

# Thank you Brother AND Sister Froese!

Words are often inadequate conveyors of how deeply one feels about people who have dedicated their lives to the Kingdom of God for so many years. Just maybe that is how Brother Paul Froese felt about it as well. He is a man of few words but his actions have screamed aloud his devotion, commitment and loyalty to the Illinois District and the campground. Brother Froese and his precious wife Marsha have impacted us all. A quick glance anywhere around this campground and you will see the fingerprints of Paul and Marsha Froese. "Crazy Legs" Froese was my first introduction to Brother Froese. I was a young preacher and he had shown up for the preachers vs. camper softball game. What an impression he made.

But let's journey back to Pinckneyville, Illinois where the story of the preachers son, Paul Jr, and the young lady from the marching band, Marsha Keller, would begin their journey. And what a journey it has been. They attended church together and were voted at Pinckneyville High School as cutest couple. Answering the call of God for their lives they would head off to Pentecostal Bible Institute in Tupelo, Mississippi, Paul in 1964 and Marsha in 1965. Paul was editor of the Harvester yearbook, Student Body Vice President in 1965 and president in 1966, and sang with the PBI Quartet. They would graduate and ministry would include stints in Nashville, Tennessee, Schram City and Clinton, Illinois.

How many lives have been affected by this great couple? One such life from Schram City:

"He would play ball with all the kids then he would invite all the kids to church. He introduced me to Jesus Name baptism and the infilling of the Holy Ghost."

They don't make them like they used to! Brother Froese was known to run the Sheaves For Christ 20 mile march in dress shoes.

Most don't know what a comedian Paul and Marsha can be. You usually see them as serious and always busy, but when they let their hair down...

Dr. Marriage counselor

Eenie, Meeny and Miney trio, cause mama don't want no Moe

Brother and Sister Buckteeth



More than all of this, they continue a long heritage of love for truth, and more personally, a love for this campground. Last evening we watched as many found the place where they received the Holy Ghost or where they answered the call to ministry on this campground. Yes, messages were preached, songs were sung, and powerful moves of God were all instrumental in the shaping of those lives. But, also woven into the tapestry of every one of those life changing moments is the selfless hard work and commitment of two hard working people who have forever left their mark on this campground and all of our lives. Tonight we celebrate, honor, and say thank you for the exemplary work of Paul and Marsha Froese have given to all of us.

This is the farewell note left to the PBI student body by a young Paul and Marsha Froese: "As we leave PBI to work, remember, he who winneth souls is wise".

They have proved themselves wise!

*As presented by Reverend Calvin Jean  
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