



Mr. Michael Wheatley Merritt Sr.

September 29, 1948 - November 25, 2025

Michael Wheatley Merritt, Sr., 77, of DeWitt passed away November 25, 2025. He was born September 29, 1948, in DeWitt to William Clyde Merritt and Eunice Wheatley Merritt.

Mike was a 1967 graduate of DeWitt High School where he lettered in varsity football and basketball. After graduating, Mike earned a bachelors degree in Business Administration from Henderson State University.

Mike worked in the seed industry for decades, including as a co-owner with his late wife, Martha Ragan Merritt, of Delhi Seed Co. in Delhi, Louisiana, for many years. In 1999, they returned to DeWitt and opened the agri-consulting firm, Farm Agriculture Resource Management, Inc. (FARM, Inc.).

A direct descendant of Davy Crockett, Mike was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. Like his father before him, Mike was a member of Hickory Ridge Hunting Club for many years. Mike loved to share his knowledge of the outdoors and hunting with the younger generation. He cofounded the DeWitt Trap team at DeWitt High School, and enjoyed working with the youth participating in that sport.

Mike was an active member of DeWitt Methodist Church and sang in its Chancel Choir.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Martha, and brother and sister-in-law Jimmy and Sarah Merritt.

He is survived by his wife Diana Carlock Merritt, and his adult children Denese Merritt Canedo and Michael Wheatley Merritt, Jr. Mike is also survived by his grandchildren Michael "Tre" Wheatley Merritt III, Tristan and Ragan Merritt, and Ella Holt, as well as a nephew, William Merritt.

Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 29 at DeWitt Methodist Church with funeral services beginning at 11:00. Burial will be in the Merritt Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

MERRITT CEMETERY

DEWITT, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

DeWitt Methodist Church
608 S. Grandview Dr.
DeWitt, AR 72042

Service

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