



SFC (Ret) Earl Hayes "Blu" Summerfield Jr.

October 8, 1941 - December 4, 2018

SFC (Ret) Earl Hayes "Blu" Summerfield, Jr., son of the late Earl Hayes Summerfield, Sr. and Elva (Hedrick) Summerfield, was born October 8, 1941 in Harman, West Virginia. He passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in the Missouri Veterans Home of St. James, Missouri having attained the age of seventy-seven years.

Blu grew up (according to him) in the "Wilderness of West Virginia". He attended school in Harman and graduated from high school with the Class of 1961.

Shortly after graduation, Blu entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1986. He had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (5), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (2), Sharpshooter Badge Rifle M16, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry W/Palm, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), and Army Commendation Medal.

On September 1, 1990, Blu was united in marriage to Mary Louise Chamberlain. They shared over twenty-eight years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

After retiring from the military, Blu began working at Independent Stave Company in Lebanon, Missouri. He was employed there for fifteen years before retiring in 2004.

In his spare time, Blu enjoyed being outdoors while fishing. He loved music, and he was best known for making fiddles and dulcimers. He was a lifetime member of the VFW in Harman, West Virginia and also the American Legion in St. Robert, Missouri.

Blu was a very giving person and would help anyone at any time. He was always putting other before himself. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

Blu leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Mary Summerfield of St. Robert, MO; two children: Nancy Watts of St. Robert, Mo and Robert Watts (Tabatha) of Dixon, MO; six siblings: Joe Cooper (Sandra) of Harman, WV, Mary Caudill of Dixon, KY, Wilma Elliott (Rod) of Burton, WV, Thelma Richardson of the state of Virginia, Virginia Bland (Gerald) of Petersburg, WV and Eleanor Barr of the state of Virginia; three grandchildren: Christina Watts, and Jessica and Jaime Farris; two step grandsons: Rollin and Curtis Kelley; five great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Blu was preceded in death by twin daughters: Paula and Patricia.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 10, 2018 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Chaplain (CPT) Joseph McCall officiating. Serving as escorts were the United States Army and serving as honorary escorts were Robert Watts, Joey Cooper, Rod Clovis and Curtis Kelley. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans

Cemetery of Waynesville.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of SFC (Ret) Summerfield to the Alzheimer's Association and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) Earl Hayes "Blu" Summerfield Jr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 10, 2018 at 12:23 PM



“ *SFC (Ret) Earl Hayes "Blu" Summerfield Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I still miss you everyday Uncle Bud and Aunt Mary!!*

Teresa Moschner - February 22, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Blu you are missed by your family and friends. You were a kind man . May you find as much joy in heaven as you gave to others on earth.*

Danny and Diris Norman - December 20, 2018 at 03:47 PM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 07, 2018 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Mary and Family, I am so sorry about your loss of your beloved Blu. May God comfort you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jerri Fleschute - December 06, 2018 at 09:37 PM

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“ *Jerri Fleschute lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Earl Hayes "Blu" Summerfield Jr.*



Jerri Fleschute - December 06, 2018 at 09:35 PM

GK

“ *Christina and Nancy, I am sorry for your loss. It's always hard losing a loved one, but always a little harder at this time of the year. May God comfort your hearts in the days ahead.*

Blessings,

Gay (Jones) Kline

Gay Kline - December 06, 2018 at 06:56 PM