



Herman Buddy Ferguson

November 2, 2025

Herman Lee Ferguson, known as “Buddy,” passed away on November 2, 2025, in Portsmouth, Virginia, the city where he was born and lived his entire life. Throughout his 83 years, Buddy was a devoted husband and friend who embodied quiet strength and deep loyalty.

Buddy was born to Mary and Herman A. Ferguson. He served his country in both the United States Air Force and the Coast Guard services, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to duty. After his military service, he was a logistics specialist at Norfolk Naval Shipyard until his retirement in 1997.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 41 years, Cipe Ann Fatherly. During her long illness, Buddy was a tireless and devoted caretaker, embodying the vows of love and commitment with constancy. Buddy was a man of faith and an active member of the Community United Methodist Church.

Buddy had a caring heart and good sense of humor tempering his occasional stubbornness and made his life an expression of service, kindness, and humility.

His memory will be cherished by all who knew him; he will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his nieces Nicki Fatherly of Catonsville, Maryland; Sarah Fatherly of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Catherine Staff of Portsmouth, Virginia and friends Helen and Steve Achstein, Chesapeake, Virginia.

He will lie by the side of his loving wife at Olive Branch Cemetery. A graveside funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Olive Branch Cemetery with Reverend Kirk Culpepper officiating.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the American Cancer Society (<https://donate/cancer.org>).

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch Cemetery

#2 CPL James Williams Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Buddy & Cipe about 1970

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