



## Lt. Col. Delmer Hume Livengood

June 27, 1938 - September 30, 2025

Delmer Hume Livengood, a retired Lt. Colonel in the United States Army who served the nation in South Korea during the Cold War and was a decorated officer during the Vietnam War, passed peacefully on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 in Danville, Virginia.

Delmer was born in the mountains of Preston County, West Virginia on June 27, 1938. He was the son of Orah Hume Livengood and Jennie Livengood.

Delmer was married over 50 years to the late Brenda Newby Livengood of Halifax County, Virginia on April 4, 1967.

He had two children: daughter Laynie D. Harrison (Chad); and son Delmer (D.J.) H. Livengood, Jr. (Melanie).

He is survived by three grandsons: Joseph Harrison; Elijah Livengood and Evan Livengood.

He was a brother to the late Wilford "Bill" Livengood; Wilma Ryan "Boomie"; Harlon Livengood "Jake"; Mable Jenkins "Marie"; Anetta Miller "Bobby"; and is survived by Louella Hinebaugh "Lou"; Mildred Metheny "Ardis"; Avis Washington and Lavonne Graham "Bonnie".

Delmer graduated from Kingwood High School in 1957 and West Virginia University in 1961.

Delmer joined the Army in 1962 and served in the South Korea theatre before joining the 7th Cavalry as a helicopter pilot "Lighthorse 6" where he was a decorated officer over several combat tours.

After retiring from the service, he moved his family to Pittsylvania County where he founded Walnut Winds Farm, a family business run by his son and family today.

He loved his pet dog Ruby and all things West Virginia sports. He was a wonderful father and grandfather who loved keeping up with everything and everyone in the family.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel at 4 p.m. Visitation will be held prior to the service beginning at 3 p.m.

A formal military interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Centenary Church Cemetery fund in care of Vicky Whetsell, 12433 Brandonville Pike, Albright, West Virginia 26519.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Livengood family.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lt. Col. Delmer Hume Livengood



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - October 04, 2025 at 11:53 AM

TD

*I served under LTC Livengood with Lighthorse. He was a genuine leader and had tremendous care and concern for his charges. I never served under a finer Commander. He now soars with eagles while keeping watch over us remaining buzzards below.*

*Until we meet again Sir.  
Longknife25  
CWO-4 Timothy Dahlen*

Timothy Dahlen - October 10, 2025 at 05:36 PM

PR

*I served under LTC Livengood in Lighthorse. He was the greatest combat commander I have had the privilege to follow, as he always ---  
-"Lead the Way" and never asked you to do anything, anything he would not do himself. The death of some people in our life are always with us, LTC Livengood is like that for me.*

*God Bless he and his family and we are thankful to God for him.*

*Crusader 3 Deuce  
CWO - 3 Patrick Ross*

Patrick Ross - October 23, 2025 at 01:30 PM

PW

“ Words simply do not adequately describe the professionalism then Major Livengood exemplified as Troop Commander of D Troop 3/5 Air Cavalry during my time in Vietnam. He is missed but will not be forgotten. He will be honored at each D Troop annual reunion until all of his troops see him again at Fiddlers Green.

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**Patrick Will** - October 22, 2025 at 07:49 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album RVN



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**Jim Burch** - October 10, 2025 at 05:38 PM

JB

“ MAJ Livengood was a superb leader who was often out in the AO leading his troop! He was always kind and thoughtful. He set the standard for what a future troop commander should strive to be at all times.

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**Jim Burch** - October 10, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ 163 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - October 04, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ *He was my first Commander in Viet Nam and the best Commander I ever served under in both the Army and the ARNG. He was a warrior and treated all of us as such. We would have followed him into Hell if he asked us to. He is now in Fiddler's Green, awaiting our arrival at the head of a long table with seats for all of HIS Troopers.*

*May he now Rest in Peace with family that preceded him.*

*Condolences to his family and may they know that he was loved by many.*

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**Tom Egleston** - October 03, 2025 at 09:44 AM

JS

“ He was my first Commanding Officer when I arrived in Vietnam. An officer you would run through a wall of bullets for and a great leader of men.

*May God's presence bring you strength and His love provide peace and comfort in the days, weeks, and months that lie ahead.*

*John Sorensen*

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**John Sorensen** - October 03, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DN

“ Mr. Livengood was our neighbor for a lot of years!! He was a strong presence in the neighborhood!! He will be and has been missed here and Brenda also!! They were good neighbors!! Our condolences to his family!! Praying for all of you 🙏

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**Dale Norton** - October 01, 2025 at 12:21 PM