



Rex Cornette

October 16, 1938 - November 21, 2015

Rex Cornette, 77, went to be with our Lord on Saturday, November 21, 2015. He had resided at Manning Place in Greer, SC after moving from Columbia in May. Born in N. Wilkesboro, NC in 1938 to the late Sallie Cornette, Mr. Cornette enlisted in the armed forces in 1956 and was married to late Gladys B. Cornette of Columbia in 1968. He retired from the United States Army as a Master Sergeant in 1980, having served in Vietnam where he was awarded 2 Bronze Stars and 2 Purple Hearts along with several other citations. Following his military career, he served as a law enforcement officer with the City of Columbia and Forest Acres Police Departments, and later as a correctional officer at the SC Department of Corrections. He was a member of the Free Masons, and was at one time an active Shriner. He was an avid Carolina Gamecock fan, rarely missing home football games.

Left behind to cherish his memories are two stepsons, Jeffrey B. Gardner and his wife, Ellen, and Christopher H. Gardner and his wife, Nan; three grandchildren, Amanda Rodriguez, Jamie B. Gardner, and Graham L. Gardner; five great-grandchildren and two sisters, Carol Cornett and Doris Wilson. Mr. Cornette was preceded in death by a sister, Polly Rayle.

A memorial service at Thompson's Funeral Home will be held at 11:00 am on December 14th, 2015 and a graveside interment immediately following at Greenlawn Serenity Gardens in Columbia, SC.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Shriners Children's Hospital in Greenville, SC.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Rex at Barton Protective Services back in 1983-1986; a wonderful guy I loved working with. RIP

Joseph Thorpe - June 08, 2016 at 09:11 PM

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“ Our sadness abounds with the news of the passing of our dear friend Rex. It has been a pleasure to be your neighbor for over 20 years. Rex and his wife Gladys were true friends and could always be counted on when an emergency arose. Their kindness to us when our son went to heaven 8 years ago warmed our hearts and we shall treasure the time we had together. We shall forever miss you, Rex, as we look out the side door at your home. I know the Good Lord accepted you with open arms and I am sure Cory was waiting for you as you arrived at Home.

Ron and Rita Wedell

Rita Wedell - November 24, 2015 at 03:18 PM