



Norman "Fred" Champion

January 23, 1944 - August 28, 2025

Norman "Fred" Champion, 81, went to his eternal home on August 28th, 2025. He was surrounded by his devoted, loving family when he passed peacefully at his home.

Fred, as he was affectionately known, was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and unwavering faith in God. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by him. We ask that you remember him not for the way his life ended, but for the way it was lived, and for the profound impact it had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Fred was seventh of eight children. He was preceded in death by Jerry Champion, Roy Champion, Bobby Champion, Wayne Champion, Kenneth Champion, Mary Imogene Champion, Mildren Champion Trussell and his parents, Robert and Essie Burk Champion.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Shirley Johnson Champion; one son, Norman "Laine" Champion, wife (Traci Fry Champion), and one daughter, Mary Dawn Wright, husband (Scott Wright). Five grandchildren; Courtney Hester, husband (Nicholas Hester), Taylor Cowart, husband (Jake Cowart), Ethan Champion, Katelyn Champion, and Autumn Champion. Four

great grandchildren: Emilee Hester, Harper Hester, Madelyn Hester, and Ivy Mae Cowart.

Visitation is from 11:00AM to 12:00 PM, Saturday, August 30th, 2025, at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Jeff May officiating with Funeral service immediately following. Burial will follow at Roselawn.

Pallbearers: Tim Ogle, Jesse Turner, Jake Cowart, Ethan Champion, Barry Bowen, and Drew England.

Thanks to Hospice of the Valley for their exceptional care. Special thanks to Karena, Penny, Haley, and Carla of Hospice they were a loving support for both Fred and his family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice of the Valley.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel
2105 Beltline Road SW
Decatur, AL 35601

Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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