



Fred Ansell

June 6, 1945 - November 4, 2012

Reverend Dr. Fred Asher Ansell, 67, of Topeka, passed away Sunday, November 4, 2012 at Midland Hospice House. Fred was born June 6, 1945 in Bradford PA, the son of Wilbert K. and Harriet S. (Acker) Ansell. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard J. Ansell. Fred earned his B.S. in Sociology from Eastern Baptist College and then received both his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from American Baptist Seminary of the West. He married Ann Maria "Trena" Abrams in Bradford PA on July 2, 1966. Over 34 years of ministry, Fred served as a Campus Minister in Hays KS, an Area Minister in SE KS, and an Associate Executive Minister before he retired in 2006 as the Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (KS, OK, AR). Fred was a member of West Side Baptist Church. Over the years he was involved in many mission trips to Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica and Prague. He loved photography, traveling and was an avid gardener. Fred also mentored many men and women going into the ministry and he was a life-long learner, still learning the day before he died. He is survived by his wife Trena, Topeka; children, Aaron Ansell and his wife Jillinda, Topeka, Jennifer Blair and her husband Bob, Milford; grandchildren, Micah Grace Ansell and Christopher Robert Blair; brothers, Kenneth A. Ansell and his wife Bonnie, Colorado Springs CO and Charles F. Ansell and his wife Sarah Beth, Tuscon AZ; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, at First Baptist Church 3033 SW Macvicar, Topeka KS. In lieu of flowers memorial

contributions may be made to ALS Association 3599 Rainbow Blvd./ MS 2012
Kansas City KS 66160, West Side Baptist Church 1108 SW Fillmore St,
Topeka KS 66606, or American Baptist Churches of the Central Region 5833
SW 29th St, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Ansell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Trena and family,*

This is a tough time for you all and this Thanksgiving will be one of many "firsts" that you all will experience in the coming year. My prayer for all is you will know God's presence, His love and comfort during those times and moments of "firsts". Fred will always be there with you as well. He is right there in your hearts and in your memories. Fred was more than ALS. He was a man who had shared of himself through his ministry.

I met Fred eons ago as a young high school student who was a camp counselor in a camp he directed. Fred had this ability to influence people in very positive ways. As Region Minister for ABCCR, his support of local churches was felt. I thank God for him and giving me and so many others time to know Fred and be blessed by his ministry.

My heart aches for your loss of Fred's physical presence for nothing will ever replace that. God's loving arms are with you all right now, in this time.

Blessings and very gentle hugs.

Jan Koelsch - November 22, 2012 at 05:34 PM

LB

“ *Trena, just got this from Anne. I am so sorry, but at the same time, happy that I had the pleasure of knowing Fred.*
Love
Larry

Lawrence L Brady - November 20, 2012 at 08:03 AM

RW

“ *Trena, Jennie, Aaron and families,*
There is no way to get my head around, much less express in words, what Fred and each of you have meant in my life. It remains unreal that he is gone. You each and been bathed in my prayers daily. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Love and prayers always....Rachel

Rachel (Counts) Waddell - November 16, 2012 at 11:06 PM

JW

“ *Trena,*
Jo Ann and I offer our prayers and condolences to you and your family.
We fondly remember our visits together at your home and when you would come to Hays. We wish we could attend the service Saturday.

Jeffrey Wilkinson - November 15, 2012 at 05:56 PM

CS

“ Trena, Jenny and Aaron,

It is with a saddend heart that I write this. I enjoyed many conversations and working with Fred for 23 years. I found him to be a very dear and caring person and I know he will be missed greatly. You have all been blessed to have had Fred as a husband and a father. Please know that you all have been in my prayers and will continue to be there.

Cindy Sossoman

Cindy Sossoman - November 12, 2012 at 02:53 PM

PH

“ Trena, I have fond memories of Fred's and your ministry at the Baptist Campus Center at Fort Hays State so many years ago. He was a kind, caring, and thoughtful shepherd to his flock there. I am so sorry for your loss. God bless your family.

Pat Stansfield Henningsen - November 08, 2012 at 07:59 PM

KH

“ Dear Trena and Family, Sincere sympathy in the passing of Fred. Thinking of you. Your cousin, Kathy

Kathleen Abrams Hanna - November 08, 2012 at 06:48 PM

M(

“ Trena and family, So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I remember him and you from high school (so long ago). Just know I'm thinking of you.

My cousin, Ron Schillinger, passed away a couple of weeks in Bradford. I know he was a classmate of yours/ours also.

Margaret Kurtz Kniss (Peggy) - November 08, 2012 at 02:11 PM

AD

“ Dear Trena - We are so sorry to hear about Fred. I was just looking at our kindergarden picture the other day. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ann & Jim DePalma

Ann & Jim DePalma - November 08, 2012 at 12:58 PM

BM

“ I'm sorry to hear of Fred's death. Although we were not close, I counted him a good friend. I knew him mostly from our service together on the board of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, where he offered gentle, wise counsel. I really appreciated his support and advice when I was chair and our president resigned. He was a blessing to me and to countless others. I pray for God's comfort for all of you in this time of sorrow.

Bill Mankin - November 08, 2012 at 10:31 AM

JB

“ Trena, Jenny and Aaron. Our family is keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this special time of remembrance of husband and father. God be very near to you, always. Jerry and Hazel Belden

Jerry & Hazel Belden - November 07, 2012 at 02:07 PM

RS

“ I have known Fred for many years. I have always had a deep appreciation for him and his ministry. He was a friend to me. He came to Herington when I was the interim there and talked to the church It was very helpful. I invited him to come to our place south of Junction City and catch some trout. He said he would some time, but he never got around to it. I will miss him, I offer my condolences to his family

Robert Starburg - November 07, 2012 at 12:16 PM

BM

“ Dear Trena and family: On behalf of the retired American Baptist clergy and spouses on the greater Kansas City area, I wish to express our great sense of loss at the passing of a respected and admired colleague in ministry and American Baptist leader, and a dear friend of us all. We surround you with love and prayer in your time of loss, and pray that you find comfort in the assurance of Fred's place at the table of our Lord in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Bruce W. Morgan - November 07, 2012 at 11:27 AM

PC

“ On behalf of the First Baptist Church of Junction City I would like to express our heartfelt sympathy. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. This congregation and Pastor Callaway is blessed to have known Dr. Fred Ansell. We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief.
Pastor Callaway & First Baptist of Junction City

Pastor Callaway - November 07, 2012 at 11:26 AM

GM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Fred's death. He assisted me over the years in many ways and at various times. I came into the ABC from the United Methodist with his help. God has blessed me by allowing our paths to cross! I will miss him and will cherish the friendship we experienced over the past 30 plus years.

Gale Mack - November 07, 2012 at 11:11 AM

RC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. Fred was a good man and a very helpful servant of Jesus. He will be missed.

Rev. Les Cantrell - November 07, 2012 at 11:03 AM

SM

“ So sorry to of your family's loss, but have comfort knowing he is in a better place and not suffering. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Stacey

Stacey Mayberry - November 07, 2012 at 08:50 AM