



## Frank John Klarnet

June 26, 1944 - January 11, 2023

Major Frank Klarnet, USA, Retired, 78 of Newnan, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Debbie Smith Klarnet. Frank was born June 26, 1944 in Bremerhaven Germany. His family immigrated to the United States and settled in Cleveland, Ohio in 1956 when he was 12 years old.

Frank enlisted in the US Army when he was 17 years old. He served in the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions and was a veteran of the Vietnam war. He attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry. Frank received numerous commendations and qualifications during his military career, to include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Air Medal with "V" Device and was Airborne, Air Assault and Pathfinder qualified. While serving in the Army, he earned a BA in Business Psychology from St. Mary's College and a Masters in Education from Georgia State University. After 23 years of military service, Frank retired from the Army as a Major; he was later recalled for Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Upon retirement, he and his wife moved to Newnan, GA. in 1993.

Frank will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 19, 2023 at McKoon Funeral home from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested a donation to The Army Emergency Relief Fund online at <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/>

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Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Avenue  
Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Its Feburary 4TH, 1968 FT.Dix NJ. I had joined the ARMY I lived in New Hampshire I was 18 soon to be 19 and I thought I knew the world. I get received in FT.Dix. within a few hours I am going to meet FrankJ.Klarnet E-6 My DI...His first words to me were "WHAT ARE LOOKING AT "CRUD"...I knew I had just walked into HELL....SSG.Klarnet never never let me belive I could do anything right. That is untill the firing range, the PT , never ending marching , the push ups no he never let me know I could become soildger...untill May 4th 1968....How strange it was when SSG. Klarnet came up to me me and said... How you you doin Knight..? You did real good he say's... go figure a man I hated became a IMPORTANT memory for me while I was in VIETNAM and the all the things he said came to be....he wits passed on to me.. the do not quit attitude passed on to me...go I am better today because of him ....Thank you MAJOR: FRANK J. KLARNET RIP!! A-2-2 FT. DIX FEB 4th1968 to april 4th 1968...wayne knight*

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**wayne knight** - January 20 at 04:01 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Frank Klarnet*



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**Mark** - January 18, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Frank John Klarnet.*



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January 17, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank John Klarnet.*



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January 17, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Seeing Frank at the gym every morning was a bright light in my day. He was such an inspiration to young and old alike. I could feel the care he had for everyone through his constant encouragement, jokes, and challenges to the younger generations. He will continue to live in my heart. Praying for peace for his family, especially his amazing and loving wife, Debbie.*

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**Beth Johnson** - January 16, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank John Klarnet.*



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January 14, 2023 at 04:19 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mark Wheat** - January 14, 2023 at 12:30 PM