



Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum

January 21, 1936 - August 29, 2018

Blountville, Tenn./Big Stone Gap, Va.

Jesse B. Marcum, known to friends as "J.B.," passed away on Aug. 29, 2018 in Florida at the age of 82.

J. B. was born in Big Stone Gap, Va. He attended East Stone Gap and Big Stone Gap High Schools. After high school, he began his career in the U. S. Air Force, where he served in Vietnam and retired from active duty after 21 years of service in 1974. He attended the University of Ohio and furthered his career as a civilian government civil servant. He worked for Midland Life Insurance Co. at Lowry Air Force Base, at the Denver Finance Center, the F.A.A. in Memphis, Tenn. and finally retiring again as a civil servant while working with Unisys Corporation in Hope Hull, Ala.

J. B. was an avid golfer, hunter, fisherman, and loved his family so much! He served on boards of many organizations and was a volunteer for mission's work at Emory United Methodist Church in Kingsport, Tenn. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby Ann (Dillon) and Jake Squire Marcum; his sister and her husband, Doris and Lonnie James; his brother and his wife, Jake "Junior" and wife Brenda Marcum; and his brother, Darrell

Marcum.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Margaret "Suzanne" Marcum; son, Kenneth Lee Marcum; twin daughters, Karen Rutland and husband Jeff Rutland, and Sharen Reardon and husband Terry Reardon; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; many adopted and foster grandchildren; brother-in-law, Carl Jessee and his wife Shirley; and sister-in-law, Joyce White Jessee.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Mausoleum on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Ray Amos officiating.

Military rites, accorded by the U. S. Air Force Honors Team and local V. F. W. and D. A. V. posts, will precede the Celebration of Life service.

Pallbearers will be: Joseph Marcum, Nathaniel Marcum, Terry Reardon, Jr., Terry Reardon, Sr., Crystal Marie Colmehero, Matthew Reardon, Thomas Marcum and Jeff Rutland.

In lieu of flowers, it was Jesse's wish that memorials be made to the: Alzheimer's Association, P. O. Box 96011, Washington, D. C. 20090-6011, St Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to a Veteran's organizations of one's choice.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Marcum family.

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(276) 679-0030

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Karen Rutland lit a candle in memory of Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum*



Karen Rutland - January 17, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Sharen Reardon lit a candle in memory of Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum*



sharen reardon - September 16, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ *Susan King And Family lit a candle in memory of Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum*



Susan King and Family - September 03, 2018 at 07:34 PM

LJ

“ *Larry Jessee lit a candle in memory of Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum*



Larry Jessee - September 03, 2018 at 06:50 PM

BS

“ *Betty Jessee Summey lit a candle in memory of Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum*



Betty Jessee Summey - September 02, 2018 at 11:00 PM

PL

“ *Patsy Jessee Lane lit a candle in memory of Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum*



Patsy Jessee Lane - September 02, 2018 at 07:25 PM

VF

“ *Violet Jessee Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Jesse B. "J. B." Marcum*



Violet Jessee Fletcher - September 02, 2018 at 07:24 PM

Laurie
Nelson

“ Laurie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Jesse
B. "J. B." Marcum



Laurie Nelson - September 02, 2018 at 06:42 PM

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Nelson

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family my friend. Gods
peace*

Laurie Nelson - September 02, 2018 at 06:43 PM

JG

“ Deb and I are sending our deepest condolences to the Marcum and
Reardon families. We met Jessie last summer after we were chased
out of Florida by Hurricane Irma. We ended up at the Marcum's
wonderful home in Kingsport, Tennessee. Margaret and Jesse
welcomed us into their home with open hearts and arms. While
there, I enjoyed hearing about Jesse's many hunting and fishing
trips in Colorado wishing I could have been there with him. But,
Jesse is at rest now basking in the light of God's Infinite Peace and
Love.

*Jim & Deb Gerondakis
Port Charlotte, Florida*

James Gerondakis - September 02, 2018 at 06:35 PM

EL

*We have had the opportunity to love, travel, fish, hunt, play lots of
dominoes and just enjoy Jesse and Sue...the most wonderful friends
anyone could have. We thank God for the memories of these past
44years and we will miss Jesse as long as we live.*

Ernie and Colleen Lord - September 03, 2018 at 08:07 PM