



## Ernest Ulysses "Grant" Dotson, Jr.

July 21, 1946 - July 19, 2016

Ernest Ulysses "Grant" Dotson, Jr., age 69, of Manassas, VA passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at the Adler Center for Caring after a battle with cancer.

He was born on July 21, 1946 in Wise County, VA the son of the late Ernest U. and Lillian (Slaughter) Dotson. Grant was raised in Wise County and moved with his family to Northern Virginia where he attended Groveton High School in Alexandria, Virginia. Grant served in the United States Army after high school and became an accomplished mechanic as a young adult. He spent most of his career as a surveyor in Northern Virginia.

Grant enjoyed woodworking and often made custom pieces for his friends and family. He was a life-long Washington Redskins fan. A gifted artist and entertaining storyteller, Grant was admired and respected for his caring of others and his kind and soft heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother; John Henry Dotson; sisters, Ina Mae Smith and Anita Louise Shelton.

Survivors include his loving wife, Ruth Ann (Bean) Dotson; one son, Forrest Grant Dotson; four daughters, Melody Sue LaGrave, Barbara Dawn Cleary, Michelle Renee Jansen, Charity Anne Pearson; three sisters, Phyllis Sue

Dietz, Lois Ann Campbell, Patricia Gayle Stunkard; seven grandchildren, Krystal, Kristen, Justin, Michael, Natalie, Davis and Gable; and two great grandchildren, Tory and Shay.

The family will receive friends from 11:00-12:00pm Monday, July 25, 2016 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where funeral services will be held at 12:00pm with Chaplain Ralph Benson officiating. Interment will follow at the Quantico National Cemetery. The family will have a reception immediately following graveside services at the Brentsville Presbyterian Church, 12305 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 124 Park Street, SE, Vienna, VA 22180.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ From his loving sisters--Phyllis, Lois and Pat purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ernest Ulysses "Grant" Dotson, Jr..



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**From his loving sisters--Phyllis, Lois and Pat** - July 22, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest Ulysses "Grant" Dotson, Jr..



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July 22, 2016 at 09:17 AM

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“ He loved his children, each and every one, which is about the best thing you can say about a man. Kathy

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**Dr. Kathleen Ruddy** - July 22, 2016 at 08:19 AM

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“ Ruth, Forrest and Melody and the rest of the Family,..Grant was a wonderful man and he always showed us a great time when we came to visit..He is with GOD now and no longer suffering..Rest in Peace Grant. You will be Dearly missed..

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**Carol and Phil** - July 21, 2016 at 09:55 PM

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*Ruth and Forrest and to other family members, we were so sad to hear about Grant's passing. You all are in our prayers. Stay strong because Grant would have wanted you to be. God bless all of you. Lori & Buddy Croushorn*

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**Loretta C Croushorn** - July 22, 2016 at 07:16 PM