



## Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley

August 13, 1976 - December 27, 2020

DeMott Roger McKelley departed this life on Sunday, December 27, 2020, shortly after 6 AM. He was the son of Darlene Haynes-McKelley and the late Oscar Homer C. (Tee) McKelley. He was born August 13, 1976, in Youngstown, Ohio.

DeMott spent his formative school years in the Youngstown public school system and graduated from Chaney High School in 1994. He was a member of Lincoln Avenue Christian Church. He played basketball for Holy Trinity Junior High School. On November 20, 1996, DeMott entered the Army and served his first enlistment in Manheim, Germany, as part of the 44th Signal Battalion as a cook. He was honorably discharged on November 19, 1999. He continued to serve as a member of the Army Reserve in Lawton, Oklahoma, before reentering the Army on January 04, 2002, where he continued to serve as a cook. DeMott completed two tours in Iraq before being honorably discharged on March 27, 2008. After leaving the Army, he worked for the Cape Fear Valley Health System as a cook. He received his Barbering Certificate from Miller-Motte College in 2016 and later worked as a cook for Carolina Inn at Village Green.

DeMott was united in holy matrimony to Ashantee McKelley on February 14, 2000, in Lawton, Oklahoma. He was a loving father to his two children Bre'Ana and De'Antae McKelley. He will truly be missed.



# Cemetery Details

## Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery

400 Murchison Rd  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Funeral

JAN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley*



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**H. M. Colvin Funeral Home** - January 12, 2021 at 02:30 PM

JJ

“ *Cousin I am so sorry for your loss. I pray for comfort for your heart during this difficult time. I am praying for the hearts of his sister, wife, kids and all family members.*💕💕

*Jaietta and Jibril Jackson*

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**Jaietta Jackson** - January 14, 2021 at 09:35 AM

DJ

“ *Damien Johnson here, best known as Jay to most that knew me from H.A.A.F. I'm saddened by this loss, so unexpected. Definitely was and will always be the Big Brother I always needed, especially at that time in my life. I'll forever miss you Mack. Rest In Peace Brother.*

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**Damien Johnson** - January 13, 2021 at 12:14 PM

MT

“ *First and foremost my condolence to the family. McKelley was known by the nick name Chap in the Barracks.*

*He was the first soldier that I ever met, that flew home on leave and brought back 12 in subwoofers for his car.*

*He will truly be missed ,and will always be a Whyte Houze member for life.*

*Love,*

*Mike T, aka Dirty Redd*

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**Michael Tolbert** - January 13, 2021 at 10:18 AM

DM

“ *Derek Mckelley purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.*



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**Derek Mckelley** - January 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM

NI

“ I don't know where to begin. My battle, my wingman 😭. So many fond and funny memories is why this hurts so much. I know you're in a better place and smiling down on us. Probably yelling at us for shedding tears. I miss you dearly my brother. My sincere condolences to your family. Sending warm Aloha prayers of strength and comfort. Love you Kelley. P.S. Byrd and I still making CDs 😭😭 inside joke



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**nickea** - January 12, 2021 at 11:25 AM

LN

“ Dear Darlene and Jeanie I wanted to let you know I'm praying that God will bring you comfort and peace. Know that you are loved now and THROUGH eternity. Love Lora Pierce of Youngstown

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**Lora Nickison** - January 11, 2021 at 11:56 AM

DT

“ Drs. Fusarelli & NC State's Ed Leadership Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.



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**Drs. Fusarelli & NC State's Ed Leadership Team** - January 11, 2021 at 11:26 AM

RO

“ You were such a good friend and you will always be my Little Bill. Rest Well old friend



Rosie Orse - January 10, 2021 at 10:44 PM

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“ On McKelly sharing his opinions on being called a cook in the Army: He was always letting me know he was a Chef, not just a cook; with a smile on his face(showing all his golds); and a pep in his step! I will never forget our conversations in that old DFAC building 🙏👉 Rest easy Brother! You are at peace!

(Retired Army) SFC Ursula Holmes - January 10, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.



January 10, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.



January 09, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.



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January 09, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.



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January 09, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.



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January 09, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.



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January 09, 2021 at 12:18 PM

MO

“ McKelley...Always fresh! You will be missed my friend! I pray God's comfort and peace be provided to your family. Rest easy old friend.

*Monica Patton-Neal  
HHC 44th Sig BN  
Germany 1997-1999  
"White House Family"*

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**Monica** - January 09, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley.



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January 09, 2021 at 08:53 AM

RS

“ Rosaetti Sands lit a candle in memory of Mr. DeMott Roger McKelley



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**Rosaetti Sands** - January 09, 2021 at 02:24 AM

DG

“ My condolences to the mckelly family me and DeMott grew up together allot of memories you'll be missed bro

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**Darayland garner** - January 08, 2021 at 09:07 PM

DG

“ My condolences to the mckelly family me and DeMott grew up together I'll definitely miss u bro

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**Darayland garner** - January 08, 2021 at 09:02 PM

TJ

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the McKelley family on your loss. Be remembered of the good times with Demott. Prayers of strength during this time and moving forward. God Bless.

*Thomas Jefferson*

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**Thomas Jefferson** - January 08, 2021 at 04:06 PM

JS

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the family..His life was far too short, but it made a big impact on the world. I'll always remember him, the good times we shared at work in the DFAC, outside of work..Never was a dull moment when Demott was around stayed for of laughter, jokes and had a welcoming spirit to all..Will truly be missed

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**Joerell Sturgis-Nock** - January 08, 2021 at 03:38 PM

LJ

“ Demott,

*From the depth of spirit.. I Thank God for us crossing paths in life.. The work moments, personal laughs/good trouble that WE all shared together will NEVER be forgotten.. Thank you for your service in support of this country.. The sacrifice you gave during your tenure will always be honored & respected.. It took a lot of tears to get through this message but I must dry my eyes because you would definitely tell me to move forward with no hesitation.. I love you brother.. God bless you family..*

*Sincerely,  
Lawrence Edward Byrd Jr.  
“Byrd”  
SFC, USA*

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**Lawrence E. Byrd Jr.** - January 08, 2021 at 03:15 PM

MM

“ Demott,

*It was a pleasure knowing you back in the town. I'll always remember you as a laid back soul with an easy laugh. Rest easy, bro, and claim your reward.*

*To Trina and the family - my sincerest condolences for your loss. May time deliver on its promise to heal your wounds. Grieve and remember your kin with love as I will. God bless.*

*-M. Mitchum*

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**Mike Mitchum** - January 08, 2021 at 02:33 PM

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**Monica** - January 08, 2021 at 03:23 PM

BT

*I would like to express my deepest sympathy to my cousins family and his mother Darlene and his Aunt Lois Jean. My family will always keep you in prayer. Brunilda, Maple & Kusana Turner. Youngstown & Texas*

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**Brunilda Turner** - January 09, 2021 at 10:49 AM

DR

*To our cousins Darlene,Lois and Trina we are sending our deepest condolences on the loss of a dear son,loving nephew and a beloved brother. Our heart's are heavy. From Oh and Ga cousin's we send our love. Debbie,Darnell and Thomas*

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**Deborah Riley** - January 09, 2021 at 06:07 PM