

Freddie "Fred" Lee Morrison was born on March 2, 1938, in Johnson City, TN, to Walter Preston and Bonnie Kate (Richards) Morrison. He attended Stemmers Run Junior High School.

In 1956, Fred joined the United States Air Force, and thus began his twenty-year career in the military. He worked mainly in aircraft maintenance and management, and while at Ellsworth AFB, he worked ground shelter heating and diesel.

In December of 1959, he married Rosemary Mabry, and together they had two children, Freddie Lee Morrison, Jr., and Russell Vernon Morrison. The family moved to Rapid City and he and Rosemary later divorced.

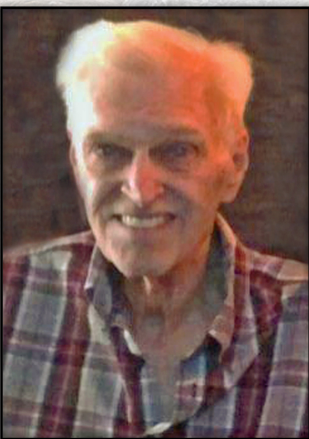
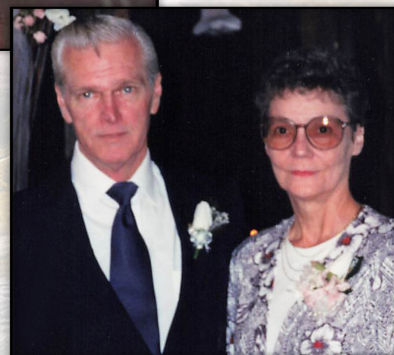
On September 5, 1975, he was united in marriage to Dora Rega, and they would spend the next 44 years together building a life and a family. Through this union, he gained two more children, Cheryl Rega and Joe Rega, whom he loved and cared for as his own. After retiring from the Air Force, he attended Florida A&M University and Pinellas Vocational Technical Institute for a degree in AC and refrigeration, and also completed a welding course at Stevens High School in Rapid City. After completing his courses, he went on to work for Trans Maintenance, continuing on in aircraft maintenance, and retired after twenty years from the Laborer's Union.

Between work and family, Fred sometimes found time for his many hobbies. From working on cars and anything mechanical and tending to his yard and garden, to camping, fishing, and playing cards and games (especially at First Gold in Deadwood), Fred loved it all, and simply enjoyed living life to the fullest. Above all, Fred Morrison was a wonderful husband, father, grandpa, great-grandpa, brother, and friend. He never met a stranger, and everyone who knew him, loved him. He was always very involved in his children's lives, even though he was active military. He took great pride in helping to raise his granddaughter, Shannon, and great-grandson, Ayden. He was constantly teaching them the basics of life, all while having fun.

Freddie Morrison, 82, of Rapid City, died Friday, March 27, 2020, at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

Fred leaves behind, until we all meet again, his devoted and loving wife of 44 years, Dora of Rapid City; daughter, Cheryl Rega of Rapid City; granddaughter, Shannon Whitney of Rapid City; great-grandson, Ayden Whitney of Rapid City; grandson, Bryan Morrison; adopted daughter, Lisa Vandermate of Rapid City; sisters, JoAnn Ciquero of NJ, and Jacqueline "Jackie" (Grant) Edwards of PA; nieces and nephews, Tyron Krause, Tamara (Krause) Rogers, Diana (Ciquero) Tesone, Albert Ciquero, Debra (Ciquero) Nevit, Kenneth Ciquero, Dina Marie (Ciquero) Evans, Debra (Grant) Caladara, Roger Grant, Susan (Edwards) Borkowicz, and Michelle (Edwards) Keesee; and his many extended family members, Vivian Clark, Rhonda Butler, William Wright, Pam Wright, Jim Whitney, John and Fuji Williams, and Doug Sternhagen and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Bonnie; his sons, Freddie, Russell, and Joe; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and William Krause; and brothers-in-law, Waldon Edwards and Albert Ciquero, Sr.



Dora E. Morrison was born to Carl and Evelyn (Driggers) Eddings in Lilesville TP, NC.

Dora married William "Bill" J. Rega on October 15, 1955 and became a military wife and mother to Cheryl L. Rega in 1957 and William "Joe" J. Rega, Jr. in 1958. They moved to various states and Okinawa and resided at Ellsworth AFB, SD and Box Elder, and divorced in 1973.

Dora met Fred L. Morrison and married September 5, 1975 in Box Elder, SD. Fred was in the military and stationed at Ellsworth AFB. To this union, Dora accepted Freddie L. Morrison, Jr. and Russell V. Morrison to our family.

Dora worked various jobs throughout her life, but raising her and Fred's children was her priority. Once her daughter, Cheryl, married and had Shannon in 1982, she became Shannon's caregiver so that Cheryl could work. When Shannon had her son, Ayden, in 2000, Dora became Ayden's caregiver so that Shannon could go to school for nursing and work. She had so much love and pride for Shannon and Ayden and supported them in every way.

As a family we loved to camp, fish, play cards/games, and have family meals. Dora loved going to First Gold in Deadwood, and they became part of her family. She was an awesome cook and always had leftovers for the family to "come and get some". Dora was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend.

On March 27, 2020 was Dora's saddest day in life with the loss of Fred. She missed him terribly. They were happily married for 44 years and were inseparable.

Dora Morrison, 82, of Rapid City, died on Sunday, November 8, 2020, at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

Dora is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Rega; granddaughter, Shannon Whitney; great-grandson, Ayden Whitney; son-in-law, Jim Whitney; adopted daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Leonard Vandermate; extended family members, John and Fuji Williams, and Doug Sternhagen, all of Rapid City; sisters, Vivian Clark, Rhonda (Larry) Butler, and Pam Wright; and brother, William (Debra) Wright and families, all of North Carolina; and sisters-in-law, Merle Eddings and family of Panacea, FL, JoAnn Ciquero and family of New Jersey, and Jackie Grant and family of Pennsylvania. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

Dora was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; sons, Joe Rega, and Freddie and Russell Morrison; parents, Carl and Evelyn; sisters, Cynthia and Janice; and brothers Larry, and Pete.

We all love you Mom and will miss you and Dad every day. Comfort is knowing the two of you are together, taking that dance you've been longing for pain free while watching over us all. Until we meet again, all my love, your daughter, Cheryl.

In Memory Of
Freddie "Fred" Lee Morrison, Sr.
&
Dora Evelyn Morrison

Date of Birth

March 2, 1938 April 26, 1938
Johnson City, Tennessee Lilesville, North Carolina

Date of Death

March 27, 2020 November 8, 2020
Rapid City, South Dakota Rapid City, South Dakota

Committal Service

Friday, December 11, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Honorary Pallbearers

Ayden Whitney
Jim Whitney

Military Honors for Fred

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard
Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard



"Throw Me A Party"
by Rita Wilson

*I lived my life as kind as I could
I did my best, I hope I was good
I'll always wish I'd crossed a few more lines
But I always lived like there wasn't enough time*

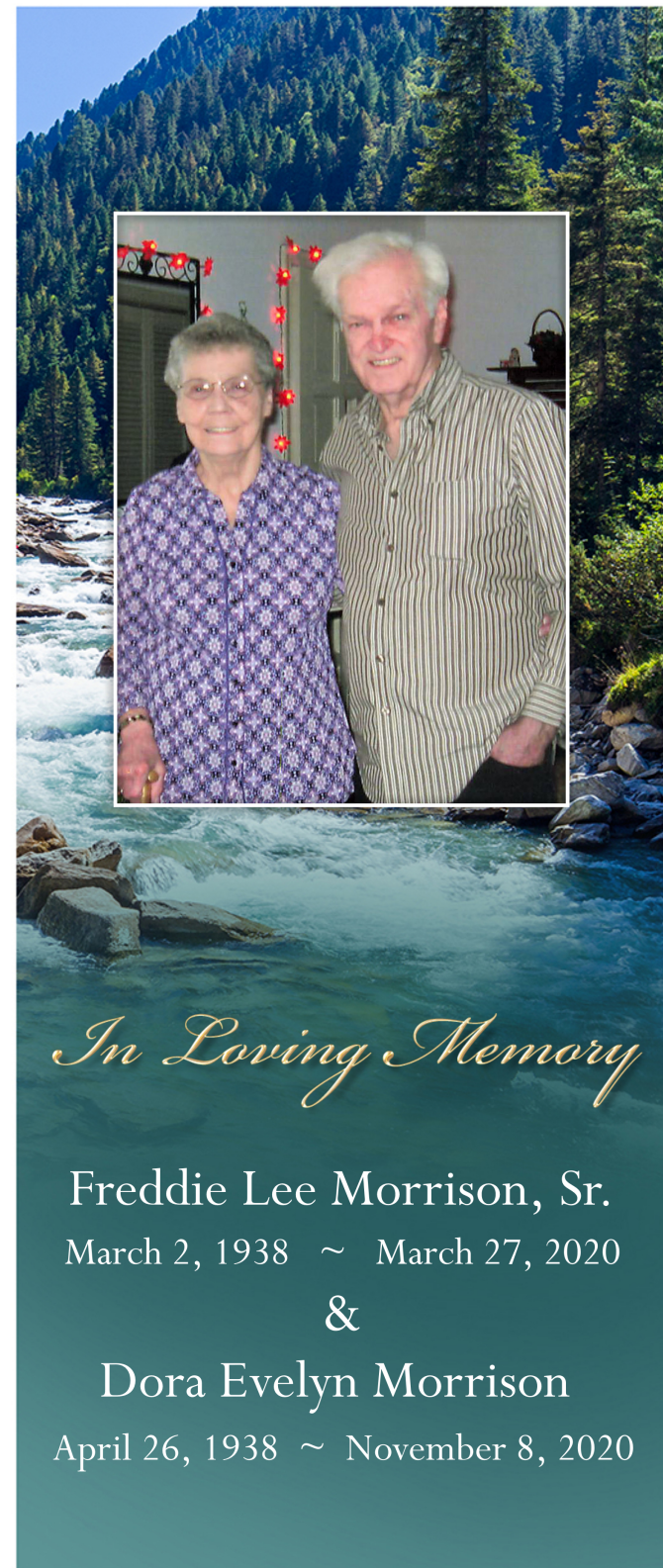
*I'll leave my footprints for you in the sand
A couple of notes only you'll understand
I have one wish that someday you'll see
How much your love, your love has meant to me*

*So when I'm gone, throw me a party
You should dance as if I was there
Don't be sad or be broken-hearted
Just send your voices up in the air
Sing my songs and light up the sparklers
Tell my stories and drink all my wine
And know my life is just getting started
When I'm gone throw me a party*

*Step outside with my ashes
And wait for a beautiful wind
Underneath that fire yellow aspen
And toss me to her leaves and let the healing begin*

*So when I'm gone, throw me a party
You should dance as if I was there
Don't be sad or be broken-hearted
Just send your voices up in the air
Sing my songs and light up the sparklers
Tell my stories and drink all my wine
And know my life is just getting started
And when I'm gone throw me a party*

*The hardest part is knowing that you'll miss me
Won't you promise that when I'm gone,
You'll throw me a party
You should dance as if I was there
Don't be sad or be broken-hearted
Send your voices up in the air
Sing my songs and light up the sparklers
Tell my stories and drink all my wine
And know my life is just getting started
And when I'm gone throw me a party*



In Loving Memory

Freddie Lee Morrison, Sr.
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&

Dora Evelyn Morrison
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