



CSM (Ret) Ronnie Lee Powell

November 20, 1954 - July 19, 2025

Ronnie Lee Powell, son of the late Albert Cleatus Powell and Betti Gertrude (Norman) Powell, was born on November 20, 1954, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. As a young boy, he moved to Collinsville, Illinois, where he grew up and graduated from high school.

Shortly after graduating in 1973, Ronnie entered the United States Army, faithfully serving for 20 years until his retirement in 1993. He achieved the rank of Command Sergeant Major and was recognized with several awards and commendations, including the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Star, Army Lapel Button, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), NCO Professional Development Ribbon "3", Army Commendation Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon "4", and Expert (Rifle M-16). Ronnie was stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas at the time of his retirement. In 1984, he had been transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and after his retirement, he returned to Missouri, where he remained until his passing.

After his military career, Ronnie worked at Marathon Electric in Lebanon for several years. He enjoyed woodworking and spending time outdoors, whether hunting, fishing, or simply being in nature. Ronnie was also an avid collector of clocks and coins, always seeking unique pieces for his collection.

Ronnie met a young lady while he was serving in Europe by the name of Doris Marlen Hardt. They were united in marriage on June 8, 1977, in Copenhagen, Denmark, spent several wonderful years together and were blessed with three children: Tammy, Jason, and Jeremy, before she preceded him in death.

Ronnie deeply loved his family and cherished every moment spent with them, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his three children: Tammy Sawyer (David) of Ozark, MO; Jason Powell of Rolla, MO; and Jeremy Powell (Chelsy) of Lebanon, MO; eleven grandchildren; one brother, James Powell of Pinckneyville, IL; one sister, Belinda Jenó (Orlando) of San Antonio, TX; brother-in-law, Kenny Cook of Collinsville, IL; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Ronnie passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Cox Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 70. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and one grandson, Zander Powell. Ronnie will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him. His unwavering commitment to his country and family will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2025 in the Whites Mill Cemetery of Ellsinore, Missouri. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of CSM (Ret) Ronnie Powell and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Whites Mill Cemetery

Ellsinore, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

JUL **26**. 1:00 PM.

Whites Mill Cemetery
Ellsinore, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I just received word today October 10, 2015.. he was a great mentor and friend. We first met back in 1983 while stationed with the 39th Engineers at Fort Devens MA. Then again 1990 at Fort Leonard, Wood, MO
SGT Richard Murphy Retired Hudson Texas*

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