



Major Norman Fred Dudley

November 6, 1935 - February 15, 2012

Norman Fred Dudley, 76, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ February 15, 2012. Born in Ashdown, AR November 6, 1935, his parents Fred and Amy Lee Dudley preceded him in death.

A 1952 graduate of Ashdown High School, Fred attended SAU, Magnolia, and U of A, Fayetteville, before entering the Air Force in 1959. Major Dudley dedicated 20 years of his life serving his country. He was a Master Navigator who served in many fighter squadrons and his combat missions highlight his numerous accomplishments. After flying in several planes to include the 101 and F-89, he finished his service as a crewmember on the F4-E. His career in the Air Force helped to fulfill his desire to fly as high and fast as possible. When asked if he missed it, his response was always, "Yes." In death, he is once again flying high and fast in heaven. A few of his many honors include the Distinguished Flying Cross w/1DBS, Air Medal w/8 OLC, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal w/1DBS.

Major Dudley retired in 1979, his family returned to Ashdown where he began a second career working twenty years for Nekoosa/Georgia Pacific. Finally truly retiring to his farm in Red Bluff, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. On Sundays and Wednesdays, you could always find him in church. Any other day, try the front porch or the local domino hall.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jill Nichole Dudley; five children and their spouses; Brett and Sharon Dudley of San Diego, CA; Mark Dudley, Nichole Dudley, Jason Dudley and girlfriend Darlene Turpin, all of Texarkana, and Ashlee & Gabe Stephens of North Little Rock; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mamie Anne and Dick Atkinson of Houston, TX and Amy Jean and Hoss Redfearn of Ashdown; adoring mother-in-law Lillian Williams of Ashdown, AR, sister-in-law Kaye Glasgow of Richmond, TX; and brother in-law Ken Williams and wife Dissie of Houston, TX. Known as "Papaw" to his 9 beloved grandchildren , Amber, Timothy, Jantzen, Jarrod and wife Carmen, Garrett, Keely, Carson, Avery, and Lilly; 4 great-grandchildren, Carson, Christian, Blakelee and Tristian and "Uncle Boy" to his many nieces and nephews. he was a friend to all

The family would like to thank the medical staff at Dubuis Hospital and St. Michael's ICU. A special thank you to Dr. Vereen, as well as Dr. Bailey and his staff.

A celebration of his life and family will be Sunday, February 19th, 2:00 pm at Living Water Church (Calvary Christian Fellowship) Hagan Road in Ashdown. Brother Jason Dudley and Brother Terry Walthall will officiate.

Visitation will be Saturday February 18 from 5 to 7 pm at the church.

online registraion: maddenfuneralservice.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Major Norman Fred Dudley*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

Bobby & Donna Bush - Texarkana, AR - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jill and family,
We're so sorry to hear about Fred's passing. We're glad we got to meet him at your 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration. Know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.*

Zelda and Dean

Zelda Hendrickson - Mead, CO - Jill's cousin - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Dudley. My heart goes out to his sweet, wife and the rest of his family. We are never ready to lose those that we love. I know that Mr. Dudley was a very devoted family man. What a blessing he has been to you all and what a wonderful example of a life well-lived. My heart is so sad for all of you. But, I am hoping that in time you will all find peace and comfort in your wonderful memories of your very special, husband, dad, and grandfather. Much love to you all. My deepest sympathies, Andrea Keane (Ashlee's close friend)*

Andrea Keane - Grapevine, TX - Ashlee's friend - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ While I didn't know Mr. Fred personally,I do know and love Ashlee! She is a loving and wonderful person(inside and out) and I attribute that to you Jill and Fred.. My sympathies and prayer for you at this time.

Love,
Anne Stephens

Anne Stephens - Nashville, TN - Ashlee's friend - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jill, I wanted to express to you my deepest love and sympathy. For your life long love has departed this life but also share with you the joy of knowing Fred is now with his Lord. Peace and joy are now his experiences and free from pain and sorrow.
R.I.P. Fred! God Speed

Rhonda Rhodes - Ashdown, AR - friend - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to the family.t

Richard Humber - Texarkana, TX - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM