



Mr. Joseph E. Ferguson Jr.

November 28, 1918 - December 25, 2016

Mr. Joseph Eugene Ferguson, Jr. passed away peacefully on the afternoon of Christmas Day of 2016 surrounded by his family at his bedside in Forrest City.

Mr. Ferguson was born in Forrest City on November 28, 1918 to Joseph E. Ferguson, Sr. and Mable Pettus Ferguson. Joe was a devoted husband and father who was admired by all who knew him. He attended the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee and the University of Arkansas and was a veteran of World War II serving in the US Naval Reserve 1942-1945; inactive 1946-1953 officer Atlantic & Pacific. Joe had worked for the IRS from 1941 to 1953 and was a farmer from 1953 to 1976. He was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal, served as treasurer, Junior and Senior Warden of the Vestry 1950-2000. Joe was a member of the Lion's Club, treasurer and president of the Forrest City Country Club and a member of the Bass Club. He spent his leisure time hunting, fishing, golfing, pool playing and traveling.

Mr. Ferguson married Lynn Mahle Ferguson in 1942 and she preceded him in death in 2014. He is survived by a daughter Karen Withrow and husband Richard of Forrest City. A grandson Justin Withrow of Searcy also survives him. He was preceded in death by a son Jody Ferguson in 1951.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at

the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Burial will follow at Forrest Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the St. Jude Childrens Research Center, Forrest City Public Library, or to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net. Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
400 Hill Street
Forrest City, AR 72335

Tribute Wall

RG

“ Dear and Precious Karen, Rich, & Justin,

Having just made aware of your Dad's passing; please know our "arms" and prayers reach across the miles in hopes of comfort to you each. Never to have met "Mr. Joe" but sharing the friendship of many years with his SO lovely Karen and his faithful and strong son-in-law; Rich, our hearts know how PROUD and JOYFUL he was of both of you. Grandson; Justin, had to have been "the apple of his eye" no doubt!

"Mr. Joe" resides now in his TRUE HOME with the arms of His Lord around him, Jesus's kind mercy surrounds him, his dear wife/sweetheart and son greeted him with much rejoicing love on this past Christmas Day. He has now received his final REWARD on HIGH and watches over his LOVED ONES left on earth until the "big reunion".

God is so GOOD and MERCIFUL to His children.

Much love,

*rita, Gary, & D'Lilah Gilbert
(Rockport, Texas)*

rita Gilbert - January 01, 2017 at 04:45 PM

AF

“ Karen, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Scott, Allison, & Peyton Fogg

Allison Fogg - December 30, 2016 at 08:35 PM

SY

“ Karen. May God's comfort you as you think of your sweet Dad

Sheila Parsley Young - December 28, 2016 at 12:12 PM

DC

“ Karen my prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I am so sorry that your dad has passed from this physical life but I know you are comforted by knowing he is now with Jesus and your mother. Please know that I love you and care about your loss. May God grant you peace and comfort and may you be reminded that although your parents are gone from this physical earth, that they will always be you wherever you go. Blessings on you my friend.

Debbie Childress - December 27, 2016 at 11:45 AM