



Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.

June 30, 1942 - June 14, 2022

Dr. Ogden DeWitt, “Little Doc” to his local patients, passed away in his home, in the room that he designed and helped build, in the chair that he loved, looking out the window overlooking the land that he cared for, on June 14, 2022, just before his 80th birthday.

Born on June 30, 1942, to Dr. Ralph and Anna May DeWitt, Ogden grew up playing on the bluff overlooking The Roubidoux Spring, graduated from Waynesville High School in 1960 and from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1969. He joined the U.S. Army in July, 1973, after three years of private practice with his father and one year as Chief of Staff, Pulaski County Memorial Hospital.

On April 14, 1979, Ogden was united in marriage with Sheree Lee Cully, a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. They shared over 43 years of marriage and were blessed with a son, Ogden, and a daughter, Ashley.

Dr. DeWitt gave 27 years to the Army, caring for soldiers and their families. Much of his career was spent at Fort Bragg, NC. He was the Surgeon, 82nd ABN Division and the Surgeon, JFK Special Warfare Center. 10 years later he returned to Fort Bragg as the Surgeon, XVIII ABN Corps and Commander, Womack Army Community Hospital. His career culminated in the promotion to

Brigadier General and becoming Commanding General of two medical centers: William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso and Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Ogden retired from the Army in May, 2000, but didn't stop caring for soldiers. He accepted a position at Fort Leonard Wood where he saw soldiers before and after their deployments. He finally retired on his 70th birthday. He loved his John Deere tractor and helping with the hay crop each year. He loved the dogs and cats and even the chickens Sheree kept getting. He loved family dinners and playing Sorry with Ella. But most of all, he loved the Lord, and often asked when Jesus was coming to take us all home to heaven.

Ogden is survived by his wife, Sheree, son, Ogden of Waynesville, daughter, Ashley and her husband Michael of Virginia Beach, and granddaughter, Ella.

Ogden was preceded in death by his parents, Doc and Annie, and his sister, Barbara Ann.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2022 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with Pastor Lindell Shelden officiating. Family reflections were given by Ogden's children and granddaughter: Michael and Ashley Stephens, Ogden DeWitt, and Ella DeWitt. The congregation was led in singing "The Old Rugged Cross" by Ashley Stephens, and the songs "When You Are a Soldier" by Steven Curtis Chapman and "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army and honorary escorts were Roy Shelden, Gordon Bierschenk, Greg Black, J.R. Black, David Wells, Les Boden, and Calvin Gladden. Burial with military honors followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville with honors being provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 12:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

JUN 20. 2:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 20, 2022 at 12:28 PM

MF

Sending condolences to the DeWitt family from Dallas, TX. Dr. DeWitt delivered my twin brother and me in Waynesville on 5/25/72 via C-section. Thank you for your care and RIP, Dr. DeWitt.
-Michael Fletcher

Michael Fletcher - June 22, 2022 at 12:17 PM



Over the last few months, I had been thinking of BG Dewitt. Today, I googled him, and discovered his passing. I am heart broken. I served as his Aide de Camp from 1999-2000 and his retirement. He had a profound influence on me as a leader and as a man. My and my family's prayers go out to the Dewitt family at this time. You are in my thoughts. God bless.

John Morning - August 02, 2022 at 11:25 AM

FL

“ *Ogdon was a friend and former doctor of mine. He will be remembered and missed.*

Frank Livingston - August 12, 2025 at 12:59 PM

RM

“ Every now and then we think of the DeWitts and discovered on the internet that Ogden had passed. The Dewitts were our neighbors in Arlington Virginia and we have many great memories of Ogden, Sheree, Orgen jr and Ashley and appreciate their support they gave us when we had some medical issues. We send our condolences to Sheree and family. You are in our thoughts.

Roy and Jean Madsen.

