



## Jim Shelby Ferguson

September 20, 1932 - July 2, 2021

Jim Shelby Ferguson. 88. of Searcy, Arkansas passed away July 2 in Searcy He was born September 20, 1932 in Maxville, Arkansas to Shelby and Blanche Ferguson.

A 1950 graduate of Ash Flat High School and a 1959 graduate of Arkansas State College. While a student in college he began work laying out the Woodland Hills development and other developments in Sharp County. He worked as a professional land surveyor in the private sector before going to work as an engineer for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

At the NRCS he spent 42 years overseeing numerous projects around Arkansas, working in Fort Smith, Walnut Ridge and Searcy until his retirement at age 75.

He enjoyed spending time on the family farm in Sharp County, putting in a hard day's work at the farm as his relaxation and loved the company of his grandchildren.

An avid supporter of Arkansas State athletics he was among the first members of the athletic booster club, a donor to the construction of the stadium and later renovation, and a season ticket holder until he could no longer attend games in person. He was thrilled about the announcement of

the A-State – Arkansas game and had figured he would be 93 and declared, “I think I can make it that long.”

He is preceded in death by his parents Shelby and Blanche Ferguson and wife Carmelita.

He is survived by sons David Ferguson, and wife Susan, Mark Ferguson and wife Cheryl; four grandchildren, James Ferguson and his wife Jessica, John Ferguson, Andrew Ferguson, and Katie Ferguson; and one brother, Bill Ferguson.

Visitation will be 10am to 11am on Wednesday at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy with funeral service immediately following and burial at 3pm at Wiles Cemetery in Ash Flat.

The family would like to thank his neighbor Cletus Robertson and Leah Palmer and all the staff at Harps Pharmacy for their help the past few years. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Wiles Cemetery

Highway 412  
Ashflat, AR 72513

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
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## Funeral Service

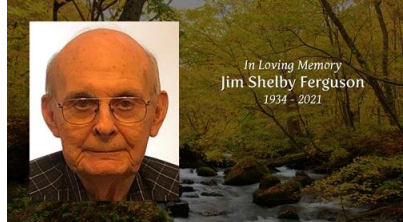
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