



## Melvin Clay DeWitt

February 20, 1943 - September 30, 2017

Melvin Clay DeWitt of Rolla

Beloved Husband, Father, and Veteran

Clay DeWitt passed away on Saturday September 30, 2017 at the age of 74 after a long battle with Parkinson disease.

He was born on February 20, 1943 in Gillespie, Illinois to the late Melvin DeWitt and Sylvia L. (Cole) DeWitt. He grew up in the Raymondville, Missouri area surrounded by a large and close-knit family. On January 21, 1983 he married Petra (Wagner) in Karlsruhe, Germany, who survives of the home.

In addition to his parents, Clay was also preceded in death by his brothers Wilbert Clyde DeWitt, Elvis Clise DeWitt, Jerry Lynn DeWitt, and Peter David DeWitt, his sisters Velma Lucille Settles, Mary Pearl DeWitt, Selma Nadine DeWitt, Katy Mae McGuire, Joyce Marie Amburn, Patsy Loretta Drake, and Shirley Jean Bradshaw, and his daughters Laurie Jeannene McDade and Roberta DeWitt.

He is survived by his children Georgia Venus of Landstuhl, Germany, Mary Elizabeth Hollie of Keota, Oklahoma, Barbara Clark of Spiro, Oklahoma, and Steven Louis DeWitt of Sacramento, California. Clay will be missed by his

numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Clay entered the United States Army in August 1966, served two tours of duty in South Vietnam with the Fourth Infantry Division, and earned the Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge while there. After retirement from the military, Clay returned to Texas County and began his second career as a tower guard at South Central Correctional Center in Licking with the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Clay treasured the outdoors, enjoyed watching birds and squirrels, and loved gardening. He was a life member of the VFW and American Legion.

Funeral Service for Clay DeWitt will be held at 11:00AM, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri. Interment will be held in the Friendship Cemetery, Raymondville, Missouri on Friday, October, 6, 2017 at 1:00PM with full Military Honors. A visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 5:00-7:00PM at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the South Central Regional Veterans Group for the Veterans Memorial Park in Rolla, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## Friendship Cemetery

Raymondville, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
(573) 458-2262  
jgrolla@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James  
117 Seymour St.  
St. James, MO 65559  
(573) 265-3232  
dcjames@fidnet.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Graveside Service

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OCT 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Friendship Cemetery  
Raymondville, MO

## Military Honors

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OCT 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Friendship Cemetery  
Raymondville, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Clay Dewitt*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Melvin Clay Dewitt*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dear DeWitt-Family! Please accept my warmest sympathy, Marlene Wagner, Germany.*

**Wagner, Marlene** - October 03, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ *You had a very special place in mine and my childrens heart Clay. They will always remember you bringing the ice cream to the family reunion. I will always remember that you let them watch scary movies when they would come visit you and Petra. Rest well my dear cousin.*

**Pat DeWitt** - October 02, 2017 at 09:18 PM