Roy Christian Madsen - January 18, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

PG

“ *Pam Goodin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.*



Pam Goodin - July 06, 2022 at 06:39 PM

DP

“ Dear Sheree and family,

You know that your Ogden was a great man, husband, father, Family Physician and Army Officer. His contributions to Army Medicine and especially Army Family Practice formed many future leaders of the Specialty and the AMEDD, and positively influenced Army Medicine beyond his wildest dreams. He mentored and shaped many of us who followed in his footsteps and later became Army Medical Department General Officers. Thank you for lending him to us for awhile. We will all miss his ready wit and ever present smile.

Dan and Coleta

Dan and Coleta Perugini - June 25, 2022 at 01:30 PM

RB

“ *Donna and I send heartfelt condolences to Sheree and the DeWitt family. I was privileged to serve with Ogden and know him that he was a great clinician and soldier. He and Sheree were examples of integrity and commitment. I am proud to have been a friend of Ogden and I cherish the memories of our times together. Ron Blanck*

Ronald Blanck - June 25, 2022 at 07:56 AM

LP

“ *Linda Perdue lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.*



Linda Perdue - June 22, 2022 at 04:34 PM

FL

“ I was stunned to hear of Ogden's passing he was my friend and my doctor. His dad was also my doctor. The Lord took him way too soon. He will rest in peace forever.



Frank Livingston - June 22, 2022 at 07:00 AM



“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.



Pamela Cox - June 20, 2022 at 04:39 PM



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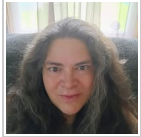
Pamela Cox - June 20, 2022 at 04:39 PM

DB

“ Diana Brownfield lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.



Diana Brownfield - June 20, 2022 at 10:04 AM



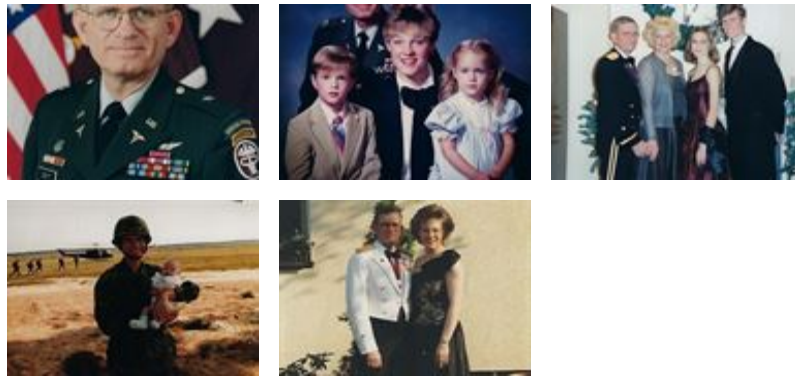
“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the DeWitt family at this time. I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Dr. DeWitt at one he was a very pleasant man to get to know. And an honor to work with.*



Suemarie Herron - June 19, 2022 at 02:27 AM



“ *78 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 18, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *He gave my husband a physical so he could attend college so many years ago. We appreciate his years of service.*

Linda Gifford - June 18, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.*



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - June 18, 2022 at 06:50 AM

CH

“ When I first met Ogden, I regaled him with stories of my time as a patient of his father when I was a wee nipper. Eventually, I asked him if I should refer to him as "Doctor" or "General." Those things are important to some people. He responded: "Ogden is just fine."

Prayers to Sheree and the DeWitt family.

Cary L. Hansen

Cary L. Hansen - June 18, 2022 at 02:52 AM

SF

“ Our condolences to the Dewitt Family.
Dr. Dewitt was one of the good ones.
He was always a very kind, professional Dr. He
will be missed and remembered. I am certain
he will continue to watch over you.

Stay Strong.

Isaiah 40:29-31

*He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he
increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young
men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall
renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

SFC(retired)John and Deb Roberts



SFC(ret)John&DebRobert - June 17, 2022 at 04:57 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in
memory of Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - June 17, 2022 at 09:37 AM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ralph Ogden DeWitt Jr.*



Pamela Cox - June 16, 2022 at 08:46 PM