



# Jonlane Fredrick "Fred" Rawlinson

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**J**onlane Frederick (Fred) Rawlinson, age 86, of Collierville, TN, passed away on April 14, 2026, surrounded by loved ones.

Born on February 12, 1940, in Memphis, Tennessee, Fred was the son of Dorothy ("Dot") and Jack Rawlinson. Throughout his life, he was known for his inquisitive mind, deep faith, quick wit, and his lifelong pursuit of beauty and knowledge through watercolor art.

Fred devoted many years to his work as a watercolor artist and educator, where he achieved international recognition and inspired hundreds of students through his teaching. He also served as Director of the Print Shop at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, a role he took great pride in. Following his academic career, he and his wife Jo moved to New Orleans and opened an art gallery in the French Quarter. Outside of work, he found joy in meaningful conversations about theology, creating art, spending time with family, and observing the quiet beauty of the world around him. He will be remembered for his generosity and his expressive spirit.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jo; his children, Leigh, and Jon; and his grandchildren, Ava, Mark, Ivey, and Gibson. He is also survived by his siblings Mary and David. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Jack, his brother, Mickey, his sister, Patsy, and his son, Stuart.

The visitation will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The funeral service will follow, beginning at 2:00 PM in the Fireside Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home.



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Fred's memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



# Events

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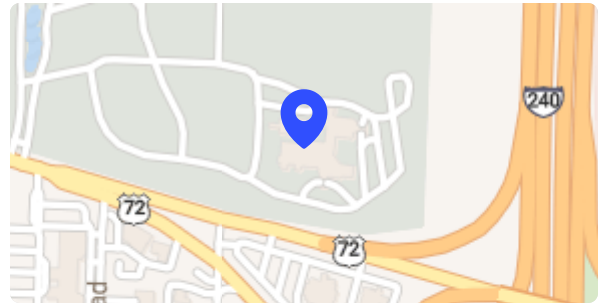
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## Visitation

 **Monday**, April 20, 2026

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**  
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

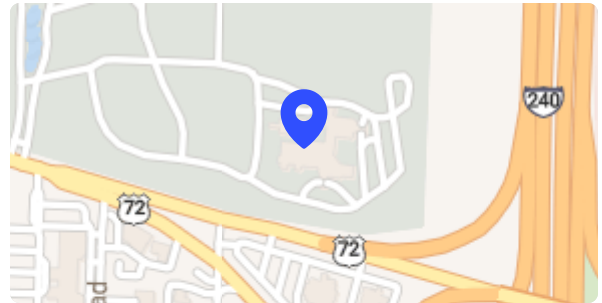


## Funeral Service

 **Monday**, April 20, 2026

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**  
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rawlinson family.

April 18 at 11:05 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jonlane.

April 18 at 11:05 AM



**Theresa Mirabile** posted:

Fred had the ability to place paint on paper and make magic happen. I was blessed to have known Fred and Jo. To have witnessed his passion for art and teaching has made me a fearless artist. Whenever I worry about ruining a good painting, I hear him saying "Its only paper." Everything I know and do pertaining to art is based upon the knowledge he imparted. There is one less great artist and teacher on earth now. But one great soul in heaven painting happily all the beautiful skies, broken down barns, and fishing villages. Theresa Mirabile

April 18 at 7:41 AM



**Art Wilson** posted:

Over 20 years ago I began taking Fred's weekly watercolor classes. I persisted for 7 or 8 years. Some might suggest I was a slow learner & there may be some truth to that. But basically I went because I enjoyed it. I enjoyed listening to Fred impart his knowledge & offer his critiques without ever being offensive. I enjoyed the atmosphere he created in his studio where everyone was welcome & everyone was equal. I enjoyed his humor & his personal views about life in general. I enjoyed being around Fred (and Jo). I still paint, just for the fun of it. And every now & again I ask myself "How would Fred do it?" Those were good times - all because of Fred, a great guy & a great mentor. R.I.P. Fred. Art Wilson Charlotte, N.C.

April 17 at 11:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Rawlinson family.

April 16 at 6:48 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jonlane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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