



## Vernie Edward Freeman II

September 4, 1961 - August 15, 2018

### V. EDWARD FREEMAN, II

To know Ed is to know that he was a dedicated, driven, dependable person who was always willing to put others' needs ahead of his own. Ed was a man of few words. If Ed spoke, it was either to tell you what's what (he was sassy and he knew it), or to tell you a "great" joke, at which he himself would laugh the hardest. Ed was his own fashion icon, taking cues from no one. Ed felt especially dapper in two oddly particular combinations: a black suit with a red tie or a pair of green cargo shorts with an orange shirt. However, Ed's tie preference varied if it was a day on which he would be attending an event of one of his three children. Regardless of the child's proximity to adulthood, Ed preferred to wear his "I Love My Daddy" tie.

Three of Ed's greatest achievements took place on August 18, 1987; February 3, 1991; and February 18, 2000, the days on which his three kids were born. Ed loved his children so much, and was so proud of all of their accomplishments. On any given day, you could tell he had received good news about one of the three children based solely on, as he would put it, his "shit eating grin". Ed never missed an event in which his kids were participating.

There was nothing that Ed liked to do more than fish. It did not matter what kind of fish, just as long as a rod and reel were involved. Some of the best conversations took place on Ed's boat with "Papaw" (his father-in-law). Trolling in that boat down the Sipsey River looking for rainbow trout was a newfound love of Ed's.

Ed graduated from Samford University in 1983, Cumberland School of Law in 1986 and became a lawyer in Bessemer, Alabama where he practiced with the utmost integrity until the day he died. The best endorsement a lawyer can receive is that of his clients, and those blessed to retain Ed Freeman as counsel respect, recommend, and vouch for his character, competence, and work ethic. For over three decades, he passionately represented his clients while upholding the strong ethical standards congruent with a lawyer of his stature, building a reputation as both a fierce advocate and, more importantly, an honorable man.

Ed entered the world on September 4, 1961 and left it on August 15, 2018.

Ed is survived by his wife of 35 years, Suzanne, son, Jared, daughter, Brooke-Anne ("Rat"), son, Will, brother, Danny Baron (Kay), mother, Shirlianne, niece, Rachel Reyes, nephew, Bobby, and all of the people whom encountered throughout his life.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Avenue North  
Bessemer, AL 35020

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of Life

AUG 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
Mc Calla, AL 35111  
(205) 477-4888  
[info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com)

## Funeral Service

AUG 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Hi. I went to law school with Ed at Cumberland. I was from New York and Ed was one of the first people I met at school. Ed was a very likeable guy and we maintained a friendly relationship throughout our three years. He always had a smile on his face and something nice to say. I am so sorry to hear about Ed. I hope he rests in peace and brings a smile to the faces of the people that loved him. Many condolences to the Freeman family.*  
*-Marty Bernstein*

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**marty bernstein** - October 04, 2018 at 04:31 PM

PP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. My name is Phil Patridge and I'm a client of Ed's. We've never met but it seems he was one of my BEST friends and counselors. I was approached by Ed on 23 June 2015. He was contacted by my sister to help us with our deceased Mom's Estate. My wife (Ellen) was going through a breast-cancer battle and we had moved from Ga to Houston (MD Anderson) for treatment. My relationship with my Sis was dysfunctional at best and he being so professional, took both sides, to do what our Mom would have ask him. We must have talked for hours about our lives. He shared with me some issues he was battling and we both shared a love of Bama football. I had retired after 32 years in the Army and was living in Georgia. After many Prayers and his thoughtful advice he mended the relationship with my Sister. I received a closing letter from him dated 8 Aug 2018 with his signature. I did not find out about his passing until today (4 Oct) after several calls to his office. My regret is that I was not there to help him as he was there for me. My Faith is in our Lord and I know one day I'll meet Ed in heaven for the first time face to face. Ellen and I will be Praying for your wife and children.

