



## Billie J. Ferguson

August 4, 1947 - January 26, 2008

Billie J. Ferguson, age 70, of Highland, IL., died Saturday, January 26, 2008, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

He was born August 4, 1937, in Arkansas the son of James William and Vada (Evans) Ferguson.

On September 21, 1964, he married Nelda R. Ferguson nee Russon , who survives.

Billie was born in Lawrence County, AR; at age 2 moved to St. Louis; then Cahokia, IL where he graduated Cahokia High School in 1955. He served with the US Air Force as a Air Traffic Controller in the South Pacific. He worked at Nesco Steel Barrel at Granite City for a number of years, and then Granite City Steel as an electrician, retiring 10 years ago. In retirement he traveled to Florida, Texas, Arizona, and Mexico with his fifth wheel trailer. He enjoyed workin in his garage, electronics, wood working, and was a Ham Radio Operator \ "N9VQA\ "

He was a member of Church of Christ.

He was also a member of Highland Masonic Lodge #583 AF&AM, Sons of the Confederacy,

Granite City Steel Union, Former Gold Wing Riders.

Survivors include Wife-Nelda R. Ferguson nee Russon of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Stephanie L. (Tom) Fillingim of Highland, Ill., Son-Byron J. (Danielle) Ferguson of Converse, Texas, Grandchild-Brandon J. Ferguson of Converse, Texas, Grandchild-Nathan C. Toennies of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Jacob D. Ferguson of Converse, Texas, Grandchild-Lauren R. Fillingim of Highland, Ill.

He was preceded in death by Father-James William "Bill" Ferguson, died 12/26/1990, Mother-Vada A. Ferguson nee Evans, died 10/10/2006

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.