



Freddy Finchum

August 29, 1944 - April 2, 2026

Freddy Finchum, age 81 of Newport, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2026. Freddy was an icon in the sport of drag racing and Harley riding with family and friends. He just loved life.

He was preceded in death by his parents Haskell and Ruby Finchum; and brothers Johnny and Jerry Finchum.

He is survived by his sons Rodney Finchum and Craig Finchum; special companion Amy Epley; special friend who was like a brother, Gerald Mooneyham; special friends Todd and Eva Raines; step-daughter Miranda Ellison; also grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 2026 with funeral services following at 11 a.m. in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (est)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Freddy Finchum*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - April 03 at 04:08 PM



“ *My Condolences to the family. Freddy was one of a kind and always had that shit eating grin. Who didn't love him. Rest in peace my friend!!!*



Jeff Kyker - April 06 at 10:56 AM

WS

“ *Sorry for your loss Craig and family.*

Willie Strange - April 05 at 11:04 PM

AO

“ *Audrey Owenby lit a candle in memory of Freddy Finchum*



Audrey Owenby - April 05 at 08:36 AM

JM

“ Rodney, Craig, Jake, and Rider, our deepest sympathies on the such an amazing person and friend. Fred’s sense of humor was second to none and his heart was big. Family, friends, and the entire racing community lost a genuine man!!



John and Barb McKinney

John and Barb McKinney - April 04 at 03:14 PM

TL

“ Freddy was a Character. No body could ever forget Him. R.I.P. Ole Friend. Hope to see You Later, but not Too soon. Tommy Lakey

Tom Lakey - April 04 at 11:03 AM



“ Your huge personality and presence in this town will be missed your smile and laugh will always be remembered

Susan Reece - April 04 at 10:37 AM

JF

“ Freddy was always the coolest guy. He always drove a Ford and I can remember riding around the City Park with him when I was in high school. I thought everyone could see me and that made me the coolest girl in Newport. Freddy's Grandmother Connie Dunn and my Grandfather Clyde Gorrell were brother and sister so I had the coolest cousin around. He was just one of a kind. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

Jill Gorrell Foster

Jill Gorrell Foster - April 04 at 10:31 AM

MW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mike White - April 04 at 10:21 AM

TM

“ Will be sadly missed
John & Tosha Mantooth

Tosha Mantooth - April 04 at 10:07 AM

DO

“ Donna & Bryan Owenby lit a candle in
memory of Freddy Finchum



Donna & Bryan Owenby - April 03 at 08:41 PM

T(

“ Freddy was one of a kind. To say that he was
a legend among all who knew him would be a
drastic understatement. He will be missed.
Thank you for the memories and inspiration.



The Mooneyham Family (Brian) - April 03 at 08:09 PM

JR

“ *Freddy you be missed by many. R.I.P.
Sending Prayers to the Family and all the
many friends 🙏 Love u always! ❤️*



Jackie Raines - April 03 at 06:35 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of a awesome man. I'm thinking of you
Rodney sending much love and prayers.*

Michelle Phillips - April 03 at 05:54 PM

LG

“ *You will be missed by so many! Rest in peace! Linda and Tony
Gilbert*

Linda Gilbert - April 03 at 05:13 PM

PG

“ *Paulette Gibson lit a candle in memory of
Freddy Finchum*



Paulette Gibson - April 03 at 04:14 PM



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - April 03 at 03:53 PM



“ *Prayers!*



Louise & Jimmy Hux - April 03 at 03:39 PM

BD

“ Rodney & Jake, We are so sorry for your loss of Freddy in your lives. We've known Freddy many years and he never changed. He always enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. He would help a person in any way he could. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time, and we pray God's blessings of peace and grace for you and your families. We grieve with you during this sad time. Just know Freddy is no longer sick or in pain and is now healed.



