

Honorary Pallbearers
Deacons Ministry Second Baptist Church
Vet Center

William Anderson
Thomas Green, Jr.

Pall Bearers
Nelson Athey
Davell Smith

Reginald Cosby, Sr.
Jeffrey Ware

Nicole Anderson
Renee Ferguson
Joy Henson

Flower Bearers
Eugenia Cosby
Renita Ferguson
Lisa Jones

Mikayla Ferguson
Nakita Golden
Pat Wilkerson

Miss Me But Let Me Go
*When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set on me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared,
miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
and each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
miss me-but let me go.
- Author Unknown*

Acknowledgements



We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the out-pouring of love and concern extended to us during Jerry's multiple illnesses and hospital stays. Thank you for the many cards, visits, phone calls, and other acts of kindness bestowed on us during our bereavement. Please continue to keep us in pray during this very difficult time. **The Family**

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*Celebration
of Life*
Jerry Sylvester Ferguson



And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:3

Sunrise
October 17, 1948

Sunset
November 8, 2017

*Saturday, November 11, 2017
11:00am*

Second Baptist Church
26725 Ruther Glen Road
Ruther Glen, VA 23226
Rev. Michael Ferguson, Officiating

The Obituary

Jerry Sylvester Ferguson battled ongoing health issues for over 25 years. God gave him the victory when he called him home on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Jerry was secure in his salvation and made it known to family and friends on many occasions that he was ready to accept God's plan for his life.

Jerry grew up in Caroline County. He was preceded in death by both parents, Alfred and Pearl Ferguson, and brothers Ray, Manon, and Wendell. He is a graduate of Union High School and attended Elizabeth City University, Elizabeth, NC. Jerry served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged on January 1, 1975. After leaving the military he worked for the Federal Government at General Services Administration (GSA) for 35 years before retiring in 2004. Jerry continued to be active until his health began to decline. He worked part-time for a couple of local businesses and was a volunteer inspirational speaker for the Re-entry Program at Pamunkey Regional Jail.

Deacon Jerry S. Ferguson was a man of faith who loved God. His motto: *Just Do What's Right*

Jerry was a member of Second Baptist Church for over 50 years and served in many capacities in the church until his death. He was a member of the ushers, hospitality, media, and male fellowship ministries. Jerry was a Sunday School teacher, president of the male chorus, a member of the mass choir, and former church sexton. Deacon Jerry S. Ferguson was ordained on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at Second Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. Arthur N. Werts.



Jerry married the love of his life, Jane Delois Shelton, on Friday, December 12, 1986. The couple has two god-children, Thessalonia Higgs and Phil Wilkerson, Jr. In Jerry's own words, his in-laws became his family. He viewed them as sisters and brothers and he has always been Uncle Jerry to the youth in the family. In addition to his devoted wife, Delois and god-children, others will cherish his memories ~ sister, Joyce Cox; father in-law, Robert E. Jones; sisters in-law, Isadore Jackson (James); Carolyn S. Johnson (Aubrey), Louise Ferguson, Ann Ferguson; brother in-law, Rev. William Mallory (Deloise); devoted nephew, Rev. Michael Ferguson; devoted friend, Taft Coghill; and a host of relatives and friends.



His Journey's Just Begun
 Don't think of him as gone away
 his journey's just begun,
 life holds so many facets
 this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
 from the sorrows and the tears
 in a place of warmth and comfort
 where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
 that we could know today
 how nothing but our sadness
 can really pass away.

And think of him as living
 in the hearts of those he touched...
 for nothing loved is ever lost
 and he was loved so much.
Ellen Breneman

Order of Service

The Musical PreludeCombined Choirs, Second Baptist

The ProcessionalThe Family

The Hymn of Praise and Worship Choir

The Scriptures
 Old Testament—Psalm 23 Rev. Alex Shelley
 Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Montpelier, Va

New Testament—John 14:1-6 Rev. Edward Woolfolk
 Second Baptist Church

The Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Patrick Jones
 Bethany Baptist Church, Montpelier, Va

Solo..... Lucille Abrams

Please give all written correspondence and condolences to Carolyn Johnson. The Family will read and share these with each other later this week.

Reflections..... Taft Coghill, Friend
 Darnell Cosby, Sr., Church Family
 Carolyn S. Johnson, Family

Solo..... Robert "Bobby" Ferguson

The Eulogy Rev. Dr. Arthur N. Werts, Pastor

The Recessional Family



Interment
 Church Cemetery

Repast
 Fellowship Hall