

TATC Member John Markham Ferguson III (Mark) Passes

Sadly, Mark Ferguson passed away on December 17, 2021, following a long illness. Mark was a long-time and active member of TATC and a friend to many of us. Mark was one of TATC's Section Leaders for the AT from Harpers Creek to the Slant Rocks Overlook for several years, later, he maintained the Bald Mountain Trail in the Saint Mary's Wilderness. Mark was also elected and served as a TATC Club Counselor for several years. Mark will be missed.

The obituary published by Virginia Gazette on Dec. 22, 2021 can be found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/vagazette/name/john-ferguson-obituary?id=31949036> - You can use this link to sign the online guest book and post a message.



John Markham Ferguson III (Mark), age 74, passed away at home in Williamsburg, VA on December 17, 2021 following a long illness. He was born in Seoul, Korea while his father, the late Colonel John M. Ferguson, was stationed there. As an Army brat, Mark moved often, and remembered his stays in Albuquerque, NM and Paris with special affection. After graduating from Paris American High School, Mark attended Bucknell University and also served in the army during the Vietnam War.

He later moved to Williamsburg, where his parents retired, and worked as a computer operator at the College of William and Mary, where he met his future wife Jane, who was a student there. Mark spent most of his work life at Colonial Williamsburg, where he started in Research and then moved to

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Information Technology. Following his retirement in 2008, he joined the crew at the new Trader Joe's store in Williamsburg, where he worked for 6 years and had many delightful times interacting with customers and coworkers. Mark participated in organizations dear to his heart with full commitment. He honored his Scottish heritage as a drum major and bass drummer for Strath James Pipes and Drums, and later as a bass drummer with Greater Richmond Pipes and Drums. His love of the mountains and nature was evident in his activities with the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club, where he served on the board and organized work trips for trail maintenance. In recent years, he completed certification in Wilderness Medicine through the National Outdoor Leadership School as well as Citizens Emergency Response Training in James City County. Mark was a charter member of Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists. Mark is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jane Ferguson of Williamsburg, his two sons, Adam Ferguson of Williamsburg, and Ian Ferguson and wife Liz Kovacevic of Washington, D.C., his mother, Nancy Ruef Ferguson of Williamsburg, his sister, Lesley Ball and husband Chuck Ball of Wilmington, NC, and nephew Charlie Ball of Wilmington, NC. A celebration of life service will be held at a future date. Donations in Mark's memory may be made to the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club at P.O. Box 8246, Norfolk VA 23503 or <https://tidewateratc.com/Donations>. These would be much appreciated, in order to help preserve the natural beauty of Virginia that so inspired him.