



Ronald Joseph Dowdell

July 27, 1954 - November 3, 2023

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Master Sergeant Ronald Joseph Dowdell, U.S.A.F

Born July 27, 1954, in Albany, New York to the late Romas and Princie Mae Dowdell. Ronald attended the Albany Public School system in 1973. After graduation, he attended Hudson Valley Community College until 1974; at which time he left to pursue a job in Groton, Connecticut working for general Dynamics Electric Boat Division as a welder. Ronald worked in this capacity until December 1974, at which time he went to pursue his life's calling, an enlisted in the United States Airforce.

Ronald Dowdell enjoyed a long and successful career of 22 years in the United Airforce, where he attained Senior Non-Commissioned Officer status. Ronald also was the recipient of three Airforce Commendations Medals for meritorious service. MSgt. Ronald Dowdell retired from active duty on March 1, 1998. MSgt. Ronald Dowdell career in the Airforce took him to locations such as Elgin AFB-Florida, RAF Laken Heath-England, Andrews AFB-Maryland, Lackland AFB-Texas, Clark AFB-republic of the Philippines and Sheppard AFB-Texas. His entire career was spent working in the Medical Corps specifically in the Behavioral Medicine working with the Mental Infirm and Substance Abuse population. MSgt. Ronald Dowdell continued to work in the healthcare arena after retirement and subsequently continued his education at Vernon College, Vernon, Texas. MSgt. Ronald Dowdell also

completed requirements to become a Certified Drug and Alcohol Abuse counselor in 2004.

Those who knew MSgt. Ronald Dowdell knew he enjoyed jazz music to the point of being an aficionado. He was also a stellar athlete and sports fan.

MSgt Ronald Dowdell notable athletic accomplishments included winning the Western Massachusetts Golden Gloves in 1973, where he was voted the tournaments outstanding boxer, the 1973 Adirondack AAU Championship; both in The Welterweight division. In 1979, MSgt. Ronald Dowdell was the United States Airforce United Kingdom Conference Middleweight Champion, which he was able to unseat the reigning Airforce Europe Champion. This accomplishment allowed him to go on to the Worldwide Camp to participate as an air force team member.

MSgt. Ronald Dowdell leaves to mourn a Loving Wife: Beth Johnson Dowdell Pflugerville, TX, Son: Aaron Claude R. Dowdell Arlington, TX, Stepson: Ira R. Rubio Harlingen, Tx, Sisters: Claudette Sims, Carol Demeke, Leila Dowdell, Gladys Dumas, Princella Echols; Brother: Otis Dowdell and a Host of Family, friends and relatives. MSgt. Ronald Dowdell was preceded in death by: Mother: Princie Mae Dowdell, Father: Romas Dowdell, Brother: Matthew Dowdell, Sister: Jeanette Garland, Daughter: Monica Nicole Dowdell.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wuzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Ron was one of my first supervisors at Clark AB. I was young and Ron’s steady and mature steady demeanor was instrumental in my early career. I’m sure Ron positively affected countless Airmen. RIP Brother. Till Valhalla...

B Haynes - December 07, 2023 at 09:49 PM

GP

“ My Dear Garland and McDowell family I am Very Saddened to hear of the Passing of Your Loved One Whom I've known for all my life And referred to as " Uncle Ronald". Ronald was a Sweet, Kind and Loving Person who will be sorely missed. Hoping and Praying that the family will gain The Peace that Surpasses all Thing's which comes from God Almighty through Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May Ronald Sip in the Arms of The Angel's. With Love, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey and Geraldine Phillips, Mother Edna M. Howard and Family.

Geraldine E. Phillips - November 30, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



A Life Celebration by Franklin - November 13, 2023 at 09:27 PM

LC

MSgt Ret. Ron Dowdell, was one of my top jr. NCO's at Clark AB, Philippines. My sincere condolences to his family.

Major Childers Ret,

Louis Childers - December 07, 2023 at 09:48 PM

PH

I only heard of Ron's passing today. I knew Ron for over half of my military career. We were stationed together twice. I enjoyed talking with Ron about many subjects. We liked some of the same music. We got back in touch after we retired through our mutual friend, Kim, and were able to share our health concerns and also any of our joyful news. Ron was a good guy. RIP Ronald J.

Pat Hanley - January 01, 2024 at 07:44 PM