

Frederick Robert Klenner, Jr.
"Fritz"



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Date	Age	Life Event
07/11/1952	0	Born in Rockingham, NC to Dr. Frederick R Klenner and Annie Hill Klenner. He was the youngest of 3.
1964-1966	12-14	Begins to obsess over his father's acceptance which included shared interests in Hitler, firearms, German history, military propaganda, military clothing, demons, and the KKK.
1966-1968	14-16	In high school, he joined Demolay (a teenage version of Masons). He was a member of French, Latin, and the library club. He was an audio visual assistant in the library. He played the cornet in concert band.
Spring 1969	16	After his junior year of high school his father switched him from his public high school to a private school in Georgia, Woodward Academy, to escape racial integration.
Fall 1969	16	At Woodward Academy, Fritz joined the rifle team and club, pep club, and band. He took first place in the science fair.
Spring 1970	17	Graduated from high school, Woodland Academy, ninth in his class of 138.
Fall 1970	17	Was accepted to the University of Mississippi and began classes.
Summer 1974	21	Entered summer school to finish his required credits but dropped out and never finished his degree.
1974-1977	21-24	Worked as an unlicensed assistant in his father's clinic.
01/1977	24	Left Georgia for Durham, NC, where he supposedly was enrolled in Duke Medical School.
1977	24/25	Became engaged to Ruth Dupree. He cancelled the engagement saying his father had diagnosed him with stomach cancer.
1978	25	Claimed his father's vitamin treatments had cured him of cancer and the wedding was rescheduled for Christmas of 1978.
12/23/1978	26	Got married to Ruth Dupree in Greensboro, NC.
09/1979	27	Tom Lynch and Susie Newsom Lynch (Fritz's first cousin) got divorced. Sparked child custody dispute between the two parents. This caused Susie to move back to North Carolina where she regained contact with Fritz.
Fall 1979-Spring 1981	27-29	Met Cynthia Phillips, his friend's wife, and confessed his love to her. He was also seeing several other women and having multiple affairs. His wife, Ruth, found out.

1980	28	While working as an unlicensed assistant in his father's clinic, he diagnosed Susie, his first cousin, with multiple sclerosis and his dad backed up the diagnosis.
05/20/1984	31	Dr. Klenner died and left \$25,000 of his life insurance policy to Fritz.
1984-1985	31-32	Spent most of the life insurance policy money on weapons and military paraphernalia.
07/22/1984	32	Shot Delores Lynch (WF, 68) and Jane Lynch (WF, 39) to death in Prospect, Kentucky. He killed them at their home.
05/17/1985	32	Robert Newsom told Susie Newsom Lynch that he was going to be testifying on Tom's behalf in the child custody trial.
05/19/1985	32	Shot Robert Newsom (WM, 65) to death. Stabbed and shot Florence Newsom (WF, 63) to death. Shot Hattie Newsom (WF, 85) to death. They were killed at Hattie's home in Winston-Salem, NC.
06/02/1985	32	Confessed to the first two murders to his friend who was wire tapped by the police.
06/03/1985	32	John Lynch (WM, 10) and James Lynch (WM, 9) were poisoned with cyanide and shot. Susie Newsom Lynch (WF, 39) and Fritz Klenner (WM, 32) died in a suicide car bomb in Greensboro, NC with John and James Lynch in the Chevy Blazer.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	8
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Kentucky, North Carolina
Cities where killing occurred	Prospect, KY; Winston-Salem, Greensboro, NC
Counties where killing occurred	Jefferson, KY; Guilford, Forsyth, NC
Type of killer	Organized Serial Killer
Height	Around 6 foot

Childhood Information

Date of birth	July 11, 1952
Location	Rockingham, North Carolina/ Duke University Hospital
Birth order	3 rd of 3
Number of siblings	2
XYY?	
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Youngest
Parent's marital status	Married
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	No
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	No
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	No
Did serial killer ever live with adopted family?	No
Did serial killer ever live with a step-parent?	No
Family event	Dad died May 20, 1984
Age of family event	31
Problems in school?	Only had 2 friends
Teased while in school?	Thought to be weird and nerdy
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	Given excessive doses of Vitamin C at an early age
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	Doctor, thought to cure people with Vitamin C
Mother's occupation	Registered nurse at Duke University Hospital then started nursing

	for her husband's clinic too
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Vitamin C
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	University of Mississippi but did not graduate due to lack of 3 credits
Highest degree	High School Diploma
Grades in school	Very studious, got good grades in high school but did only slightly above average in college.
IQ	
Source of IQ information	
Work History	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	
Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	No
Types of jobs worked	Worked at his father's clinic as an unlicensed assistant
Employment status during series	Unemployed
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Divorced from Ruth Dupree
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	
Living with	Girlfriend (cousin)
Triad	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	
Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	
Diagnosis	
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	No
Spent time in jail?	No
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	8
Number of victims (confessed to)	2
Number of victims (convicted of)	None
Victim type	Family/Girlfriends family
Killer age at start of series	32

