



Ross Minish Sigmon III

May 31, 1945 - August 16, 2022

Ross Minish Sigmon, III, 77, passed away in his home on August 16, 2022 after a long decline in health. He was predeceased by his parents, Ross Minish Sigmon, Jr. and Frances Crowder Sigmon, and his close friend, Judy Hartigan. Ross is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, John Crowder Sigmon, Sr and Debra Sigmon, his niece Suzanne Heidenreich (James), his nephew John C Sigmon, Jr. (Allison), and his great niece Emalyn Blair "Ebie" Heidenreich.

Ross was born in Hollywood, Florida but also lived in Winston-Salem, NC; Pennington, New Jersey; and Burlington, North Carolina as well as Raleigh, North Carolina until his death. He graduated from North Carolina State University, where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Ross had many good memories and life-long friends from his times as a Kappa Sig at NCSU. Following his graduation from NCSU, he was commissioned into the Army as a 1st Lieutenant and went through basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Ross then was assigned to Vietnam.

Ross was located at the Dong Ha Combat Base, C Battery, 8th Battalion, 4th Field Artillery. He was an Artillery Liaison Officer and spent much time as a Forward Observer where he called in fire support for the big guns at the DMZ. He was honorably discharged in 1970. Ross did not discuss the war much but he did share some stories. One was about the time they had drag races with self-propelled howitzers. It is safe to say, Ross had a good sense of humor and could be quite rambunctious at times. However, he became withdrawn

after his tour in Vietnam.

Following his return from the war, Ross attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and worked toward completing his Masters in Architecture. He then worked in architectural design for the Walter Davis Architect (now Davis Kane) company and later, for SAS Institute as a campus construction project manager. Ross retired from SAS and spent a lot of quality time with his beloved Judy, who was much loved by our family. She, above anyone else, helped Ross cope with life. He did love to crew for Dr. Leroy Allen in the Big Rock fishing tournament and talked about it often. A highlight was when he helped reel in a 550 lb. blue marlin and the boat came oh so close to a tournament win! Dr. Allen and his family were very kind to and supportive of Ross.

Ross was interested in a wide variety of topics. He loved cooking and working outdoors. He was an intelligent, artistic, and very creative person. He was very proud of and especially loved his niece, Suzanne, and nephew, John Jr. He will be missed very much by our family, but we find much comfort in knowing his pain is eased and he is in a better place now.

There will be a memorial service in Salisbury, NC where his parents are buried. Summersett Funeral Home will assist with a grave side service at 10:30am on Thursday, September 15th at City Memorial Park, 1310 W Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. (In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in Summersett Funeral Home.) A reception immediately following will be held at The Country Club of Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ross's name to the Yellow Ribbon Fund that supports armed service personnel. (www.yellowribbonfund.org)

Cemetery Details

City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **15**. 10:30 AM (ET)

City Memorial Park
1316 West Innes St
Salisbury, NC 28144

Reception

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Country Club of Salisbury
747 Club Dr.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear John,
Sending healing prayers to you and your family,
Susan Foster Royal*

Susan Royal - September 04, 2022 at 07:28 AM

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I have fond memories of Ross during the time that he lived on the Leroy Allen property in Raleigh. My best friend, Sally Allen, introduced us when we were in our 20s. He was a dear man, full of life and character. He will be missed. Sending prayers to your family during this difficult time.

Mary Beth Grady - September 05, 2022 at 10:40 AM