raising. Case in point, for years, he was captain of a local bowling team called "Biskie's Bucks" (buck is the term for a male rabbit) and his teams had an American Checkered Giant rabbit emblazoned on their bowling shirts.

Not many can say that their time as a professional athlete began in their

eighth decade of life. But when Fred joined the Sebring, FL Shuffleboard Club and Battle Creek, MI Shuffleboard Club, his winters on the Florida shuffleboard courts paid off and he "accidentally" became a pro in Michigan after scoring too many points in the ProAm tournaments. He continued to compete in shuffleboard until the summer of '23. Some of his children enjoy claiming that they have the genes of a pro athlete.

Fred was introduced to the teachings of Jesus at a young age, when he committed himself to Jesus' way. He imperfectly strove to live out his faith through the rest of his life, assured that God's grace would cover his deficiencies. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Charlotte, MI, and a participating member of Gideon's International. His faith in God was very important to Fred, he could be found reading scripture each morning, and he tried to live out its teachings in practical ways. If you don't have a lived-out trust in Jesus, he encourages you to read the Gospel of John and reflect on the claims of Jesus.

Fred is survived by his wife, Sara (Haddon) Biskie; daughter, Beth (Chris) Smith; sons, Scott, Steve, and Dave Biskie; grandchildren, Taylor, Shae and Drew Biskie, Connor, Brooke and Clay Smith, Ransom and Rhys Biskie; sister-in-law, Linda Walter; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, June North and Carolyn Cooper; and grandson, Christopher Smith.

Friends are encouraged to support Fred's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Sunday, July 30, 4-6:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Monday, July 31, 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church in Charlotte with Pastor Pete Kroll officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Fred's tribute, then click on

Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to First Baptist Church in Charlotte, MI, Gideons International, or Youth Haven Ranch. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
1110 S. Cochran Ave.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Frederick Walter Biskie



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 31, 2023 at 09:45 AM

JB

*Fred you will be missed. Had fun shuffling with you over the years. Sarah and Family our prayers are with you .Don JoanBriabane*

Joan Don Brisbane friends shuffle board - August 04, 2023 at 05:30 PM

EB

*I believe you were on Seahorse Dr. before you bought your home in B-Bay. I was at 6 Seahorse. My husband passed in 2013. I haven't been there since April 2019. I'm going down this Oct. for 8 weeks. I believe we met while walking home from church. My condolences, Sara, to you & your family.*

*Eleanor Black*

Eleanor Black - August 13, 2023 at 10:36 PM

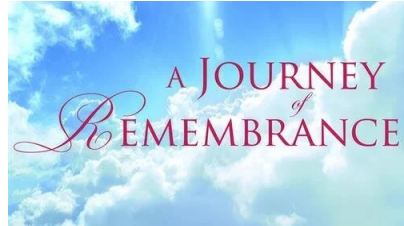


*I always enjoyed playing shuffleboard with Fred, both at the campground and in Battle Creek. Fred will be missed. Dave Korman*

Dave Korman - August 15, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Frederick Walter Biskie



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 27, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JW

“ Sara, I am so sorry to hear this news about your husband. My deep condolences to you and your family. From your Button wood friend. Jean Wilkinson.

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**Jean Wilkinson** - August 13, 2023 at 11:08 AM

DT

“ Peter and I are very sad to learn of Fred's passing. We will miss him very much in BWB! Fred was a gem... he took us under his wing and taught us to play shuffleboard which we came to love! Our condolences to Sara and family. Debbie & Peter Taylor xo

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**Debbie & Peter Taylor** - August 03, 2023 at 08:15 AM

SS

“ We are saddened by reading of Fred's passing. Sending our deepest condolences to each of his loved ones.

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**Steve and Nancy Shaver** - July 29, 2023 at 12:58 PM



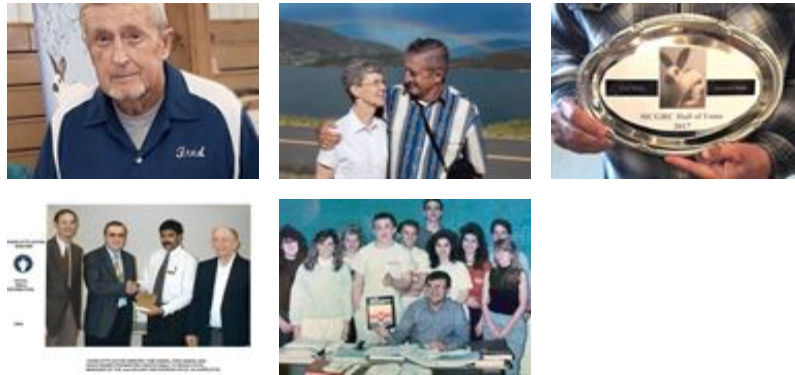
“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Frederick Walter Biskie.



July 27, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 27, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Frederick Walter Biskie.



July 27, 2023 at 10:51 AM

TL

“ I had both Sarah & Fred for teachers, but after I graduated I started adult bowling leagues at char lanes and had pleasure to bowl with Fred team on Monday night and I always enjoyed all the guys on their team. I used to love their reactions they had when they seen me bowl several 300 games bowling with them. That Monday late night league was one of the best league I bowled in there was so many wonderful people and lots of good jokes shared during those nights. R.I.P Fred thanks for the memories

Todd Lahr - July 26, 2023 at 07:57 PM

SK

“ Dennis says that if our neighborhood had a yard-of-the-month-contest, Fred would have won every time. Also, he used to always ask when we were going to get "real" rabbits. The kids remember his advice for caring for their miniature one. Prayers for Sara and the rest of the family. ~ Dennis and Sandy King

Sandra L King - July 26, 2023 at 02:31 PM

JC

“ Jeff Smith CHS lit a candle in memory of Frederick Walter Biskie



Jeff Smith CHS - July 26, 2023 at 09:37 AM

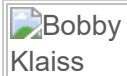


“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick Walter Biskie.*



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July 26, 2023 at 09:35 AM



Bobby  
Klaiss

“ *Mr. Biskie was our JV baseball coach. He would always have us look for four-leaf clovers before practices. I was surprised to learn how easy it was to find them! Great guy for sure. R.I.P., sir.*

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**Bobby Klaiss** - July 26, 2023 at 08:32 AM



GH

“ *Fred was a good friend that will be greatly missed by myself and other shuffleboarders. I always got a kick out of listening to his stories about how to get rid of ground hogs and about how he enjoyed his motor home also I loved his hat he wore to shuffleboard. Hi is missed*

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**Gary & Deanna Hakes** - July 25, 2023 at 10:33 PM



LP

“ *Meet Fred in BWB .Great guy always a big Smile .He will be missed in BWB .Sara and families God Bless you all Cherish your precious memories*

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**lori /frank Peters** - July 25, 2023 at 09:59 PM

DV

“ Douglas and Leona Biskie Sierra Vista planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick Walter Biskie.

Douglas and Leona Biskie Sierra Vista - July 25, 2023 at 09:44 PM

DV

“ Douglas and Leona Biskie Sierra Vista purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Frederick Walter Biskie.



Douglas and Leona Biskie Sierra Vista - July 25, 2023 at 09:44 PM

DM

“ I was just thinking of him a few days ago. He is the reason I got involved with rabbits. He took me along on many rabbit shows and taught me how to take of them. I always looked forward to spending the day with him as we traveled to shows. I wish his family well as he was one great man, human and Christian example to me.

David Morris - July 25, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ I learned how to type in Mr. Biskie's class - a skill that has served me well. He and my older brother were friends through their love of rabbits so I felt a special connection to him. I loved his sense of humor and kindness. RIP Mr. Biskie and prayers for him and his family. God Bless.

Sheri Carter Merritt - July 25, 2023 at 08:53 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Frederick Walter Biskie



Chad & Carol Walker - July 25, 2023 at 08:13 PM

KY

“ This is so silly but when I think of him I remember he taught me how to write a check! It's an everyday practical skill so I think about him all the time. Also he said he had smart pills in his desk which was rabbit pellets. LOL. Rest well in His arms. You're thought of fondly in our home ❤️

Kellye Youngs - July 25, 2023 at 08:05 PM

SW

I had Mr Biskie in 9th grade business class probably in 1979ish. He taught me so well that I knew what his "smart" pill's really was!! I learned a lot from him and his corny sense of humor ( from the impression of a 14/15 yr old) he always wore a smile and was a gentle soul. Today I am a 58yr old grandmother and I pray that my grandkids get teachers like him in their high school years. Rest in Peace Mr Biskie, you were the best.

Sherry Wythe - July 25, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick Walter Biskie.



July 25, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Walter Biskie.*



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July 24, 2023 at 08:40 PM