



## Merle Devitt

June 22, 1934 - November 28, 2022

Merle M. Devitt, 88, of Carrollton, passed away in his home on Monday, November 28, 2022.

Born on June 22, 1934 in East Township, Ohio, he was a son of the late Walker George and Sylva (Doak) Devitt.

Merle proudly served in the United States Army and was a member of the Harsh Memorial United Methodist Church in Harlem Springs. He also was the saxophonist in The Accents, and played for many local polka and square dances around the Minerva area.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Shirley (Beckley) Devitt, whom he married on October 13, 1956; four sons, David (Patricia), Chuck (Beth), Mark (Gayla Coffy), and Marty (Marci) Devitt; five grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death, along with his parents, were two brothers, Paul and Carl Devitt; one great grandson; and his parents-in-law, Charles and Arnetta Beckley.

A memorial service to honor and remember Merle's life will be held at a later date.

The family wishes that donations be made in Merle's memory to Community Hospice of Carrollton 704 Steubenville Rd. NW Carrollton, Ohio 44615.

# Tribute Wall



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Merle M. Devitt, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Army Veteran, Merle Devitt, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - November 30, 2022 at 06:28 AM

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“ *Shirley, Dave & families, we are very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jd & Kendra Alexander*

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**Kendra Alexander** - November 28, 2022 at 09:17 PM

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“ *I'll always remember square dancing to Uncle Merle's music. I will also remember spending summers on the farm with him and Aunt Shirley; living our best life with the funniest people on earth. Well done my good and faithful servant. -Matthew 25:23*

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**Shera-Donne Beckley Lee** - November 28, 2022 at 03:41 PM