Matthew 5:4

*We love you,
Bud & Linda*

Bud & Linda Dawson - April 03 at 03:27 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Donna Owenby - April 03 at 02:42 PM

PH

“ Great friend for many years at race track and away. Will be missed. Prayers for the family during this time

Paul Hancock - April 03 at 02:37 PM

SO

“ I’ve known Freddy Finchum for over 60 years. Lordy he was a mess.... So much fun to be around. He was a character... always joking and laughing. He loved to race and ride that’s for sure. He never met a stranger. Freddy had sooooo many lifetime friends. He will truly be missed. Many prayers for this family. I love you Craig and Rodney. I’m so so sorry. Rest in peace Freddy. 💔



Susie O’Dell - April 03 at 02:14 PM

RC

“ R.I.P. my ole friend. Been awhile since we talked, but always picked up here we left off. Great mind always thought alike. Another great one gone.

Roger Clevenger - April 03 at 01:47 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear this. Prayers for the family and friends. May God wrap his arms around you all in this time of need.



Cynthia and Justin Wagner - April 03 at 01:03 PM

SJ

“ Freddy, you will be missed by many. Especially Tracy and Gary Styles 💙 Keep smiling. God has another precious Angel. Prayers love 💔 and hugs ☐.



Shirley Jenkins - April 03 at 11:08 AM

VP

“ *Velmer partin lit a candle in memory of Freddy Finchum*



Velmer partin - April 03 at 10:48 AM

RJ

“ *Randy and Debby James purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Freddy Finchum.*



Randy and Debby James - April 03 at 10:11 AM

DG

“ *Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the Family And Friends* 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️



Debra A Gann - April 03 at 09:00 AM

CP

“ *Sorry to hear about Freddys passing. Condolences from Johnny Parks and everyone here at Parks Trucking.*



Crystal Parks - April 03 at 08:51 AM

SH

“ Praying for his family and friends. He was so good to me when I was a little girl. I've never forgotten that. Rip my friend



Sandy Hurley - April 03 at 08:05 AM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Freddy well from the track. Prayers

Leann Massey - April 03 at 06:33 AM

JJ

“ Ole Fred will be missed coming in the parts store ..we had been friends for more years than I care to count ..Newport lost a good one rest in peace and condolences to the family and friends untill we meet again your friend Jeannie James



Jeannie James - April 03 at 01:20 AM

MT

“ I remember Freddy at 411 and English mt dragway back in 70's in Angle Dust great race. He's joining past racer like my Ralph Sneaky Snake Thomas. RIP Freddy from Mike Sneaky snake jr Thomas.

Mike Sneaky Snake Jr Thomas - April 02 at 10:47 PM

MN

“ *Such a great man ! He came to my rescue on more than one occasion , worked on my Harley a few times , he told me one time not to let the ppl believing lies make me that kind of negative person & I carried that with me ever since , left all those folks & followed what was best for me , he was wiser than he let on ! Much love always my sweet friend! RIP*

Melinda Noland - April 02 at 10:10 PM

DJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I've known Freddy since the 70's riding in the Black Diamonds. After our boys grown my youngest son Charles T Hillard became friends with Freddy's son. He will be missed.* 🙏🙏🙏

Diane Justus - April 02 at 09:53 PM

BB

“ *have known Freddy for years ,first met him at 441 dragway an became friends prays for his family. R .I. P. old man, we met up again.*

Bobby Butler - April 02 at 08:27 PM

WF

“ *Willie and Marsha Fullington purchased the Simpl y Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Freddy Finchum.*



Willie and Marsha Fullington - April 02 at 07:35 PM

WF

“ Willie and Marsha Fullington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddy Finchum.

Willie and Marsha Fullington - April 02 at 07:35 PM

DO

“ Freddie enjoyed life every minute of every day. Laughing and loving every second I saw him. Riding bikes, on the boat or hanging out at the beach, BIG FRED was the life of the day and I'll always remember him and miss him deeply.



Donna Owenby - April 02 at 07:06 PM

BM

“ Remembering all the rides / when he came through Parrottsville on his back wheel / we all that knew him was blessed because he was a true friend and a great Person/ sadly missed but never forgotten
Betty McMillan

Betty McMillan - April 02 at 04:35 PM

DB

“ Prayers and sympathy to all Freddy's family & friends



Dot Barnes - April 02 at 03:54 PM

BL

I remember so many good and happy times from the motorcycle club to just being together. He will be missed but thank God for memories
Blue

Blue - April 04 at 12:07 PM