



Boyd B. Ferris

July 28, 1942 - May 28, 2020

Boyd B. (B.B.) Ferris. Captain US Army 1967-1971. Born 1942. Passed away May 28, 2020. B.B. was raised in Loudonville, Ohio, the son of Boyd Andrew (Mike) & Ruth McCaskey (Mickey) Ferris. B.B. was born about 8 months after Pearl Harbor and from the time he was 6 or 7 years old, grew up surrounded by young adults who had served to protect us from dictators and tyrants. He believed one of the great blessings in his life was to have grown up among heroes. While growing up, B.B. was active in many community, athletic and school programs, and was an active member of scouting programs. He was proud of earning the Eagle Scout award, his God and Country award, and being selected as a member of Order of the Arrow. He and his wife, Susan Elsasser, met in high school and graduated with the class of 1960. In the class yearbook, B.B. was voted Life of the Party and Sue the Most Popular. While attending OSU, B.B. was a member and served as President of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and Sue served as President of Oxley Hall. Both participated in various extracurricular activities. B.B. also worked as the Manager of the Venetian Beer and Pizza Lounge. Both graduated from the Ohio State University in 1964, and B.B. went on to OSU College of Law graduating in 1967. The two were married in 1965 and used their summer vacations to travel, unleashing a passion to see the country. Upon graduation, B.B. received an appointment as a Captain in the US Army's Judge Advocate General's Corp. He attended the JAGC School at the University of Virginia and was assigned as legal counsel to the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood,

Texas and then named counsel to United States Army Alaska and Post Judge Advocate to Fort Richardson Alaska. Upon returning to civilian life in 1971, B.B. was named legal counsel to The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and subsequently Secretary to the Commission. While there he became involved with the Democrat Party, which became a life-long and vital commitment. He practiced law for many years with the firm of Muldoon, Pemberton and Ferris. His family grew to include son David and daughter Beth, accompanied by a succession of furry pet Labrador retrievers. After retirement, he opened an antique shop at Buckeye Lake, Ohio where he and Sue enjoyed boating on those waters. Later, Florida became a winter home for the couple. At each stage and place of their lives, they have been surrounded by wonderful family and friends whom they treasured completely.

B.B. is survived by Sue, his wife of 55 years, children, David (Karen) and Beth, and grandchildren, Nathan, Emma and Henry. He is also survived by his sister, Bryn Kaufman, and her children, Brystana (Mike), Stawn, and Trynia (Craig). Many more nieces and nephews, and sister-in-law Joan, in Arizona and California consider him a favorite uncle and friend. Because of the Covid 19 pandemic, there will be no visiting hours or funeral, but it is hoped that family and friends keep B.B. in their hearts and prayers and celebrate his life on earth with joy and friendship. We are grateful that his illness was not prolonged and that he and the God he loved will watch over us with kindness during these very trying times.

Tribute Wall



“ *Boyd B. Ferris*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Sue,*

My name is Jenny White and my parents were Jack and Diane White in Southbay (FL) and West Virginia. I wanted to let you know how sad I was to learn of BB's passing. Mom and Dad adored their friendship with the two of you, always spoke of you with a smile, and loved your dogs. Dad looked forward to 'telling stories' with BB and when he told my mother he was going out for a quick visit with BB, she knew that meant an hour. I am sending you lots of love, hugs, and deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

Lovingly,

Jenny White

Jenny White - June 29, 2020 at 02:19 PM

RH

“ Sue and Family, I remember the times that we worked on Transportation Authority for Hooker Trucking Company in Ohio and round the USA. Sitting in hi office in the LaVeque Tower downtown and talking about so many different issues. He was an Excellent Lawyer and dear friend. When younger I would drive out to Buckeye Lake and just talk with him during our Retirement years. He was a great guy and I know that he and his mother Mickey are laughing and enjoying a greater Life. With Fondest Memories, I am. Rev. Ron Hooker
The Last of Hooker Trucking Associates
Former Josephinum Faculty Member
225 Brassic Way
Columbus, Ohio



Ronald Hooker - June 14, 2020 at 09:53 AM

LP

“ Sending love & hugs to the Ferris family from the Pefflys. Boyd will always be fondly remembered. He always had a smile and a sweet laugh, especially around the family & the dogs. ❤️❤️

Lori Peffly - June 11, 2020 at 10:10 AM

KK

“ Dear Sue and family, Our sincerest sympathy in the loss of BB. I always enjoyed his friendship. The tributes to BB and pictures of him were much appreciated. May God give you peace and the good memories comfort you. Steve and Kay Kick



Kay Kick - June 06, 2020 at 08:06 PM

JP

“ Sue and Family:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on BB's passing. I was always impressed by his demeanor and maturity. I am proud of his accomplishments and that he was a Delta Sig. He will be missed by many. Stay well, stay safe, and stay strong.

John Peck - June 06, 2020 at 09:50 AM

KM

“ Sue,

Meeting Boyd and you when we purchased the lake cottage was a real honor and joy for us. Boyd was a very kind and gracious man. Our sincerest condolences to your family and you.

Mike & Kathy Martin

Kathy Martin - June 06, 2020 at 07:54 AM

LC

“ To Sue, Beth and Dave,
I enjoyed working with your father and Sam for many years. I had
the upmost respect for both of them. May he rest in peace. My
deepest condolences to the family. Larry Coolidge

Larry Coolidge - June 05, 2020 at 09:14 PM

DS

“ Our condolences. Boyd was a good soul and surely in a better place
now.

Dan Sinclair - June 04, 2020 at 09:40 PM

JB

“ Sue, I am so very sad to hear of B.B.'s passing. He was a good
friend where we attended Loudonville High School together. It was
always so nice to see you and B.B at our class reunions.
I know he will be truly missed by his family and friends.

Jackie (Heffelfinger) Brown

Jackie Brown - June 04, 2020 at 03:24 PM

PG

“ Sue, Beth, David & family, may you all find comfort in these days of
sorrow. Boyd was a great man. I enjoyed very much working for him
alongside my sister Pam at Muldoon & Ferris. And I will always
remember those wonderful holiday gatherings. Love to all-Polly
Graham

Polly Graham - June 03, 2020 at 02:06 PM

RC

“ God’s Peace to you Sue and your family. Sorry to hear of B.B.’s death. What an outstanding person throughout his life. Remember lots of fun times as part of the class of LHS 60. Ruth Ann & Jeff Campbell

Ruth Ann Campbell - June 02, 2020 at 09:55 PM

JD

“ Just heard about B.B.’s death we had lots of fun in the 50`s and 60`s. Will miss seeing him and Sue at the Loudonville Fair. Our condolence Jim and Margie Danner.

jim danner - June 02, 2020 at 06:44 PM