



## Danny Clay Fry

July 21, 1944 - February 6, 2020

Danny Clay Fry, son of the late Jack Wallace Fry and Lillian Marie (Miller) Fry, was born July 21, 1944 in St. Robert, Missouri. He passed away Thursday, February 6, 2020 in his home after a battle with cancer. He had attained the age of 75 years.

At a very young age, Danny began his working career by delivering newspapers and shining shoes. At the age of 8, he began his fire department career. He went on calls with his father and held the hand break on the fire truck. This grew into his passion of public service as a fire fighter and wrecker operator.

Danny helped start the Waynesville Rural Fire Department and after a time, he served as fire chief of three fire departments...Waynesville Rural, St. Robert and Waynesville City. He touched a lot of lives through his public service. He continued to learn, he trained many volunteer fire fighters, mentored his fire crews, and taught Fire Science for University of Missouri-Columbia.

Jack's Towing Service was started by Danny's father and Danny began working in the wrecker service as early as he started in the fire business. He served in this capacity for 60 years and started Poor Boys in 1980 where he offered wrecker service, auto repairs and salvaged parts to the community.

On April 22, 1973, Danny was united in marriage to Donna Jean Walsh. They shared over 46 years of marriage and together they shared two children: Donald Len Fry and Dennēa Marie Fry.

In his spare time, Danny collected fire trucks and wreckers. You never knew exactly where his free time started and his work time ended because he loved serving the community so much that they both went hand in hand.

Danny was a man of many hats. Over his lifetime, he has served as fire fighter, wrecker operator, auto mechanic, Deputy Sheriff for Pulaski County for 16 years, Director of Emergency Management, Arson Investigator and Fire Chief in the area from 1972-1998. There really is no way to count all the lives he has touched by serving his community.

Danny will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Donna Fry of the home; one son: Don Fry of St. Robert, MO; two grandchildren: Stephen Gowen and Cody Fry; one brother: Ricky Fry (Penny) of St. Robert, MO; three sisters: Debbie Hayes of Jacksonville, FL, Candy Ayers of St. Robert, MO and Pam Adams (Mark) of Waynesville, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Danny was preceded in death by his daughter: Dennēa Marie Fry; sister: Jacqueline Fry; and brother: Oren Ray "Jr" Matney.

Danny's legacy will certainly live on in our community and hearts forever.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020 in the St. Robert Community Center of St. Robert, Missouri with Pastor Danny Graves officiating. The songs "My Way" by Frank Sinatra, "One Wing in the

Fire” by Trent Tomlinson, “Go Rest High on that Mountain” by Vince Gill and “Shine Your Light” by Robbie Robertson were played. Jennifer Fry, Terry Roberson and Mike Shempert, all recalled their wonderful memories of Danny. Serving as escorts were Terry Crawford, Roger Graves, DJ Halverson, Richard Saleski, Andy Baker and Doug Yureko. Burial followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Danny Fry and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Robert Community Center  
114 J.H. Williamson Drive  
St. Robert, MO 65584

## Service

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114 J.H. Williamson Drive  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Danny Clay Fry*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - February 21, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *Danny was a good friend and a colleague of mine, both in the fire service and as a fire chief.*

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**Frank Livingston** - August 12, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ *Danny Clay Fry*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Marge sent a virtual gift in memory of Danny Clay Fry*



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**Marge** - March 05, 2020 at 10:47 AM

JF

“ With sincere gratitude, there are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to our family during this difficult time. Our community is truly amazing. Respectfully, The Family of Danny Fry

Jennifer Fry - February 18, 2020 at 05:00 PM

AH

“ Angie Hance lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry



Angie Hance - February 15, 2020 at 01:21 PM

SA

“ Stacy And Shari Anderson lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry



Stacy and Shari Anderson - February 14, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 13, 2020 at 11:19 AM

JF

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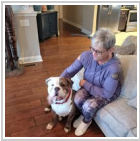
Jennifer Fry - February 18, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deanna McKinley - February 12, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ Colleen Daniely lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry



Colleen Daniely - February 12, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - February 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Danny Clay Fry



**Pamela Cox** - February 11, 2020 at 10:36 AM

RH

“ Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Danny  
Clay Fry



**Robin Hobbs** - February 11, 2020 at 08:37 AM

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Robin Hobbs - February 11, 2020 at 08:37 AM

Steven New

“ Danny was a good man, friend and a good fire chief i have known them for a long time and then i really got to be an employee of danny and when ever i seen him in town we would talk about any and everything and i always loved talking to him and donna i will miss you very much but you will always be in my heart and you are family and a brother for life thank you for your service chief Danny Fry



Steven New - February 10, 2020 at 01:56 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Danny's passing! RIP my ole' friend!