Killer age at end of series	32
Date of first kill in series	July 22, 1984
Date of final kill in series	June 3, 1985
Gender of victims	5 women and 3 men
Race of victims	8 White
Age of victims	9, 10, 39, 39, 63, 65, 68, 84
Type of victim	Family/ Girlfriends family
Method of killing	Stabbing/ Shooting/ Poison
Weapon	Killer brought with him
Was gun used?	Yes
Type	Military assault rifle and machine gun
Did killer have a partner?	Suspected partner but never proven
Name of partner	Susie Newsom Lynch
Sex of partner	Female
Relationship of partner	Girlfriend/Cousin
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Location of first contact	Through girlfriend, and other family events
Location of killing	Victim's home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Killed at contact
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Intentionally went out that day to kill?	Yes
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	Yes, Hattie (Susie's grandmother)
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	Jewelry, Florence's ring and Delores' necklace
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposition of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, hidden	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Burned body	No
Dumped body in lake, river, etc.	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	Died prior to being arrested
Date convicted	NA
Sentence	Died prior to trial

Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	NA
Was the NGRI plea successful?	NA
Did serial killer confess?	NA
Name and state of prison	NA
Killer committed suicide?	Yes
Killer killed in prison?	NA
Date of death	June 3, 1985
Cause of death	Suicide car bomb
Victim 1	
Name	Delores Lynch
Date killed	07/22/1984
Date body was found	07/24/1984
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	68
How killed	Shot
State killed	Kentucky
City killed	Prospect
County killed	Jefferson
Type of target	Home invasion of girlfriend's ex in-laws
Did killer confess to this murder?	NA
Was killer convicted of this murder?	NA
Victim 2	
Name	Dr. Jane Lynch
Date killed	07/22/1984
Date body was found	07/24/1984
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	39
How killed	Shot
State killed	Kentucky
City killed	Prospect
County killed	Jefferson
Type of target	Home invasion of girlfriend's ex in-laws
Did killer confess to this murder?	NA
Was killer convicted of this murder?	NA
Victim 3	
Name	Robert Wesley Newsom, Jr
Date killed	05/18/1985
Date body was found	05/18/1985
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	65
How killed	Shot
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Winston-Salem
County killed	Forsyth
Type of target	Home invasion of family
Did killer confess to this murder?	NA
Was killer convicted of this murder?	NA

Victim 4	
Name	Florence Sharp Newsom
Date killed	05/18/1985
Date body was found	05/18/1985
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	63
How killed	Stabbed, shot
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Winston-Salem
County killed	Forsyth
Type of target	Home invasion of family
Did killer confess to this murder?	NA
Was killer convicted of this murder?	NA
Victim 5	
Name	Hannah Carter Newsom
Date killed	05/18/1985
Date body was found	05/18/1985
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	85
How killed	Shot
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Winston-Salem
County killed	Forsyth
Type of target	Home invasion of family
Did killer confess to this murder?	NA
Was killer convicted of this murder?	NA
Victim 6	
Name	Susie Newsom Lynch
Date killed	06/03/1985
Date body was found	06/03/1985
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	39
How killed	Car bomb
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Greensboro
County killed	Guilford County
Type of target	Girlfriend
Did killer confess to this murder?	NA
Was killer convicted of this murder?	NA
Victim 7	
Name	John Wesley Lynch
Date killed	06/03/1985

Date body was found	06/03/1985
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	10
How killed	Poison, shot in the head, and car bombed
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Greensboro
County killed	Guilford County
Type of target	Girlfriend's son
Did killer confess to this murder?	NA
Was killer convicted of this murder?	NA
Victim 8	
Name	James Thomas Lynch
Date Killed	06/03/1985
Date body was found	06/03/1985
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	9
How killed	Poison, shot in the head, and car bombed
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Greensboro
County killed	Guilford
Type of target	Girlfriend's son
Did killer confess to this murder?	NA
Was killer convicted of this murder?	NA

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