



## Delmar Ferguson

November 27, 2011

Ferguson, Delmar Francis Born August 6, 1924 passed away peacefully at home on November 23, 2011. After his diagnosis of melanoma about 6 months ago, Del lived in a state of grace. He taught us how to live life fully. Be thankful for every day, laugh, love, sing, eat chocolate cake for lunch if you feel like it. Del is survived by his wife of 31 years, Miriam Pew Ferguson; children, Mary Ann (Frank) Wagner, Jeannie (Bill) Bussan, Janet (Dennis) Harle, John Ferguson; step children, Barbara (Lammert) Bottema, Becky Pew (Louis "Pepper" Dehner), Choli Merrill-Jaja (Ken Jaja), Bill Pew (Lissa Weimelt), Michael (Lori) Pew; 19 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren. In WWII Del served as a Staff Sergeant in the 8th Air Force 305 Bombardment Group (Heavy). His position in the B17 flight crew was Ball Turret Gunner. Inducted 7/27/1943, honorably discharged 10/23/1945. Del was invited May 2007 to unveil a memorial to B17 crews of the 8th Air Force stationed at Chelveston Air Base, England. As a former altar boy, Del's life dream was fulfilled when he was ordained a permanent deacon at the Basilica of St. Mary in Mpls on September 30, 1989. He offered solace and spread considerable joy reading the gospel in church services, performing baptisms, visiting nursing homes and officiating burials. Del's bright smile and corny jokes will be missed by family, friends and community. In his words "parting is such sweet sorrow." Interment Fort Snelling. Funeral Mass 11:30 AM Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at the Basilica of St. Mary, 16th and Hennepin, Mpls with a visitation 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Visitation also 4-6 PM

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at: Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel 612-377-2203 2301 Dupont Ave. S.

# Tribute Wall



“ SAW THIS AND WAS SADDENED TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING ! I KNEW HIS SON JOHN ! IF ANYONE KNOWS HOW I CAN GET A HOLD OF HIM PLEASE TELL HIM TO TEXT ME ON FACEBOOK MARTY HANSON OR CALL ME AT 612-432-8583 ! THANKS !

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**Marty Hanson** - January 27, 2023 at 09:59 AM

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“ Janet and Dennis sorry to hear of your loss, you are in our prayers.

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*Greg+ Andrea,*

*Florida*

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**Greg+ Andrea** - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mike and Lori and family, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all.

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*meg selby,*

*apple valley, Minnesota*

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**meg selby** - November 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Del ... "Rest easy, sleep well my brother. Know the line has held, your job is done. Rest easy, sleep well. Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held. Peace, peace, and farewell." Helen & Carl Dehner

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November 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“*Del blessed my life with his presence. He was continually a loving spirit, even through his trials he always blew a kiss to my mother. His faith is an inspiration to me. He demonstrated how a firm belief in god can carry you through any situation. God carried Del and protected Del. He had many opportunities for great suffering, he was spared all of it. When asked "Del how do you feel?" He said "With my fingers" holding a hand high and wiggling his fingers. When asked "Are you OK?" He said "No I'm Dell" Dell see you around like a doughnut. Don't stop at Jimmy Doolittles I love you and god speed..God I know you have rejoiced at receiving your faithful servant home. Thank you Jesus! Amen.*

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*Michael Pew,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Michael Pew** - November 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM