



## Ira Webster Fannin

March 22, 1941 - April 2, 2010

Ira Fannin

Frankfort- Services for Ira Webster Fannin, 69 yrs., of Frankfort, will be conducted from Harrod Brothers Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, with Rev. Ronnie McKinney and Rev. Lawrence Wright officiating. A private family committal will follow. Visitation will be Monday, April 5, 2010, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Fannin passed away Friday, April 2, 2010 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, following an illness.

A native and lifelong resident of Franklin County, Mr. Fannin was born, March 22, 1941. He was a retired teacher with 27 years of service teaching History and Geography at Franklin County High School, from which he graduated in 1959. During and following his teaching career, he was a farmer tending crops and cattle on his 5th generation farm. He continued his life of service through his three terms as 4th District Magistrate and was running for re-election to his 4th term. Mr. Fannin also served on the State Magistrates Board, Franklin County Fair Board, the Farm Bureau, Solid Waste Commission, and the Frankfort/Franklin County Planning Commission. He was an active member of the McDonald's Breakfast Group. He was also a member of First Christian Church.

Mr. Fannin is survived by his wife of 44 years, Patricia Bogie Fannin; son, Benjamin Webster Fannin (Lida), Frankfort; daughters, Jennifer Bradshaw (Chris), Taylorsville, and Heather Craighead (Todd), Canton, GA; brother, Benjamin Franklin Fannin III, Frankfort; sister, Helen Warnecke, Lexington; grandchildren, A.J. Bradshaw, Andrew Bradshaw, Logan Craighead and Kathryn Craighead.

He was the son of the late Benjamin Franklin Fannin Jr. and Kathryn Webster Fannin.

Pallbearers will be David Marshall, Dee McElmurray, David Bruce, Roger Estill, Todd Craighead and Chris Bradshaw.

Honorary bearers will be Don Sturgeon, Lambert Moore, Ticker Wells, Jill Robinson, Phillip Kring, Ted Collins and Rick Sparks.

Flowers are welcome or contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home; condolences may be shared via the online guest book at [www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ira Webster Fannin*

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Ira Fannin, may the spirit be at rest and the journey left to come be a happy and joyous one. You helped me many times in life , and set me on a straight and stable course through your teachings. Mrs. Fannin in this time of sorrow seek strength in knowing that the day will rise and you will be joined together again. Let the journey be safe and all fulfilling. Be at peace my dear old friend.*

*Mayor W Grayson Flood Jr  
City Of Poplar Hills, Ky*

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**W Grayson Flood Jr** - December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of having Mr. Fannin as my Civics teacher at FCHS. He truly saved my life in so many areas. He became more than a teacher to me and I made it a point to keep in touch with him throughout the years. What a wonderful man he was, and he will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace Mr. Fannin you definitely left a legacy.*

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**Kym "Hall" Spencer** - March 04, 2013 at 10:52 AM

CB

“ Pat

*Read of Ira's recent passing. My condolences to you and your children during this time of sadness and grief.*

*My name is not familiar, but was a neighbor of Ira and his parents on Indian Gap Road in the early '60's.*

*Actually, we(you and me) shared rides to EKU during our career at the university. My how 46 years flies.*

*Again, my condolence to you and children.*

*cb*

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**charles burge** - April 13, 2010 at 11:23 AM

RM

“ Pat & Family,

*I was so very sorry to hear of Ira's passing. Mr. Fannin will forever hold a special place in my heart. He was a terrific teacher (89), friend, neighbor, magistrate and all around great guy. He will forever be known to me as "Uncle Ira".*

*One thing I will always appreciate with Mr. Fannin is no matter what he was doing, teaching or holding a office, he remained true to his heritage. He never put on airs. He was a farmer through and through and very proud of his Peaks Mill community. Whether he was in a business suit or his work boots with cow "poo" on them he was himself day in and day out.*

*I will miss you Uncle Ira.*

*Jenny, Webster, Pat and Heather our hearts go out to you.*

*John & Rose Miller*

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**Rose Miller** - April 13, 2010 at 10:49 AM

RF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and yours. We all thought very highly of Ira and will miss him.*

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**Rob Dowler and Family** - April 08, 2010 at 09:29 AM

DN

“ I read the obituary in the paper and knew exactly who Ira was even though I didn't not know him. I married a cousin of Kathryn's, Charles Nave, whose Mother was a sister to Aunt Cordelia. I had visited in Ira's folks home many years ago and also visited his Mother in the nursing home.  
I am so sorry for your loss and heard only this morning what a fine person he was. Wish I could have met him but know I truly understand your loss. I am so sorry.

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**Doris B. Nave** - April 07, 2010 at 12:53 PM

GL

“ Mr. Fannin's World History class was a highlight of my time at FCHS. He really pushed us to think on our own and support the positions we had chosen, which was so different than any class I had taken before. There was never a boring class. I come from a family of school teachers and they have this way of looking into your soul and shaking you up. Mr. Fannin had that same ability but never in a frightening way. He would amble up to you from the side, so to speak, but still check you out. I think he enjoyed upsetting my apple cart, because he cared about making us better and smarter. He will be greatly missed. Gregg Lindsey, FCHS class of 75.

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**Gregg Lindsey** - April 07, 2010 at 12:19 PM

DS

“ Ms Fannin,  
I pray that God keeps His arms around you and your family. I loved Ira as a teacher, mentor and a friend, he will be sorely missed in this heart. I know that as a Christian, we can take refuge in the fact that Ira has won the race, ran it strongly and with a sense of fairness many never know. God bless you through your longing...and may you quickly find the place where, once again you can demonstrate the excellence you and Ira have done so many times before.  
Sincerely,  
David E. Stigers

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David Stigers - April 06, 2010 at 12:16 PM

BP

“ may God bless your family in this time of loss. may he give them peace and comfort as well.

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brad poole - April 06, 2010 at 11:30 AM

GT

“ Dear Fannin Family,

*My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to each of you for your loss. May the Lord bless and comfort you today and in the days to come. Mr. Fannin was my geography teacher at FCHS in 1968-9. I was honored to work on his farm in the summer of 1969. I telephoned him a couple of months ago to thank him for his knowledge, caring, teaching style and the influence he had on my life. He is one of the reasons I also entered the teaching profession. We talked of getting together the next time I was in Frankfort. I am sorry I wasn't able to make the trip before his passing. He will be missed by all who knew him. Ira left his family and the rest of us a wonderful legacy of service and leadership. Thanks for your shining example Mr. Fannin.*

Garry True

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**Garry True** - April 06, 2010 at 10:30 AM

LB

“ I am saddened to learn of Ira's passing. My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy reach out to you, Pat, and your family.

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**Lois Barnes** - April 06, 2010 at 06:35 AM

LM

“ Pat, Jenny, Heather & Webster,  
*I am so deeply saddened by Ira's passing. Traipsing after him through the tobacco fields, riding behind him on the tractor and, later, sitting in his classroom, are some of my most favorite memories of growing up. Ira helped shape my life one summer at a time. My entire family's hearts and prayers go out to you. With much love and friendship.*

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**Lisa (Mason) Miller** - April 05, 2010 at 11:44 AM

MD

“ Dear Pat and Family,

*It is with heart felt sorrow that we learned of Ira's passing. Our prayers will be with you and your family in this time of loss. While we were not always able to spend as much time together as we wished, the times we had and the memories of them, are cherished. We know that Ira has gone to a better place, free of pain and suffering. May God be with you and yours, and may our thoughts and prayers comfort you.*

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**Micahel and Bonita Dietz** - April 05, 2010 at 10:57 AM

NO

“ *I fondly remember Mr. Fannin as a caring man and educator. He was my teacher in mid-60's during the VietNam Conflict. He would not let us call it VietNam War as "war" had not been declared. I also remember his announcement to our class of his marriage and the tale of "being at the court house to get fishing licenses."*

*My sympathy to Mrs. Fannin and family.*

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**Nancy Cardwell Orem** - April 05, 2010 at 10:31 AM

AH

“ *I am filled with such sadness to learn of Ira's death. He was so many things, all wonderful! A great teacher, husband, father, friend and community leader! Both Ira and Pat inspired students to be more, think for ourselves and to give of ourselves! They led by example. Frankfort owes much gratitude to the Fannin Family for his and Pat's service to the community. He was a character with lots of character! I have so many fond memories of them and will always remember their kindness toward others. I wish, I could be with them to celebrate his life! May God bless them with peace and comfort forever!*

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**Amanda D. Hedden** - April 05, 2010 at 09:28 AM

SC

“ The genuine care Ira had for students will live always within the walls of Franklin County High School. My deep sympathy and continued prayers for Pat and the entire Fannin family.

Sharon Collett - April 05, 2010 at 09:19 AM

JC

“ I was privileged to teach with Ira at Franklin Co. High from 1967-1970, and remember him fondly. He was a terrific teacher and a genuinely nice person with a great sense of humor. Although we moved away from Frankfort in 1971, I still remember Ira very well. My sincerest condolences to his family ... he will be greatly missed.

Joyce Carey - April 05, 2010 at 08:55 AM

TJ

“ He was a great teacher. i wish he was still teacher now that my kids are in school. Our prays are would his family at time. He will be miss.

Tina Jasper - April 05, 2010 at 07:50 AM

JJ

“ Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. I knew Ira to be a very kind and funny man. He stopped by the house about a month ago and we had good conversation. We shared with each other things in our lives. I feel blessed to have known him. May God keep each of you wrapped in His arms.

Jerry

Jerry Jones - April 05, 2010 at 04:45 AM

JS

“ I have to say that Mr. Fannin was my favorite teacher, even though I may not have been his favorite student from time to time. He and I debated many issues, both in and out of the classroom. I learned much more than academic knowledge from Mr. Fannin. Other than my parents and grandparents, few had more influence on my life and my abilities to reason and think independently than him. Mr. Fannin, I thank you and I will miss you.

*Jeffrey Wayne Smith - FCHS Class of 1977*

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**Jeffrey Wayne Smith** - April 05, 2010 at 04:42 AM

AK

“ My prayers are with all of you in this time of sorrow. I was a former student of Mr. Fannin's in the 1980's and would never have made it without him. He will be greatly missed.

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**Angela (Peffer) Willoughby (Corbin, KY)** - April 05, 2010 at 03:57 AM

SC

“ A fine teacher, magistrate and friend. It was a pleasure and an honor to know you and work with you. God bless you, your family and your many friends.

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**Sheriff Steve Clark** - April 05, 2010 at 03:24 AM

LG

“ Mr. Fannin was the only teacher at Franklin Co High School that I liked. This was back in 1962, I think. I'm saddened to hear that he has passed. I would have liked to have told him that he was my favorite teacher in high school and he was the **ONLY** one that would listen to me.

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**Lynda Combs Gipson** - April 04, 2010 at 01:50 PM

SB

“ I am very sorry to learn of Mr. Fannin's passing. He wss my World Geography teacher in 69-70. He was quite the character and I enjoyed his class very much. He was certainly one of my most memorable teachers at FCHS. I teach missions to children at my church. Perhaps my knowledge of so much of the world came from his class. May God be with you during this sad time.

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**SusanMackey Bryant** - April 04, 2010 at 12:15 PM

TH

“ Pat,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless and comfort you now and into the future.

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**Tom Hedges** - April 04, 2010 at 09:42 AM

WF

“ Pat, my heartfelt sympathy is sent your way. Please know that you have a host of friends praying for you.  
God will be there for you. Wanda Bondurant Flener

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**Wanda Bondurant Flener** - April 04, 2010 at 07:56 AM

GJ

“ Jenny,  
I was sorry to hear of the loss of your dad.  
You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Gayla Johnston-5th grade teacher, Elkhorn Elem.*

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**Gayla Johnston** - April 03, 2010 at 11:56 AM

BS

“ *Ira will be greatly missed. He was a devoted regular at McDonalds with a big smile always on his face. A friendlier person is hard to find. He seemed to never meet a stranger. Pat, know that everyone is praying for you and your family*

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**Becky Smith** - April 03, 2010 at 08:28 AM

CS

“ *Mr. Fannin was a great friend and teacher to me. I would have not completed high school had it not been for him. He was my mentor. May you find comfort and peace in your memories of him. May God continue to bless your family.*

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**Charlene Broyles Sowder** - April 02, 2010 at 06:43 AM