



## John E. Ferris

November 12, 1943 - December 22, 2019

JOHN ESTILL FERRIS, III, 76, passed away from advanced Parkinson's Disease, December 22, 2019, in Carrollton, Texas, after a long illness. He was born November 12, 1943, in San Antonio, Tx., the son of John Estill Ferris, Jr. and Evelyn Harper Ferris.

A Visitation will be held Monday, December 30th from 6 to 8 pm, and a Celebration of Life Service will take place at 10 am on December 31st at The Heartland Church, 4020 Nazarene Drive, Carrollton, Texas, 75010. Interment will be at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas 75211.

John studied Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Western Michigan in Kalamazoo. Upon enlistment in The United States Marine Corps, he was sent for Officer Flight training. John graduated flight school as a 2nd Lieutenant. From 1966-1971, John served in the United States Marine Corp, serving in Vietnam from 1966 through 1967. In 1967, John was promoted to the rank of Marine Captain after being awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, and twenty-eight combat air medals. After a distinguished military career, John graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration.

John's post-military career also included flying as an Americas Airways Chief

Pilot and an Air America Pilot, for a division of the Central Intelligence Agency. He followed his flying career managing, programming, and engineering computer systems for Dallas County, FNB Dallas, Exxon Mobile and Northrop Grumman.

He married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Cheryl Snedden Ferris (Sherry) in a military wedding at Tinley Park, Illinois on January 15, 1966. They lived a charmed life together and 54 wonderful years of marriage.

Serving God as a member of Heartland Church since 1973, he faithfully served as an Elder for 30 years. His service to his church, his country and his family reflected his passionate love for Jesus Christ. He lived by his commitment of love for God, family, and country. For fun, John replaced his “need for speed” in flying with his display of athletics in snow skiing, jet skiing, boating, and world cruising excursions.

He is predeceased by his parents, John Estill Ferris Jr, and Evelyn Harper Ferris and his brother, Robin Harper Ferris.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Ferris; his two children, Craig Ferris and his wife, April, and Carrie Ferris Calvert and her husband, Randall; his grandchildren, Kathryn Ferris, Kyle Ferris, Raychel Calvert and Raybecca Calvert, Ellie Lee and Mason Landon; his sister, Dottie Ferris Arfaa, and many other beloved family members.

Those wishing to remember him in a special way are requested to designate gifts in his memory to the Legacy Offering at Heartland Church.

# Cemetery Details

## **DFW National Cemetery**

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway  
Dallas, TX 75211

# Tribute Wall



“ Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John E. Ferris



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**Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home** - December 30, 2019 at 02:12 PM

JC

“ What a great friend he was. Always willing to lend a helping hand.

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**jan corey** - May 09, 2020 at 03:01 PM

RH

“ Sherrie and Family ....Am so sorry for your lost I have so many good memories and thoughts of my "buddy" and the fun times we had at Bremen.He was always uplifting and friendly too me ,and encouraged me to hang in there with basketball even though he knew I was discouraged for not starting.Also being in his corner even though I was not a member of the football team.John was truly a guy I always liked and respected and had alot of talks because our lockers were soo close..He really worshiped the ground that Sherrie walked on.John was a "mans"man .God be with you my friend Roger Hartmann

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**Roger Hartmann** - January 05, 2020 at 10:00 PM

RK

“ On behalf of the Bremen High School Class of '62, I want to say goodbye to a dear classmate and a dear friend. I also want to extend our deepest condolences to the love of his life, Sherry. John and Sherry were inseparable in high school and throughout his life.

The last time we saw John and Sherry was at our 50th Class Reunion in 2012. John stayed in touch with me from time to time on email and continued to follow our post-reunion events on our class website.

*John Ferris: A man who served his family, country, and high school exceptionally well.*

*We'll miss you!*

*Rich Kieffer and the Bremen High School Reunion Committee*



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**Richard W Kieffer** - January 05, 2020 at 11:50 AM

LD

*I was John's doubles partner on the 1962 varsity tennis team at the University of Idaho. Great guy.*

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**Larry Durbin** - September 04, 2023 at 10:36 AM

BH

“ *Brian, Sabrina, Christian, and Abigail Holmes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John E. Ferris.*



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**Brian, Sabrina, Christian, and Abigail Holmes** - December 30, 2019 at 03:03 PM

GT

“ *George, Sadie and Timothy Tellez purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John E. Ferris.*



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**George, Sadie and Timothy Tellez** - December 30, 2019 at 03:01 PM

BB

“ *Bishop Tudor and Chi Chi Bismark purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of John E. Ferris.*

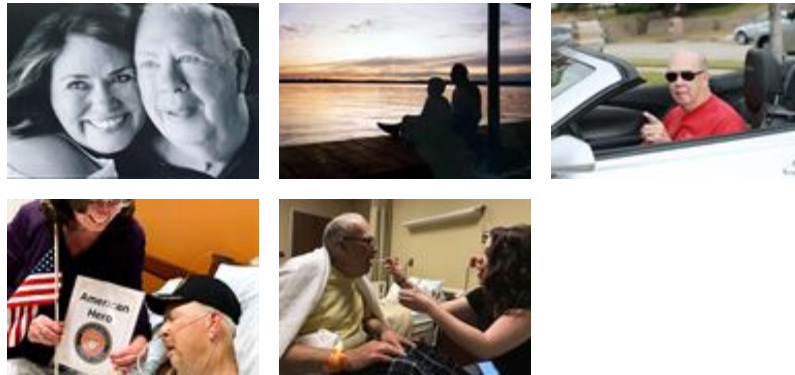


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**Bishop Tudor and Chi Chi Bismark** - December 30, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - December 30, 2019 at 01:56 PM

DH

“ Extending deepest appreciation for the long life of service of US Marine Corps Capt John E Ferris for our country, through his military service, through his civilian flying service, his computing systems managing service and especially for his service to his (and our) beloved Savior Jesus.

*Praying for comfort for his family and many friends in their loss, yet knowing he is in the care of his Beloved Savior/Redeemer, whose promises are all a sure foundation for life here and hereafter.*

*d Huffman, Army vet, DFWHG member*

Don Huffman - December 29, 2019 at 08:14 AM