



Mr Claude Ray Matthews

October 6, 1958 - September 30, 2019

Claude Ray Matthews of Fayetteville, North Carolina transitioned September 30, 2019 at UNC Medical Center, Chapel Hill, NC.

Born October 6, 1958 the third child and only son to the late Claudia and Jessie Lee Matthews in Meridian, Mississippi. The family moved to California where he graduated from Inglewood High School in 1976.

Affectionally called "Bear" joined the U.S Army right out of high school in 1977 making a career of serving our country for twenty years. Retiring as Sergeant First Class at Fort Bragg, NC in 1997.

In his 20 year tenure Bear received numerous awards such as The Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal(4), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2), Bronze Service Star and Kuwait Liberation Medal. He also served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Claude is preceded in death by his parents Jessie Lee and Claudia Matthews. He leaves to cherish his memories: wife Gloria Matthews of

Fayetteville, NC; sons Marc Matthews (Bernadette) of Thomson, GA; Andre Matthews (Tiffany) of Douglasville, GA; sisters Peggy Christian (Roosevelt) of Oak Park, MI; Billie Joyce Majors (Dennis) of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; Sandra Matthews of Detroit, MI; Carol Matthews of Taylor, MI; Delores Matthews, Taylor, MI; Debbie Mayberry (Billie Gean) of San Diego, CA; and Odie Boyle (Mike) of Novi, MI. Grandchildren: Anastasia, Jaquaye, Sean, Deijay, Marc, Jordan, Teegan, Liam, and a host of family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

OCT **12.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PL

“ Patricia Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr Claude Ray Matthews



Patricia lewis - October 11, 2019 at 06:29 PM

MU

“ Mivhael Upchurch lit a candle in memory of Mr Claude Ray Matthews



Mivhael Upchurch - October 11, 2019 at 07:09 AM

TC

“ Tammy Clements lit a candle in memory of Mr Claude Ray Matthews



Tammy Clements - October 10, 2019 at 03:19 PM

LT

“ Lesley Turner purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr Claude Ray Matthews.



Lesley Turner - October 10, 2019 at 02:06 PM

HB

“ Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers
Hugh & Trudy Boyd

Hugh Boyd - October 09, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Mr Claude Ray Matthews.



October 09, 2019 at 12:07 PM

HB

“ Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Hugh & Trudy

Hugh Boyd - October 09, 2019 at 11:26 AM

KB

“ My husband Charlie and I both worked with Bear at the Materiel
Maintenance Division at Ft. Bragg for a number of years. He was so
much fun to be around and made every day there brighter! Please
accept our comfort for your loss. Charlie & Kristen Baker

KRISTEN L BAKER - October 04, 2019 at 04:23 PM