

Delon “Dick” Fairburn



Dick Fairburn served two tours in Vietnam, one being in 1970 with the 3rd Platoon, 101st RRC.

Delon E. Fairburn Obituary

SFC Delon {Dick} Fairburn was born on July 13, 1935 in Tylertown, Mississippi to Joe and Bertha Fairburn, the youngest of four sons. While in high school, at the age of 16, he joined the Mississippi National Guard where he served for 21/2 years. He graduated from high school in 1955 and joined the Army that same year. Soon he was assigned to the Army Security Agency. He served two tours in Viet Nam. In 1962 he married Sarah Daniels and they went on to have one son, Dickie, a daughter-in-law Pauline and one granddaughter, Tiffany. Dick and his wife Sarah were very blessed to help raise several nieces and nephews. Before retiring in 1976 Dick received several awards for his service, a few being Army Commendation Medal, 1st and 2nd Oak Leaf, Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal. After retiring, Dick made his home in North Carolina where he worked at Weyerhaeuser for 17 1/2 years. His love for his family, church and community was evident to everyone that knew him. Dick was always there to help those in need and was very admired by those that knew him. He served as deacon and elder in his church, he was a volunteer in the fire department and an EMT. With Dick's love of softball and having played on the Pacific All Army Softball Team, he helped coach the high school softball team and the Recreation Department teams. Dick fought many illnesses due to his exposure to many things during his Army career. He left his family and friends way too soon due to these diseases. On January 8, 2001, Dick passed away leaving behind the family that he loved and adored. He left behind a legacy of love and dedication for his country but most of all love for his family and friends. He is truly missed by all.