



Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent

August 28, 1944 - April 23, 2026

From his birthplace of Ideal, Ga., Fred Dent's family moved to Cordele, Ga., where he grew up and then graduated from Crisp County High School. From there, he attended Georgia Southern University graduating with honors while majoring in math. While attending GSU, he served as president of the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity and was a member of the Alpha Gamma Pi Fraternity, a fraternity for college sophomores who had maintained a B+ or better grade point average their freshman year of college.

After graduation, Mr. Dent moved to Sylvester, Ga., where he taught math at Worth County High School for four years. During the last two years, he was the vice-principal. His love of playing baseball led him to coach the high school's b-team baseball team. In addition, he coached the b-team basketball team and sponsored the school's yearbook.

To further support Worth County's athletic programs, Mr. Dent chaired the Boosters' Club for six years. Another youth organization near and dear to Mr. Dent was the Boy Scouts. Mr. Dent served on the Chehaw Council Board of Directors for many years. He was the Council Camping Chairman for seven years and won the prestigious Silver Beaver Award. While serving as the District Chairman of the Boy Scouts, he was also awarded the District Award of Merit.

The year 1970 was a pivotal point in his career. Mr. Dent entered the truck equipment business as part of the Park Built Body company's team.

Advancing from salesman to vice-president to president put into motion his

desire to open Transport Equipment Company in 1981 with M.C. Powell. This company grew into a successful business with Fred Dent as its president for 37 years.

Mr. Dent's love of Worth County fostered a deep commitment to public service so in 1991, he served his first term as a county commissioner. During his term as commissioner, Worth County was able to build a new building for the Georgia Bureau of Investigations. Worth County was also able to build a community center, a new sports field, the inert landfill, and remodel the third floor of the courthouse for much needed office space. Also, during his tenure, Worth County established the 911 Call Center. Having the foresight to purchase a building vacated by the U.S. Postal Service, Worth County later remodeled this building and it is now the home of the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Authority.

After a hiatus from the Board of Commissioners, he felt the pull to return. As Mr. Dent began serving as Chairman in 2017, he immediately began focusing on the County's financial situation. Within a few years, Worth County was able to build a new Georgia State Patrol Post, start its own Emergency Medical Service, and begin the construction of a much-needed new jail. Also, while Mr. Dent served as chairman, the Worth County Commissioners pushed for a Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant and a legislative allocation to build a new recreational complex located on a road now known as Fred Dent Drive. In 2024, the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) honored Chairman Fred Dent with the Emory Greene Leadership Award, the highest honor bestowed to the commissioner of the year by ACCG for his leadership, dedication, and selfless service. His public service did not stop there. Mr. Dent served on the Tri-County EDA Board, the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, the Regional Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board, and the Lower Flint/Chattahoochee Water Council. Mr. Dent was a long-time member of the Sylvester-Worth Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Sylvester Kiwanis Club where he served as president for two years.

Mr. Dent found his church family at First Baptist Church of Sylvester where he was a faithful member for 58 years. During that time, he was a Training Union teacher, Sunday School teacher, and served as director of RA's for 12 years. He also shared his business skills as chairman of the Finance Committee and chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Fred was the son of the late Mack Frederick Dent and Mamie Lucy Parks Dent. He is survived by his wife, Faye Booth McDonald Dent of Sylvester, Ga.; his children, Dr. Michael Dent (Carrie, Sylvester, Ga.), Andy Dent (Brandy, Waycross, Ga.), Becky Dent Robinson (Brannon, Cumming, Ga.), stepson Michael Fowler (Lisa, Knoxville, Tenn.) and "adopted" son, David Dent (Tonya - Americus, Ga.); eight grandchildren—Spencer, Jack, Drew, Lilly, Gabby, Aiden, Elliot, and Hayes; two step-grandchildren, Justin and Kristen; four great-grandchildren—Alex, James, Kinley, and Kimber; and one step-greatgrandchild, Riley. He was preceded in death by his brother, Johnny, and sister, Carolyn.

The family will host visitation at Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester, Ga., on Saturday evening from 4:00-6:00 PM. The funeral service will be held at 4:00 PM on Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Sylvester with a graveside ceremony to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylvester. The Rev. Donnie Duncan and Dr. Jason Jones will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Spencer Dent, Jack Dent, Drew Dent, Justin Fowler, Sam Cover, and Chase Cowart.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to First Baptist Church of Sylvester 207 N Isabella St, Sylvester, GA 31791 or Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany GA 31707.

Banks Funeral Home of Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

APR **26**. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
207 N. Isabella St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Burial

APR **26** (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *A great friend. I did business with Fred for many years at Transport Equipment. He will be missed*

Buddy Smith - May 21 at 04:53 PM

KL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Fred will surely be missed. My God comfort all of you at this time.*



Kathy Lang - April 27 at 12:34 AM

SS

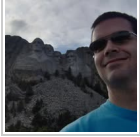
“ *Those of us who remember Fred from WCHS remember him monitoring the hallways with a yard stick in hand. Kindly encouraging everyone to get to class on time. Had a chance to visit recently and reminiscent about those days.*

SANS SMITH - April 26 at 06:31 PM

ME

“ *I started doing business with Fred @ Transport Equipment in the mid 90's and we quickly became friends and valued vendor. Fred always had a great sense of humor and a very intelligent man. I know he enjoyed his retirement with his wife and cherished boat. Fred served his community in many different roles and was very respected.
His family will be in prayer.
RIP Mr.Fred Dent*

Mike Elliott - April 26 at 09:04 AM



“ *Michael and Carrie we are sorry to hear of Mr. Dent's passing. There is no doubt he was a man with a big heart. He blessed others through his service and remains a blessing to so many. May you feel Jesus' presence now and in the days to come.*

Brian and Lisa Marchant and family

David Marchant - April 25 at 10:23 PM

LB

“ *My deepest sympathy and love to the family. Fred was a man among men. I treasured his friendship as well as the entire family. You will be in my prayers for the difficult days ahead. I know that our Lord and Savior will give you that peace that passeth all understanding. With all my love, Leila*

Leila Beanblossom - April 25 at 09:00 PM

JW

“ *Sending condolences to Faye, family and friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Donald and Jean Wingate*

Jean Wingate - April 25 at 07:47 PM

TT

“ *Sending condolences to Faye, family and friends. Fred was respected and loved. May he rest in peace.*



Thelma Tone - April 25 at 12:37 PM

SB

“ *Mr. Fred was a man that I respected and admired a great deal.
Prayers to all of the Dent family.
Stacey Bell*

Stacey Bell - April 25 at 10:37 AM

JO

“ *Fred Dent was brother, friend & special uncle to our family. He will
always be known for his great sense of humor and his generous,
loving spirit. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Faye and the family
from your Texas family. Love you enough to never stop.*

Jim O'Neal - April 25 at 01:14 AM

 Brenda
Hicks

“ *Brenda Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Brenda Hicks - April 25 at 01:02 AM

TL

“ *We are praying for you and your family Faye!
So very sorry for your loss!*



Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn - April 24 at 10:21 PM

JG

“ A graciously “well done” thy good and faithful servant rest in peace. Good to have known and worked with you. I salute you in Jesus name!

Joe Gaines - April 24 at 05:54 PM

NE

“ Neila Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Neila Ellis - April 24 at 05:00 PM

JF

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Fred. We always enjoying seeing him at Venture Out. We are praying for comfort and peace from God for Faye and the children. Love to all!
Jim and Linda Fountain

Jim and Linda Fountain - April 24 at 07:33 PM

MC

“ What a wonderful and impressive life lived well. So sorry for your loss Faye, Dent family, and friends. My sincere condolences. May the Lord Jesus give you comfort. Continued love and prayers.

Monica Chambi - April 24 at 04:06 PM

DR

“ Deirdre K Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Deirdre K Reynolds - April 24 at 03:35 PM

RL

“ *Rita Leggett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Rita Leggett - April 24 at 02:45 PM

MT

I'll always remember Mr Fred Dent.. He was always a very nice man, has a beautiful smile, and we enjoyed talking with one another. He loved his family so very much, and his grandchildren loved him and will All be loving and missing him Forever. God Bless all of his family and friends, and he has so many. Sending much love to Andy, Brandy, Lilly, Gabby, Aiden Dent. And Kevin, Kinley, and Kimber, Who were much loved by Andy's Dad, Mr Fred Dent. God Bless them. And all of his family who Dearly miss him.

Maxine Thorpe - April 29 at 06:38 AM

JO

“ *JR OSBORNE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



JR OSBORNE - April 24 at 02:39 PM

CT

“ *Culmer Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Culmer Tanner - April 24 at 02:12 PM

MT

God Bless all the Family of Mr Fred Dent. I pray that all of you Will always love and remember This kind, loving, hard working Man, who has done so much in His lifetime . May his memories remain in you life always. ❤️

Maxine Thorpe - April 24 at 03:29 PM

VN

“ *Sorry for your loss Faye Sending prayers*



VONNIE NEWELL - April 24 at 12:40 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Kathy Thompson - April 24 at 12:38 PM

DD

“ *David Daws lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



David Daws - April 24 at 12:19 PM

MB

“ *Markesha Bivens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Markesha Bivens - April 24 at 11:50 AM

EC

“ *Prayers sent for all of the family and friends.*



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - April 24 at 11:41 AM

SR

“ *Sharon Rhoads lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Sharon Rhoads - April 24 at 11:37 AM

LC

“ *Latecia Cheevers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Latecia Cheevers - April 24 at 11:07 AM

LP

“ *Lamar Potts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Lamar Potts - April 24 at 10:53 AM

DM

“ *Diane Hathcock McLeod lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Diane Hathcock McLeod - April 24 at 10:37 AM

SY

“ *All the good things said about Mr. Fred Dent - just so true! I heard him speak once, years ago, about how Worth County was a great place to raise a family. He was certainly right about that, and he worked hard to make sure this county progressed and moved forward. He will be missed in so many ways and in so many places! God bless his family. Praying for their comfort.*

Sue Youngblood - April 24 at 10:25 AM

JP

Fred knew how to be a friend and how to encourage progress publicly and spiritually....great example for young ones to follow.

Joyce Powell - April 24 at 12:27 PM

CC

“ *Charlie & Catherine Crapps*



Charlie Crapps - April 24 at 09:06 AM

LM

“ *Lakeysia McGill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Lakeysia McGill - April 24 at 08:57 AM

MP

“ *Melvin Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Melvin Powell - April 24 at 08:44 AM

VM

“ VaLenia Milling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



VaLenia Milling - April 24 at 08:26 AM

CB

“ CHARLES BOOTH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



CHARLES BOOTH - April 24 at 08:00 AM

SW

“ Sharon West



Sharon P West - April 24 at 07:51 AM

LH

“ The Dent family, so sorry for the loss prayers for you all and for the days ahead ... Lisa (Potts) and Ladon Harden

lisa harden - April 24 at 07:33 AM

SY

“ Sue And Tommy Youngblood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



sue and Tommy Youngblood - April 24 at 07:19 AM

PW

“ Paul and Peggy Woody



Peggy Woody - April 24 at 06:55 AM

KL

“ In memory of Fred Dent.



kathy lang - April 24 at 01:33 AM

CB

“ Chris Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Chris Burrell - April 24 at 12:48 AM

PL

“ Penny And Robert Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Penny and Robert Lowe - April 24 at 12:27 AM

DJ

“ Debra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Debra Jones - April 23 at 09:32 PM

VN

“ Vicki Paramore Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Vicki Paramore Nichols - April 23 at 09:30 PM

MF

“ Mary Jane Fraley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Mary Jane Fraley - April 23 at 08:35 PM

CY

“ Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Carol York - April 23 at 08:23 PM

MS

“ Martha Cross Saunders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Martha Cross Saunders - April 23 at 08:21 PM

RD

“ Rodney Duckworth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Rodney Duckworth - April 23 at 08:21 PM

DB

“ Debbie & Ray Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Debbie & Ray Banks - April 23 at 08:11 PM

AC

“ Alan & Tammy Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Alan & Tammy Cooper - April 23 at 07:47 PM

CH

“ Charlotte Souter Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Charlotte Souter Hall - April 23 at 07:45 PM

JS

“ Praying for Fred's Family. Thank you Fred for your service to our community. You are a fine man! God bless you!



judy sutton - April 23 at 07:37 PM

MH

“ Lit a candle for Fred Prayers for his family.

Millard Hurst - April 23 at 07:11 PM

LY

“ *Larry And Judy Priest Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Larry and Judy Priest Young - April 23 at 06:32 PM

GB

“ *Gale Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Gale Booth - April 23 at 06:28 PM

RD

“ *Randy&Nancy Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Randy&Nancy Dawson - April 23 at 06:18 PM

DB

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort.*

Debbie and Greg Bridges



Debbie Gray Bridges - April 23 at 06:14 PM

TS

“ Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Tony Senkbeil - April 23 at 06:13 PM

SP

“ Steve & Lori Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Steve & Lori Potts - April 23 at 06:09 PM

JC

“ June Coker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



June Coker - April 23 at 06:03 PM

LA

“ Linda Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Linda Allen - April 23 at 06:02 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Cindy Spence - April 23 at 06:02 PM

LD

“ *Len And Vickie Dorminey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Len and Vickie Dorminey - April 23 at 05:46 PM

DP

“ *Diana McLemore Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Diana McLemore Pratt - April 23 at 05:32 PM

PD

“ *Philip Duke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Philip Duke - April 23 at 05:31 PM

MK

“ Mike & Barbara Karsten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Mike & Barbara Karsten - April 23 at 05:21 PM

KG

“ Rusty and I express our deepest condolences to you all, we always looked forward to talking with him and he and Rusty reminiscing about the Dent family. He was certainly a fine Southern gentleman, who was proud of his family. Rusty and Kay Gilmore

Kay Gilmore - April 23 at 05:18 PM

MG

“ One of the FINEST men I have ever known!!!



Mark Gray - April 23 at 05:05 PM

PN

“ Pat Narred lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Pat narred - April 23 at 05:03 PM

LC

“ *Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Larry Crowe - April 23 at 05:03 PM

JK

“ *Jan And Alan Kimbro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Jan and Alan Kimbro - April 23 at 04:45 PM

KM

“ *Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Karen McDonald - April 23 at 04:41 PM

JS

“ *Jennifer Schachte lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Jennifer Schachte - April 23 at 04:14 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra A Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Sandra A Jones - April 23 at 03:54 PM

MM

“ *Marilynn Mims lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Marilynn Mims - April 23 at 03:29 PM

NJ

“ *I am so glad that I was given the opportunity to work with Mr. Fred over the past few years. He cared so much for his employees, the County and about doing what was right. He always had a story to tell and you never minded stopping to listen. Fridays were his day and you could always count on him being at one place. The golf course! Mr. Fred wasn't just a boss—he looked out for us, supported us, and made work feel like more than just a job.*

Nicole Jones - April 23 at 03:28 PM



“ *Jim McMickin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Jim McMickin - April 23 at 02:59 PM

SB

“ Susan And Harold Brantley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Susan and Harold Brantley - April 23 at 02:04 PM

MH

“ Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



Mack and Mary Houston - April 23 at 02:00 PM

JD

“ Sorry to hear about Mr. Fred he was a good man and friend. He loved Worth Co. Praying for the family..

J.D. Daniel - April 23 at 01:54 PM

DD

“ David And Dianne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent



David and Dianne - April 23 at 01:53 PM

CJ

“ *Carole Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dorsey Frederck Dent*



Carole Jones - April 23 at 01:45 PM

SW

“ *He was one of the best friends we had! We will miss him! Love you Faye!*

Sandra Watson - April 23 at 01:38 PM