



## Fred Rock

June 17, 1929 - September 23, 2015

FRED J. ROCK was at home when he went to be with his beloved Savior, Sept. 23, 2015. Now he is with his cherished wife of 62 years, Gilda Ruth Rock, praising the Lord together. Fred was born in Michigan in June of 1929. He became a man that was true to his name, solid. A profound man of faith, his life embodied the old hymn, "On the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." Fred was a pastor in his 20s and attended bible school with a rock and roll star named, Jerry Lee Lewis. He was a man of tradition; each night he would get a big bowl of ice cream, and read his bible. He built an unshakeable foundation of faith for his children: Sheryl (Robert) Hamer, Brian (Claudia) Rock and Barry (Laurie) Rock.

The later years of his life were spent building Rock Construction. His grandchildren remember his houses were solidly built, "he would use ten times more nails than any other contractor." Fred enjoyed hunting and fishing, but his real love was collecting. Saturday mornings he would head out to garage sales. His home was like a museum, full of items with interesting histories. Fred was a man of godly character; setting an example of work ethic, honesty, quality, integrity and generosity. He loved Christmas and wanted all kids to have gifts to open; so even after working extra jobs he would stay up and wrap gifts. He took pleasure in having people come to his home for dinner, and over the past few years his pastor joined him almost every Tuesday night. He was old school and found it hard to ask for help; but was the first to offer help to others. He had a kind and caring heart creating a testament to laying down your life for those you love. From out of two people, Fred and Gilda, blossomed 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; lives that would never have been if not for the steadfast commitment of this man and the woman he loved.

Grandchildren: Jennifer Johnson Lawrence, Rodney (Kristin) Johnson, Chad (Stefani) Hamer, Josh (Esther) Hamer, Jonathan Rock, Christopher Rock, Melissa Alba, Kasie Terry, Lindsey Terry, Jessica (Joseph) Watt.

Great-grandchildren: Brey Browne, Addyson Lawrence, Wade Lawrence, Ashley

Lawrence, Skye Johnson, Hunter Johnson, Justice Johnson, Dylan Johnson, Jackson Erb, Sloane Hamer, Olivia Watt.

Viewing will be held on Friday September 25, 2015 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Kreidler Funeral Home. The memorial service will be Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 10:00 am at Full Gospel Tabernacle in Pharr with burial to follow at Roselawn Cemetery. Kreidler Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. [www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com) Donations can be made to Full Gospel Tabernacle, 707 West Sam Houston Blvd. Pharr, Texas 78577.

# Cemetery

# Events

**Roselawn Cemetery**  
1201 S Main  
McAllen, TX, 78501

**SEP 25**   **Visitation**   06:00PM - 08:00PM  
Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St., McAllen, TX, US, 78501

**SEP 26**   **Service**   10:00AM - 11:00AM  
Full Gospel Tabernacle Church  
707 West Sam Houston Blvd, Pharr, TX, US, 78577

# Comments

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“ I have not seen Fred or Gilda in 50 years, but have fond memories of being included in the (many) family get togethers. I remember him as a soft spoken, kind man that always smiled. Gilda is probably waiting on you !

**Dee Ann Elliott** - September 27, 2015 at 08:24 AM

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“ Fred was not only my brother but my best friend. Over the years whenever I had a difficult situation I could go to him and he would encourage me and pray with me. I love him so much and will miss him dearly. Enjoy heaven dear brother. I'll see you again some day.

**Edna Rock Allbaugh** - September 25, 2015 at 09:35 AM

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“ Mr Fred Rock built the most Awesome Fort/ clubhouse for my children and he would allow my son outside to help him...My son drew it in a piece of paper and he built it...Amazing Loving man....he even put a telescope on it with a bucket and a pully to bring stuff up from the bottom ..My children used that fort until there teen years...paintball, lazer tag, air soft wars in the backyard...when we moved he moved it with us.....We gave it to a family who never had a fort....until this day they have it....He had the most loving positive energy...He LOVED GOD and we loved him....RIP my friend....Dance with Angels.....Build some houses in Heaven....  
Keely Smith and Family

**Keely Smith** - September 24, 2015 at 11:25 PM

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