



## Mr. James "Doc" Elbert Ferguson

June 28, 1949 - November 4, 2019

Mr. James "Doc" Elbert Ferguson, 70, of Peoria, IL transitioned to his heavenly home at 6:08 a.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019 at Generations Nursing Home in Peoria.

James was born on June 28, 1949 in Augusta, Arkansas to John and Leola (Peten) Ferguson, Sr. and married Margaret Davis on April 4, 1974 in Peoria, IL.

James attended George Washington Carver High School in Augusta, Arkansas and Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock, Arkansas. Prior to graduation, he was enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in November, 1968. He completed Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and began Phase-1 Medical Training at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was then transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio as a Field Medical Specialist, and also trained as a Dental Hygienist as a Peace-Time Specialist. He was deployed to Viet-Nam in June, 1971 where he served as a Mobility Air Combat Medical Specialist. After his tour in Viet-Nam, James was sent to Northern Thailand where he worked at a refugee camp, transferring refugees out of Laos and Cambodia to be resettled into the United States and other allied countries. After returning home, James attended Illinois Central College, worked as an Insurance Adjuster in the Benefits Department at Caterpillar Inc. for 25 years, and joined the Air Force Reserves, retiring with 22 years total in military service.

James had many hobbies. He was an avid reader, loved gardening,

woodworking, and the outdoors. He was also a huge Jimmy Hendrix fan. He would always boast that his life was an adventure.

James is survived by three sons, Scott (Nicole) Ferguson, Rashid (Gloria) Ferguson, and Jamal Ferguson; seven brothers, Orville Nevels, Ronald Ferguson, John Ferguson, III, Walter Ferguson, Michael (Robin) Ferguson all of Peoria, Grice Ferguson of Aurora, IL and Troy (Monique) Ferguson of Peoria; three sisters, Ivory Ferguson, Judy (Larry) Vincent and Jo Wanda Ferguson, all of Peoria. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Isiah, Anthony, Kaden and Jordin, and host of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Annie Ferguson.

James accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at a young age and remained a believer of God's Word throughout his life.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Morning Glory Community Church, 2906 N. Twelve Oaks Drive, Peoria, IL 61604. Visitation will be one-hour prior, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Marlon Young, Sr. will officiate. James will be laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL where full U.S. Air Force Military Honors will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road, RR1  
Springfield, IL 62707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Glory Community Church  
2906 N. Twelve Oaks Drive  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Funeral Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Morning Glory Community Church  
2906 N. Twelve Oaks Drive  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James "Doc" Elbert Ferguson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - November 08, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ *Mr. James "Doc" Elbert Ferguson*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. James "Doc" Elbert Ferguson*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Condolences to the family, he looked just like Uncle John and his sons.*



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**TD** - November 25, 2019 at 11:22 AM

BL

“ *My condolences to James immediate family and to his siblings. Know that he is missed by many and that there is another star shining bright in the sky, and that is James. May god bless James and the Ferguson Family.*

*Bill Landrum*

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**Bill Landrum** - November 08, 2019 at 10:02 PM

CU

“ *My condolences to my cousin's we have you in our prayers absent from the body present with the Lord rest in peace Uncle James*



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**Curtis&Deborah** - November 08, 2019 at 07:29 PM

KT

“ *To the family of Jim Ferguson, I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Jim in Benefits Department at Caterpillar. He was such a soft spoken, kind hearted, story telling guy. He was genuinely interested in what you had to say. I know he loved his children and spoke kindly of them. Jim, you will be missed and I always will remember you as a true & kind coworker friend.*

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**Kathy Tauber** - November 07, 2019 at 03:24 PM

AJ

*My condolences to the Ferguson family*

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**Anthony Jackson** - November 07, 2019 at 10:44 PM

PR

“ Sending my deepest sympathy and hoping you will find comfort and peace with family and friends at this sad time. May sharing your happy memories help you through your grief and help you celebrate your Dad's life.

Pamela Reel - November 07, 2019 at 09:46 AM



To the family we send our condolences. We have been friends and family to the family for a long time God Bless you

Dorothy Williams - November 07, 2019 at 01:19 PM



God bless

Dorothy Williams - November 07, 2019 at 01:20 PM

PT

“ I remember him as Elbert! May God be with each of you during this time of bereavement! Praying strength for you all! ❤️ 🙏

Pamela Rudd Washington , Desoto , Tx - November 06, 2019 at 10:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Doc" Elbert Ferguson.



November 06, 2019 at 05:44 PM

EC

“ *May memories sustain you during this difficult time*



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**evelyn tate clayton** - November 05, 2019 at 06:22 PM

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“ *Curtis Shumate sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James "Doc" Elbert Ferguson*



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**Curtis Shumate** - November 05, 2019 at 04:34 PM