



PFC Armando Ferris

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103d Infantry Division ; 410th Regiment ; 2nd Battalion ; "F" Co. U.S. ARMY



Armando was born in Caracas, Venezuela on September 2nd, 1924 to Roberto and Consuelo Ferris. He spent his first 14 years of life in Caracas where he attended St. Ignatius Jesuit School. He was then sent over to Peekskill Military Academy in New York until mid 1942. By March 1943 he had joined the Army.

He completed his basic training in Camp Lee, Virginia and was then transferred to Camp Howze in Texas for additional training. Before being deployed to Europe, Armando and his band of brothers were shipped to Fort Dix in New Jersey from where they departed to Marseilles - south of France - once the orders were received.

After the war, Armando then returned to Venezuela in May of 1946 to visit his family for the first time after 7 years of absence. His initial intentions were to return to the United States and remain active in the Army but he later decided to stay and care for his elderly parents.

The Army granted him an honorably discharge that same year.

Armando went to work for Pan American Airways (PanAm), Shell Oil de Venezuela, and a couple of other smaller private firms until he retired in late 1982. He married twice and had 4 children: Nurialma, Guillermo Armando, José Humberto and Yury Moisés.

He was an avid reader especially when it came to the subject of World War II. He was also an amateur philatelist and during his later years he became enthusiastic about Numismatics as well.

On mid April 1997 he suffered a massive stroke that left him incapacitated for the following five months. On his 73rd birthday his life came full circle and he passed at his apartment home in Caracas.

As per his request he was cremated and his ashes were flown back to the country he once served. He asked for his ashes to be scattered in Soldier Key located in Biscayne National Park.

