



Fred T. Pearce Jr.

October 31, 1924 - June 22, 2018

Mr. Fred T. Pearce Jr. passed away June 22, 2018 in Houston, Texas at the age of 93. He is survived by a nephew, Mr. Chris Briggs, longtime family friends Haidee & Bob Bucher, Agelia and Larry Durand, Dr. Jennifer Durand-Smith, Keith Durand and Xenia and Jon Hallaway. He is predeceased by his father, Frederick T. Pearce, mother, Francis, sister, Margaret and his beloved wife Pat.

He was born in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Upon graduation from high school Fred joined the United States Marine Corps where he proudly attained the rank of Sergeant. In 1946 he attended North Carolina State University in Raleigh where he earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation he worked for Bethlehem Steel and later in 1956 he began working for National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) Langley Aeronautical Laboratory. Initially he worked on the anti-ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile) study. Shortly after that, the Space Task Group (STG) came about and he was assigned to the Pilotless Aircraft Research Division where he worked in guidance and control. His friends referred to him as the Moon Man. In 1964 Fred joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Moon Mission at the Johnson Space Center as an Aerospace Engineer. His work involved designing the first space simulator to train the astronauts for space travel and he also designed the cameras that were used in the Moon Landing Mission.

He was a quiet modest man who loved to fly his model airplanes, read, drink good wine and travel with Pat. He was proud of his work at NASA. You can read the interview by looking up Fred Pearce Oral History - Johnson Space Center – NASA

Funeral Services will be at the VA Houston National Cemetery Chapel, Monday, July 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. All attending are asked to arrive by 1:45.

Cemetery Details

VA Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038-1502
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Previous Events

Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Fred T. Pearce Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Fred T. Pearce Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Fred T. Pearce Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Fred T. Pearce Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ Please accept my family’s heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories of them, and God’s promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, and to rid us of death forever.

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“ *Briggs Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray
for the family of Fred T. Pearce Jr..*



Briggs Family - June 28, 2018 at 05:07 PM