Frank Livingston - February 09, 2020 at 05:01 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Danny Clay Fry*



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**linda cole-schonbok** - February 09, 2020 at 10:43 AM

LC

*so sorry for your loss Donna!!!*

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**linda cole-schonbok** - February 09, 2020 at 10:44 AM

TR

“ *Danny was a good person my ex husband worked for him for year and always helped us if we ever needed something , prayers for the family*



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**trish** - February 09, 2020 at 09:15 AM

BM

“ *Danny, you were such an inspiration to so many. You made life a little easier to handle. I am truly grateful for all your life lessons you shared with me and so many others. Now you have earned your wings. Soar with the wind and please be our guardian angel. You will be greatly missed by all who'd lives you blessed. God bless you Chief Fry.*



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**Barbara Molloy** - February 09, 2020 at 12:08 AM

DM

“ Danny was the first person to give me direction in my life. I was only 16 at the time. He talked to me about joining the fire department. I did. Thru his leadership he help me learn about life outside of mom and dad providing it for me. He gave me a job while I was a Sr. in high school. He even gave me credit when I didn't have any. Thank you Danny and Donna for many great memories. RIP!

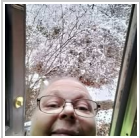


Danny Meyer - February 08, 2020 at 10:10 PM

JF

“ Donna and Donnie, we send our condolences and prayers to you and all the Fry family.  
Jacky, Ida and Brandon Fincher

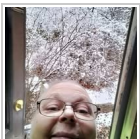
Jack Fincher - February 08, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Janice Livingston-Rivard lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry



Janice Livingston-Rivard - February 08, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ Sending my prayers to everyone!!! I will see you next Saturday!!!

Janice Livingston-Rivard - February 08, 2020 at 08:21 PM

PC

“ *Peter Cruz lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry*



Peter Cruz - February 08, 2020 at 01:13 PM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - February 08, 2020 at 12:05 PM

GG

“ *I worked under Danny as a volunteer firefighter, he was was an outstanding leader but hard. I know he will be missed by family and friends.*

Gerald (Jerry) Green - February 08, 2020 at 07:51 AM

MM

“ *Danny is and always will be a bonus grandpa of mine!! May not be blood but he always made sure his baby girls were ok. When my cousin and I wrecked he made us go to the hospital he said he needed to make sure we were ok on the inside!! He was one of the best men I have ever met!! I love you Danny Fry*



Mindy Mennemeyer - February 08, 2020 at 06:55 AM

DM

“ *Debby Myers lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry*



Debby Myers - February 07, 2020 at 10:25 PM

PF

“ *Paula Forrest lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry*



Paula Forrest - February 07, 2020 at 09:19 PM

VW

“ *Vicki Willis-Hall lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry*



Vicki Willis-Hall - February 07, 2020 at 08:31 PM

ST

“ *You will be missed my friend. Our thoughts are with Donna and Don and your family members at this time.*



Sue Covert Thomas - February 07, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ I talked to him several times before deciding to go overseas as a contractor. His insight played a huge part in my decision. He and Donna helped me tremendously over the years when I had my shop and before. I shall never forget the unerring kindness.

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**Rick Graham** - February 07, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ Gene Bess lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry



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**Gene Bess** - February 07, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ Marianne Sero lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry



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**Marianne Sero** - February 07, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ David Wall lit a candle in memory of Danny Clay Fry



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**David wall** - February 07, 2020 at 06:57 PM

Tina  
Zarcone-  
King

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**Tina Zarcone-King** - February 07, 2020 at 06:56 PM

PM

“ Peggy Medlock lit a candle in memory of  
Danny Clay Fry



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**Peggy Medlock** - February 07, 2020 at 06:53 PM