



Jerry Mac Figgins

July 8, 1938 - August 14, 2013

Colonel (ret) Jerry M. Figgins passed from this life on August 14, 2013 to be with his Lord and Savior.

Jerry was born in Caruthersville, Mo. on July 8, 1938 to Glen and Laura (Baird) Figgins. He graduated from Caruthersville High School in May 1956. He then attended Harding College, graduating in May 1960. While at Harding, Jerry was privileged to be on the first football team in 1959, making many lifelong friends and memories. Jerry was also a graduate of the Air Force Institute of Technology and the Army War College.

In 1962 Jerry was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, to which he dedicated his life for the next twenty-six years. He was honored to serve his country many places in the states and overseas. His favorite assignment was as Squadron Commander of the 61st TAS at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. Jerry's many awards and decorations include the Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with one silver and four bronze oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Jerry enjoyed raising Beefmaster cattle in his retirement years.

He leaves his wife of fifty years, Maribeth; their three children: Lauribeth and husband Todd White, Amy and husband Phil Burgess, and Matthew Figgins; and nine grandchildren: Maegan, Morgan and Austin White; Keegan, Karsen and Jack Burgess; Annabelle, Jerry and Claire Figgins. They were his greatest joy on this earth. Jerry is also survived by brothers John, Bob and his

wife Melba plus many nieces and nephews.

We would also like to thank Arkansas Hospice, especially Sharon, Katie, Kari, Michelle and Jason for their outstanding care and concern.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. Funeral services will follow the visitation at 11:00 a.m.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ My husband, Joe & I and Sue Gateley Justen were saddened to learn of Jerry Mac's passing. The Gateley family had such great memories of the summer when Jerry Mac was 19 years old and after his first year at Harding, he came out to Olympia, WA to spend the summer with us. Dad had found a summer job for him at the Olympian Hotel doing janitorial jobs. He also got free meals during his shift, which he enjoyed. The family took trips to Mt. Rainier and the beach so he could get a feel for the Pacific Northwest. He really enjoyed swimming in the bay and going for boat rides. It was a special summer for our family because we got to know a wonderful cousin from the south where Mother & Daddy's families lived. I also saw him for the evening, (in 1976), ten years later before he flew over to Viet Nam. Mother & I were so afraid for him but he was just ready to serve his country. I only got to meet J.W. & Bobby once when I was very young. Jerry Mac will always be very special to me because of that summer. My love to my cousin: Marybeth and my 2nd cousins: Lauribeth, Amy & Matt and their families.

Annie Gateley Lynch - May 04, 2016 at 05:21 PM

RJ

“ Maribeth and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you as you deal with this loss of a loved one so dear. May the God of grace and peace be with you and provide the comfort and strength you need. Sincerely, Rita Johnson

Rita Johnson - February 10, 2016 at 03:16 PM

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“ *Jerry Mac Figgins*

Annie Gateley Lynch - February 10, 2016 at 03:16 PM

JM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*

Jon & Tammy Mershon - February 10, 2016 at 03:16 PM

RW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was my first flying squadron, squadron commander. Many years later we worked together as C-130 Aircrew Instructors with Lockheed. I am honored I was able to call him Sir and Friend. Jerry was a kind and compassionate person. He'll be missed by family friends and his community.*

Russ Whaley - February 10, 2016 at 03:16 PM

SJ

“ Dear Maribeth and family,

Hearing Jerry Mack only had three months left was such a blow. Living out in the Pacific Northwest, we never met all our cousins and the ones we did meet held special memories. Jerry came to live with us for a summer and we three younger cousins idealized him. He was so handsome and fun and charming. And he had that cute southern accent. We just thought he was super cool. Then I got to meet you, Maribeth, my first year at Harding, his fiancée. It was so romantic and you two seemed very glamorous to me.

I can't even begin to think how much he must have meant to all of you and how hard this has been. I send my love to add to the oceans of love I know others are sending.

Love, Cousin Sue

Sue Gateley Justen - February 10, 2016 at 03:16 PM

RF

“ Maribeth, our condolences to you and family - the Colonel and I had some special times together in the squadron and in the air. One fine Officer and gentleman.

Robert Frey - February 10, 2016 at 03:16 PM

MJ

“ Dear Maribeth, You may not remember us from the Roswell days but Marge and I remember you two fondly. Jerry was such a gentleman and good friend and you two newlyweds were a perfect couple. We have mentioned you each time we have visited with Gene Lamb. We were deeply saddened when we came across this notice on line this evening. Please accept our sincere condolences. God bless you and your family. Marge and Rick Johnsten

Marge and Rick Johnsten - February 10, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *Maribeth, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult and special time in your lives. Stay in touch.* ”

Vance & Jo Ann Watson - March 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM