



## SFC (Ret.) Dennis Lee Chaffee

February 13, 1955 - May 24, 2021

Dennis Lee Chaffee, son of Lyman Junior Chaffee and Joanne Marie (Amos) Farris, was born February 13, 1955 in Muskegon, Michigan where he attended school.

At the age of 17, Dennis entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement after 20+ years of service. For his faithful service, he earned several awards and commendations and had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

After retiring from the military, Dennis continued to serve his country as a civil service employee where he retired in 1993.

On June 20, 1990, Dennis was united in marriage to Barbara L. Wright in Richland, Missouri. They shared many years of marriage together and wonderful memories.

After retiring from civil service, Dennis and Barbara continued to stay in Pulaski County. In his spare time, Dennis enjoyed being outdoors fishing, camping, and riding his 4-wheeler and also traveling. He loved to spend time with his best bud, Bosco, his dog.

Dennis passed away Monday, May 24, 2021, in the Missouri University

Hospital in Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 66 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara of the home; his three children, Billy, Teresa, and Brenda; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his mother, Joanne Farris; two brothers, Gary and David Chaffee; two sisters, Tamara Wilkinson and Pamela Dill; two special friends, Charlie Wiggins, Kelli Logan, and Roy and Teresa Holler; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father: Lyman Junior Chaffee; and his mother-in-law: Ruth Chaffee.

Graveside funeral Services with full Military Honors were held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 28, 2021, in Missouri Veterans Cemetery FLW, in Waynesville, under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial Contributions in memory of Dennis Chaffee may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery, FLW  
25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *SFC (Ret.) Dennis Lee Chaffee*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Angela Landreth lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret.) Dennis Lee Chaffee*



**Angela Landreth** - May 28, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Debra Hendrix lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret.) Dennis Lee Chaffee*



**Debra Hendrix** - May 28, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *I remember Dennis As a driver at the TMP on Fort Leonard Wood. He was a great guy and he will definitely be missed by a lot of folks from there. Rest in peace our friend*

**Darlene battle** - May 27, 2021 at 07:33 PM

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“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret.) Dennis Lee Chaffee*



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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - May 27, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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“ *Thresa Holler lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret.) Dennis Lee Chaffee*



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**Thresa Holler** - May 27, 2021 at 11:30 AM

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“ I remember Dennis as a neighbor to Penny and I on Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. We met him and his family next door to us and made an instant connection. Billy, Theresa and Brenda hold a special place in our hearts.

*I remember fishing with Dennis, (or dipnetting) on the Copper River, in Chitna, Alaska. Driving down into the middle of nowhere Alaska with hundreds camped out by the river, and to line up shoulder to shoulder to put dipnets out into the river. And Dennis pulling in a four-foot King salmon. I can still see him in my mind's eye, holding up that beast and the tail dragging on the ground. I also remember him hitting that fish with a huge rock, and the rock bouncing off the fish and hitting me in the leg!! I think we came back with half a dozen fish from that trip.*

*I also remember our last drive out of Alaska, caravanning with Dennis. We ran into a snow storm in Canada, in May. We parted ways as we approached the US border, both Penny and I and Dennis off to our next adventures.*

*Rest in peace, my friend.*

*Matt and Penny Hamm*

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**Matthew Hamm** - May 27, 2021 at 11:07 AM

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“ So sorry for the family's loss!! Dennis was a very nice man!



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**Carlene jackson** - May 27, 2021 at 09:34 AM