*Thinking of You and wishing you Peace and Comfort  
Phil and Ellen Patridge  
Richmond Hill, Ga*

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**Phil Patridge** - October 04, 2018 at 01:42 PM

SR

“ My sympathy to the Freeman Family. I am retired from Warrior River Water Authority, and I always respected and liked Ed. I went to him when I purchased my house and was very pleased with his handling of it. I am so sorry for your loss. I Pray for peace for each of you. God Bless .

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**Susie Raney** - August 29, 2018 at 12:01 PM

JO

“ *Out thoughts & Prayers are with you during this difficult time. We Love you ,Kathy,DJ & Evan Johnson*



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**johnson** - August 22, 2018 at 01:45 PM

GH

“ *Mr. Freeman recently handled a mortgage closing for a family member. He was so professional and thorough with all the details. Cherish the fond memories of this exceptional man.*

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**Gerald Hicks** - August 21, 2018 at 08:33 PM

FW

“ *Ed and I had utmost respect for Ed. He was a man of integrity, always making his clients feel like family. We depended upon him for all of our real estate needs. We loved you Ed and will miss you forever. Ed & Flo Waits*

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**Flora Waits** - August 21, 2018 at 01:21 PM

FA

“ *Ed Freeman,Atty. was a valued friend and customer of mine for many years. My family and I mourn his passing and are praying for his family.*

*God Bless!  
Faye Adkins*

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**Faye Adkins** - August 21, 2018 at 11:10 AM

AH

“ *Ann Hendeley lit a candle in memory of Vernie Edward Freeman II*



Ann Hendeley - August 20, 2018 at 11:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



August 20, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



August 20, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



August 20, 2018 at 04:55 PM

BL

“ *Suzanne and Family: So very sorry. Wishing for you peace and grace in these days and those ahead. I will concentrate on all the good times, as will Bert, Lee and Michael. Bonnie Lipscomb*

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**Bonnie Lipscomb** - August 20, 2018 at 03:03 PM

EG

“ *Ed and I worked together when we were younger. He always had a kind word and an upbeat view of the world. Over the years we would encourage each other as fellow lawyers, a very difficult and sometimes hectic and chaotic profession. Ed was a good fisherman. We fished for Bass a couple times on Logan Martin and had a blast. Ed, I will miss you.*

*Ed Gentle*

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**ed gentle** - August 20, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



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August 20, 2018 at 12:01 PM

BM

“ *Thinking of you all. Love and prayers Betty Penny McDonald*

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**Betty Penny McDonald** - August 20, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



August 20, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



August 19, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *I met Fred back in Jr. High school as we had many years together in homeroom. He was always my friend. We laughed together on a daily basis. It was so good to finally see him at our last reunion. That is when I was introduced to his beautiful wife and the mother of his children, we hit it off like I'd known her all my life, just like Fred to find his soulmate. He was a great friend husband and father. He will be missed by many. My heart is with all of the family in this time of need.....my heart goes out to you all!*

**Beverly Humphrey Caldwell** - August 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



August 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Laurie Shaffer and family and Joanne Williams purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.



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**Laurie Shaffer and family and Joanne Williams** - August 18, 2018 at 11:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.



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August 18, 2018 at 08:39 PM

VB

“ I will miss you as a closing attorney. Personal attorney. And last but not least a friend. To Glen and I. Miss you already.. Mr Ed. Vicki Blankenship Sebros Realty



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**Vicki Collins Blankenship** - August 18, 2018 at 02:23 PM

CT

“ Chris, Susie and Samantha Tignor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.



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**Chris, Susie and Samantha Tignor** - August 18, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



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August 18, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



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August 17, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ *In Christ is our hope, Deb Sims purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



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**In Christ is our hope, Deb Sims** - August 17, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vernie Edward Freeman II.*



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August 17, 2018 at 06:14 PM

TS

“ Our prayers for Suzanne and her family for the loss of a wonderful man, Ed Freeman, our dear long-time friend. We share so many great memories, from years living near them on Coleman Lakes. Oh what wonderful memories too. We love you, Suzanne and will miss our friend and sending our sympathy during this time of such sadness. Ted & Susan Salters

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**Ted & Susan Salters** - August 17, 2018 at 05:07 PM