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John "J.B." Ferguson, 63 of Western Grove, Arkansas passed away Sunday, March 21, 2004 at the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas, he was formally of Phillips County, Arkansas. He was born August 19, 1940 in Parkin, Arkansas the son of Bert Lee and Mattie A. Morgan Ferguson. He was a Baptist and a retired carpenter. He served two tours of duty in South Vietnam. John flew Cobras and Huey helicopters during his military service and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in Vietnam for heroism. He was also awarded the Air Medal fifty four times. While stationed in Germany John saved a fellow soldier from a burning fuel tanker and was awarded the Soldiers Medal for his heroic action.

He is survived by one son; Jonathan Ferguson of Morrilton, Arkansas, three sisters; Della Long of Western Grove, Arkansas, Patty Smith of Harrison, Arkansas, Debby Lang of Sardis, Mississippi, seven brothers; Lee Ferguson of Harker Heights, Texas, Mac Ferguson of Lexington South Carolina, Hershel Ferguson of Aubrey, Arkansas, Jerry Ferguson of Malvern, Arkansas, James "Butch" Ferguson of Malvern, Arkansas, George "Pete" Ferguson of Canvas, West Virginia and Gary "Beau" Ferguson of Oxford, Mississippi.

A committal service will be 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at the Fayetteville National Cemetery with Pastor Jack Searcy officiating.

Visitation will be Tuesday evening March 23, 2004 at 6:00 PM at the Western Grove Baptist Church in Western Grove, Arkansas. Visitation will also be 12:30 PM till 1:30 PM, Wednesday, March 24, 2004 in the Chapel at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Visitation Date Time Wednesday, March 24, 2004 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM Visitation Location Nelson-Berna Funeral Home Service Date Time Wednesday, March 24, 2004 2:00 PM Service Location Graveside service at National Cemetery in Fayetteville



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BF

Barbara (Bryant) Werner (Friend) posted:

My heart goes out to all of the family. It is really hard to lose a brother and friend. My husband and I have just moved back to Arkansas after being in other states for 37 years. I would love to hear from the ones that remember me. I graduated with Patty. Contact me if you would. I will keep you all in my prayers.

August 30 at 10:02 AM

MB

Mac Ferguson (Brother) posted:

I didn't see much of John from the time he left home to join the Army way back in 1959. Probably didn't see him more than 10 times over the following years. I always thought of him as aloof and distant, as if he was suffering from painful memories. I can identify with that because RVN left me with some of those memories as well. I wasn't aware of his service record until the funeral. I'm very proud of him and his service to his country. I know that he's no longer in pain and I hope to see him again one day. I have always loved him.

August 30 at 10:02 AM

LB

Lee Ferguson Sr. (Brother) posted:

Most folks didn't really know my brother except for what they saw of him around Marvell. If you had taken a minute of your time to talk with him more than a few seconds you could have known the true character of this brave, unselfish human being. He didn't care for flashy things and lived a simple life doing the things he wanted to do. He loved his son, Jonathon, very much and talked of him when we got together. I guess I was the only one that he talked to about his record while he was in the Army. His record speaks for itself as is, however it should also be let known that he was recommended for the Medal of Honor in RVN, probably in 1972 when he was flying Cobras. The recommendation was lost somewhere in the papermill. I asked JB for the dates it was submitted, so I could try and locate it, and he said he had just as soon forget about it. When JB died he was a 100% disabled Veteran caused by his coming in contact with Agent Orange while flying in RVN. Three times his aircraft was shot down and he always got back in another aircraft as soon as he returned to his base and continued with the mission. I loved my older brother very much and will miss him dearly. Lee

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EN

Eric Heidi And Kids (Nephew) posted:

To see a man clearly, you must look through the eyes of those who love him. In this way I have learned that J.B. was a very special human being, with the bravest of hearts and the most generous of spirits. I wish I could have known him.

August 30 at 10:02 AM

LP

Lodema Plumlee posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

August 30 at 10:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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