

Fredrick Lee Iles

Surrounded by his family and loved ones, Frederick Lee Iles, 61, passed away in Alaska Reginal Hospital in Anchorage on Nov. 11, 2011.

Fred was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska on June 17, 1950, to Stella B. and Thomas W. Iles. He attended Nordale Elementary, Main Junior High and Lathrop High School, Class of 1968.

In 2010, Fred retired from 20 years with Central Environmental Incorporated. In the last year of his life, he worked for his dear friends, Terry and Betsy Underwood, at Industrial Insulation. He had previously worked at both the Fairbanks News Agency and Nerlands.

To say that Fred was a hard worker would be an understatement. He valued a strong work ethic and was a loyal, thorough pacesetter at work and in his personal life. One of his most memorable legacies included starting The Comic Shop in 1972 with friends/partners David and Nancy (Gartin) Mollett.

Fred possessed a priceless sense of humor and didn't believe in dull moments. He loved and cherished his home and family. He especially enjoyed spending time with and spoiling his grandchildren.

He was an avid Hawaiian shirt collector, a manifestation of his love for the beaches of the world. He was also military a history buff and a baseball enthusiast. He was a Goldpanner season ticket holder. His favorite time each year were family winter beach vacations to Mexico and Maui, where he loved to snorkel, explore Mayan ruins and spend time with his family, in-laws and his nephews and niece. Fred befriended everyone around him. Fred was tremendously loved, and will be sorely missed by his wife Becky Calhoon Iles; daughter, Keri; son, Thomas and his fiancé Tawny Murphy and their children, Marley and Cameron Iles; sister Georgene of Indiana, as well as numerous in-laws, nephews and nieces.

A memorial fund was set up to fulfill one of Fred's last wishes, to place a proper headstone on his parents' gravesite. Leftover funds were used for Fred's grandchildren's college fund.