

## Randy John Clement

(August 21, 1959 - December 25, 2009)

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GLEN PARK- Retired Sergeant Major Randy John Clement, age 50, Glen Park, NY passed on to the greater unknown in the evening hours of December 25th 2009, at his home with family after a lengthy battle with cancer. Over the past two weeks Sergeant Major Clement has been under the care of Hospice of Northern New York at his home with family. Calling hours will be held at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home in Watertown, NY, Tuesday December 29th 2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday at 11am with Chaplain Distat officiating. Burial will be at Dexter Cemetery, and a celebration gathering will be held at the Brownville American Legion immediately following the funeral service.

Sergeant Major Randy J. Clement was born at the House of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Watertown, NY on August 21, 1959 to Bernard Clement and Betty Smith Clement and raised in Burrville, NY. Sergeant Major Clement married his wife and loving companion of 31 years Sandra Middlestate Clement on August 26, 1978 in Burrville, NY.

Sergeant Major Clement is survived by his wife Sandra Middlestate Clement; three daughters 2 sons in law and one son, and a daughter in law. Danielle Clement Baker, and Randy Baker of Watertown, NY; Sarah Clement Mono and Bill Mono of Carthage, NY; AmberLee Clement of Glen Park, NY; and Anthony McDowell and Jen McDowell of Washington D.C. Five beautiful granddaughters and one handsome grandson. His mother Betty Smith Clement of Burrville, NY; six brothers and two sisters, Bernard Gary Clement of Delhi, NY, Douglas Clement of Burrville, NY, David Clement of Watertown, NY, Diane Armstrong of Burrville, NY, Timothy Clement of Burrville, NY, Jeffrey Clement of Delhi, NY, Janet Gardner of Calcium, NY and Phillip Clement of Copenhagen, NY. Sergeant Major Clement has a very close extended family of sister and brother in laws, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and close friends who were all dear to his heart. He is predeceased by his father, Bernard Clement of Burrville, NY who passed in 1990, and a granddaughter, Cooper Mono, who passed in 2007.

Sergeant Major Clement worked at his father's business the Burrville Saw Mill until enlisting in the United States Army in 1981, and completed Basic Training at Fort Bliss, Texas and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Sergeant Major Clement has served in the Army over 26 years in various assignments throughout the United States and overseas. Sergeant Major Clement served his first 11 years in the Active Army at assignments in the HHC Division Artillery 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk Louisiana, A Company and C Company, 32nd Signal Battalion, Frankfurt Germany, A Company 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana, and E Battery 7th Field Artillery, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York. Sergeant Major Clement served 6 years in the New York State National Guard assigned to B Company 342nd Forward Support Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division, and Fort Drum, New York. Sergeant Major Clement served the last 12 years in the Army Reserves assigned to 3rd Battalion 309th Regiment, 174th Infantry Brigade, and Liverpool, New York. The last 6 years Sergeant Major Clement has been mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle training deploying National Guard and Reserve units at Fort Drum, New York and Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Sergeant Major Clement graduated from Watertown High School, and held an Associate's Degree in Business from Empire State College, Saratoga Springs, New York. His military education includes Radio Teletype Operator Course, Nuclear Biological Chemical Specialist Course, Supply Specialist Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Improvised Explosive Device Master Gunner Course, Primary, Basic, and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, and the Sergeants Major Academy.

His awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Award, Army Commendation Award, w/ bronze oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Award w/ silver oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal (6th award), Army Reserve Achievement Medal w/ 3 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service medal w/bronze star, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces reserve Medal w/ M device and hourglass, Noncommissioned Officer Ribbon w/ numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon.



In addition to Sergeant Major Clements' dedicated service to the United State Army, he continued his service to law enforcement in 1995 by becoming a New York State Correctional Officer serving until his Army Reserve unit became activated in 2001. Sergeant Major Clement dedicated 14 years of service to protecting and serving the public and fellow officers throughout the state of New York.

Sergeant Major Randy Clement was a great man, strong and resilient, accomplished and always readily available to aid family, friends, and coworkers. Randy was a caring man who changed many lives with his goodness and fairness to all whom he encountered. Randy had a passionate love for his family and being supportive of one another throughout life's journey. He treasured his wife, children, and grandchildren and the moments he was able to share traveling, and teaching them lessons about life. This past year Randy was able to accomplish many great adventures including a trip to Hawaii, South Carolina, Disneyworld, Las Vegas, Cape Cod, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania; all trips he planned with his family to create everlasting memories. He was a man of honor and always a gentleman who gave his time and resources to aid the greater good. He was a member of the American Legion, NYSCOPBA, and American Cancer Society's "Randy's Ranger's", and past member of the Town of Watertown Fire Department. He was an avid bowler, golfer, and softball player. He enjoyed watching sports, reading, collecting comic books, and hosting and singing karaoke with his wife, daughters, and grandchildren at various community events.

In lieu of flowers in honor of Sergeant Major Randy J. Clement the family asks that memorial contributions be made to "Randy's Ranger's" American Cancer Society team, in care of David Clement 6390 Floral Drive, Watertown, NY 13601, to support his continued goals for the battle against cancer. Further donations and support also can be made to Hospice of Jefferson County, Inc., 425 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601.

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