



Lawrence Berchman Fitzmorris

August 11, 1934 - September 17, 2012

Lawrence Berchman Fitzmorris, a Retired U.S. Army Officer and Veteran of the Vietnam War, passed away on Monday, September 17 at his home in Newnan, Georgia. Fitzmorris was a native of New Orleans where he graduated from Jesuit High School in 1952. He then received his B.S from Loyola University in 1956 and M.A. in Public Administration from Shippensburg University in 1976. He was commissioned out of the Loyola ROTC Program as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Armor Branch and went on to serve in the Vietnam War where he was awarded numerous medals including the Bronze Star for Conspicuous Gallantry with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with V for Valor, and the Legion of Merit. He graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 1976, achieved the rank of Colonel, rose to Brigade Command, and then became Commandant of the ROTC at Louisiana State University. Upon his retirement in 1984, he remained at L.S.U. as Associate Athletic Director for Academics. Fitzmorris then moved to the University of Florida at Gainesville where he worked as Associate Athletic Director and later Associate Director of Admissions for Graduate Studies until retiring from academic work and moving to Newnan, Georgia.

Colonel Fitzmorris was preceded in death by his parents Clair and Curtis Pursell and his brother Curtis Pursell Jr. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Ann Joiner Fitzmorris, his daughter Lucia Cay Fitzmorris Woods and son-in-law Douglas Woods, his son Lawrence Craig Fitzmorris and daughter-in-law Kristin Lyders Fitzmorris, and his grandchildren Kathryn Woods Bartlett,

Zachary Dane Woods, Preston Lawrence Woods, Lawrence Aidan Fitzmorris, and William Eric Fitzmorris. He is also survived by his sister Gayle Clair Lockhart and brother-in-law Victor Lockhart and his brother Ronald F. Pursell and sister-in-law Midge Pursell as well as a host of nieces and nephews. After a memorial ceremony in Newnan, Georgia, Colonel Fitzmorris will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on December 21, 2012.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com
McKoon Funeral Home, Newnan, GA (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Avenue
Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org>

Previous Events

Service

SEP **22**. 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann and Family I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was an extraordinary man who opened his home and heart to me. I thought I was just Ann's friend but that was not the case Larry took the time to make me feel like he genuinely cared about me and I know he did. His willingness to help me with a school project meant a lot to me and I am sorry that he and Ann did not get the chance to see me walk across the stage. I also regret that I did not get up there to visit before he passed. Ann and Larry are both amazing people and Larry will be truly missed.*

Leanna - October 01, 2012 at 08:12 PM

BM

“ *It made me smile to see Poppy's smiling face in this photo. He was a true blue, full-blooded American patriot - tough and tender all at once. The best kind of man. I'm blessed to have known him, for my kids to have known him, and to have experienced his kindness. I ache for you all in your grief over losing Poppy too soon.*

Barbara Meskill - September 30, 2012 at 09:48 AM

CB

“ *Ann, I was so sorry to hear about Larry. Our condolences to you.*
Carol & Larry Bader

Carol Bader - September 25, 2012 at 11:44 AM

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“ *I was one of Lance's professors at LSU and knew Larry while he worked here. My sincerest sympathies to Lance and the other members of his family on Larry's death.*

Karl Roider - September 24, 2012 at 07:15 AM

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“ *My sincere condolence to Ann and family. Sincerely, Carolyn Collins*

Carolyn Collins - September 23, 2012 at 12:30 PM

JR

“ *We are so grieved to learn of Larry's death, but have happy memories going back from our assignment in Nuremburg so many years ago. We will always remember his big smile. We send our love, Ann.*

Jim and Eloise Richards - September 23, 2012 at 11:07 AM

CB

I was in Nuremberg in 1959-60. With the 67th Armor 4th Div. Larry was my platoon cmdr. What a wonderful leader. Have so many loving memories of a truly great man.

charles Barfield - August 09, 2020 at 03:59 PM