



**Bill (Fergy) Ferguson**

July 11, 1921 - October 20, 2012

Fergy grew up in the Bay Area and attended UC Berkeley when he was drafted as a medic into the 10th Mountain Division (ski troops), seeing combat in Italy from 1943-45. Back at Cal, he met Stevie at the Sierra Club Lodge at Donner summit. They married in 1947 and Stevie graduated from Cal in 1950 and became a mother the same month.

Fergy taught high school biology for nine years and went back to UC Berkeley to spend four years on pre-doctoral studies and research in the Department of Entomology. In 1962 they moved to Los Gatos with their son and daughter. Fergy accepted a Professorship in the Department of Biology at San Jose State University, and also had a two-year stint as director of the Center for Research and Advanced Studies. During summers, Fergy taught at various academic institutions and did field research at several deserts in North America.

He retired in 1981 to travel the world and take photographs for book publishers. Their greatest joy was the time they spent with their grandchildren taking them along on some of their trips. Stevie joined Bill to lead nature tours and take photographs from Antarctica to the Canadian High Arctic, around the Pacific Rim and islands of the South Pacific. Stevie has written memoirs of their major adventures which will be published in February 2014.

They have one surviving adult child, their daughter, and one granddaughter. Fergy passed away on October 20, 2012

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