



Mark Douglas Hammond

March 28, 1954 - July 22, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Mark Douglas Hammond, 70, of Oxford, passed away on Monday, July 22, 2024, at Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3978, 125 Center Ridge Road, Oxford, Mississippi 38655. Following the visitation, military honors will occur at 12:00 PM at Hammond Ranch, 47 County Road 476, Oxford, Mississippi 38655.

Mark was welcomed into this world on March 28, 1954, in Des Moines, Iowa, as one of the children born to the late Merlyn Douglas Hammond and Annette Frasier Hammond.

Upon completing his high school education, Mark enlisted in the United States Navy and faithfully served his country during the Vietnam Conflict. Mark had obtained the National Defense Service Medal when he was honorably discharged. After returning to civilian life, he enrolled in Trident Community College and learned the trade of drafting. Mark found a career in the industrial manufacturing industry as a mechanical draftsman. Coupled with the skills he learned from the military, he used his keen attention to detail to lay out and

integrate manufacturing systems.

Aside from his work life, Mark was actively involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3978, where he served as the Quarter Master. In conjunction with his involvement with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he was known as a giving man who donated financially and physically to various organizations with his time volunteering. Mark was passionate about animals and frequently recused and gave shelter to homeless pets at his ranch, Hammond Ranch. However, he truly loved horses and operated a horse rescue where he devoted countless hours to nurturing and rehoming mistreated horses.

Although he has departed from our presence, Mark's memory will hold a special place in the hearts and minds of his loved ones and friends.

He leaves behind a loving family to continue walking down the path of life in his absence; three children: Josh Witty of Greenville, South Carolina; Crystal Hammond of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Robert Hammond of Prospect, Tennessee; two stepchildren: Kelly Higdon of Water Valley, Mississippi; Melissa Ferguson of Arkansas; one sister, Marcia DiFillippo of Memphis, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merlyn Douglas Hammond and Annette Frasier Hammond; one stepson, William Higdon; and two brothers, Mike Hammond and Thomas Hammond.

In place of traditional flowers, the family has requested that donations be given to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Organization at the following link (<http://tinyurl.com/492jey93>)

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is honored to serve the family during this challenging season of life. Online condolences can be composed on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3978
125 Center Ridge Road
Oxford, MS 38655

Memorial Service

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Hammond Ranch
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