



## Dr. Gerald "Jerry" Beatty

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Dr. Jerry Beatty D.D.S., 70, Colonel (Retired/ US Army) died Monday, September 25. Born on April 2, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan. He is survived by his girlfriend of over 20 years, Leesa Davis; and two brothers, Patrick Beatty and wife, Rhonda and Kenny Beatty; his nieces, Megan, Melanie, Amber, and Lauren; nephew, Patrick; He was preceded in death by his mother, Bernice Beatty and brother, Kevin Beatty.

Jerry Beatty served as a Special Forces Engineer Sergeant with 5th Special Forces Group (A) in Vietnam from 1969-1970. After attending Old Dominion University and graduating from Medical College of VA School of Dentistry, he re-entered the Army as a dentist, once again serving with 5th SFG(A), as well as USA DENTAC, where he completed his training as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. His military awards are too numerous to list, along with Jump Wings from 7 different countries. He graduated with highest honors from every school he attended, and served as a Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at multiple hospitals.

Dr. Beatty entered into private practice in 1997, where he had served as an oral surgeon in Fayetteville, NC, practicing his last 10+ years at Sandhills Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. He was instrumental in developing the oral surgery services of The Care Clinic, from its inception. His support and expertise in his field, allowed hundreds and hundreds of patients to be served at no cost. He continued serving the community at other free dental clinics, throughout his career. He served on staff at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center for almost 20 years.

Jerry loved being a soldier, as well as an Oral Surgeon. He was a soldier's soldier, who went out of his way to serve his country and to support his fellow man. He was also a doctor's doctor. He felt committed to his patients and believed in giving his utmost for the betterment of those he served. He mentored both military and civilian dentists alike.

Jerry was a man who dedicated his entire life to the service of others. He served his family and friends through his overwhelming generosity of love and time. He served his patients with compassion, precision, and a dedication to perfection. He is survived by a legacy which lives on in the hearts of those he saved on the battlefield, or changed forever through his undying love and loyalty.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 12:30 pm at Jernigan-Warren Chapel. The burial will follow at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6 to 8 pm at the funeral home.