



## Bruce Wayne Melton

July 19, 1944 - October 13, 2020

Bruce Wayne Melton passed away from this life Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Born in Littlefield, Texas -the birthplace of Waylon Jennings- on July 19, 1944, the family soon moved southwest of San Antonio. Wayne's biological father was a lineman who was killed on the job when Wayne was about 3 years old. His mother soon remarried Warden Voges, a WWII hero who had parachuted behind Nazi lines as a paratrooper with the famed 82nd airborne unit. Wayne was a popular "football hero" in school and a handsome young man. In 1965, he was drafted into the Army just as the Vietnam conflict was heating up. Once when asked about his experiences in the war he said, "I was just a Texas farm boy. Forth Worth was the biggest place I'd ever seen. For a young man, it is far more glamorous to have an M-16 across your shoulder than a garden hoe." He suffered an injury in the service and was 100% disabled. Wayne was also a great storyteller and enjoyed live music. He traveled extensively as the manager of his son, singer-songwriter Scotty Melton, for years in the '90s until he retired in the early 2000s. Wayne had a lifelong passion for cars, and was known to drive a hot rod Cobra Mustang convertible well into his 70's. He also enjoyed watching the quiet, beautiful Tennessee sunsets with his grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his step-father Warden Voges, his mother, Minneola Voges, and his adopted granddaughter, Briar-Rose Colette 'Coco' Oudom. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, his sons Carl Melton, Bruce Hughes, Robert, Scotty and Willie Melton, his beloved daughter, Jessica, her spouse, Nate Monteith, and 3 precious grandchildren, Brayden and Letty Monteith, and Robbie Melton. Wayne was unaffiliated with any church, but was well-studied in the Bible and believed strongly in the seventh-day Sabbath. He will be missed by many. Graveside services with Military Honors will be conducted at 1:00 PM Monday, October 19, 2020 in the Mountain Home National Cemetery.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Graveside Service**   01:00PM  
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Mountain Home National Cemetery  
Veterans Way, Johnson City, TN, US, 37604

# Comments

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“ Joe and Faye Hartfiel purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bruce Wayne Melton.



**Joe and Faye Hartfiel** - October 18, 2020 at 03:19 PM