Louis Moore (Pee Wee) Klement '57



LTC Louis Moore (Pee Wee) Klement (1935-2017)

Services for retired LTC Louis M. Klement, 82, of Troy will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Troy with Reverend Leslie Byrd officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Temple.

Mr. Klement passed away Monday, April 10, at a local hospital.

Louis Moore Klement was born January 20, 1935 in Hearne, Texas to Alfred William Klement and Elizabeth Moore England Klement. He graduated from Sam Houston State and was commissioned in the U.S. Army in December 1957 and served during the Vietnam War, receiving numerous awards and decorations. Upon his retirement in 1978 after over 20 years of service, he worked for Royal Seating Corporation in Cameron for approximately 20 years and for Patriot Homes in Waco for a number of years.

He married Martha Elizabeth Kennedy on August 26, 1956, and they were married for 24 years. On July 11, 1981, he married Janet Ruth Maedgen. They were married for 31 years until her death on June 27, 2012. Mr. Klement enjoyed hunting and target shooting and was a member of the National Rifle Association, the Texas Rifle Association, the North American Hunting Club, and the First United Methodist Church of Troy.

Survivors include two daughters, Molly Elizabeth Klement Erpenbach and Sally Evelyn Klement Bittick; and one son, Louis M. "Skip" Klement, Jr.; thirteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

If you have any further information or would like to share a memory, please send to shsumsac@gmail.com

Note: I had just contacted him a couple of months before his death. When he answered the phone and asked if this was "Pee Wee" Klement I could feel the change in energy in his voice. We talked for a while and I caught him up on what I knew of his friends. He didn't have a computer so I mailed him information. He later called wanting telephone numbers for his old friends. I am glad that he got to reconnect before he passed. LB