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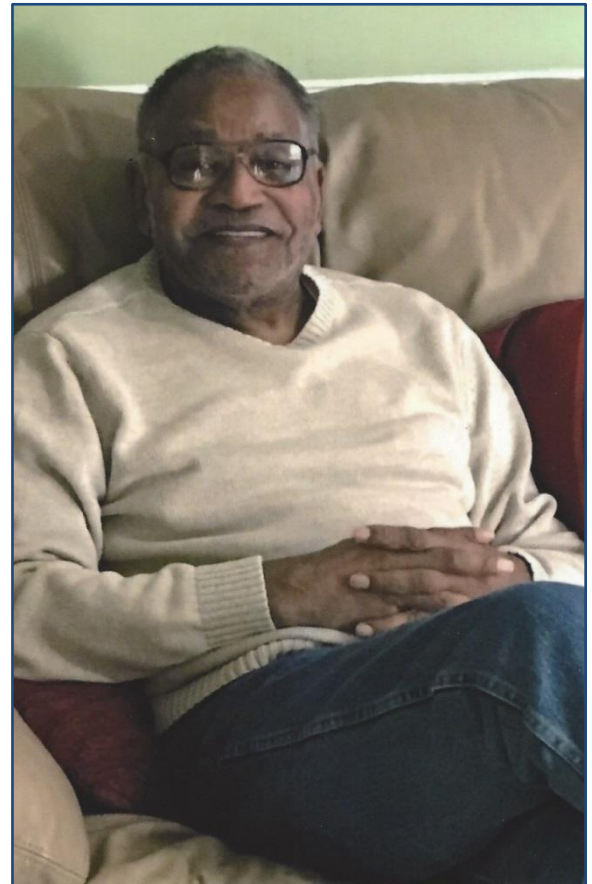
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Ernest Ferguson

United States Air Force

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Ernest was born in Louisiana, in 1939. There were eight children in the family. His parents were share croppers and they moved frequently. However, Ernest says they never went hungry. They moved to Missouri, where he graduated from high school. Now all of his family is buried in Missouri, and he is the only one left.

When he was 20, Ernest joined the United States Air Force. He was sent to San Antonio for basic training. His first assignments were in military police, but he later specialized in wide band communication, including radar security. He also maintained equipment. Germany, Italy, Spain, and Turkey were additional duty stations for Ernest.

Ernest earned certificates from different types of training, including that of being an instructor. His medals and awards include: Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/silver oak leaf cluster; Small Arms Marksmanship Medal; National Defense Medal; a special commendation, a Non Commissioned Officer Academy ribbon, and an Outstanding Unit Achievement Medal; and several Overseas Medals. He has a Vietnam era pin, although he never went to Vietnam.

After his retirement in 1982, at Fort Scott Air Force Base, he worked for hospitals in a large metropolitan city in Missouri where he maintained equipment. He is a Latter-day Saint. Ernest resides in a Veterans Home where his family visits him often.

When he returned from basic training, he married Yvonne, whom he had met in high school. They were married for more than 40 years. Yvonne accompanied him when possible. Ernest liked the scenery in Italy, but his family liked Germany the best. A son was born in Florida, a daughter in Germany, and a second son in Spain. Those moves helped his children grow up to be independent and adaptable. Yvonne lived to see their four grandchildren.

Warrensburg Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Ernest Ferguson as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to our great nation.