



Mr. David Clayton

November 21, 1953 - May 4, 2020

My sweet, gentle husband, David Clayton went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, 4 May 2020. He fought hard against this dreaded disease, pancreatic cancer. His journey has ended on earth.

David was born in 1953, the 4th son of Jacob Samuel and Opal Maxine Mayben Clayton. He was a 1972 graduate of Emma Sansom High School and retired from Goodyear after 39 years.

At the age of 17, he fell in love with Sherry Butler and they were married in 1975.

He was a loving father to Daniel and a proud grandfather to David "Rhys". He was a favorite uncle to many nephews and nieces teaching them how to fish and ski. He had a special bond with his brothers, Jackie and Danny Clayton. He loved to shoot the bull with his cousin Norman Plettl.

David was an active member of the community, a natural born storyteller and never met a stranger. He was a member of the wood-carving club that meets at Parker Memorial Baptist and created many beautiful pieces that he shared with others. He loved supporting the youth in sports and was both a coach and referee for the Etowah Youth Soccer Association. His growing of and subsequent raffling of a 159 lb watermelon helped garner the funds to begin A Walk Through Time, an event where he enjoyed portraying the undertaker and measuring people for their caskets. Other hobbies included jelly and wine making, which could lead to the occasional explosion.

David loved his church home, Rainbow Community Church. He was a

constant presence, refinishing the kitchen, and was excited to help with the new stage project.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Allen Clayton; and sister-in-law, Cathy Parnell Clayton. He is survived by his wife, Sherry; son, Daniel (DeAna); grandson, Rhys; and brothers, Jackie (Ginger), Danny (Dianne) and Edwin (Diane).

David's wish is to be cremated. A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Village Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Rainbow Community Church at P.O. Box 7109, Rainbow City, AL 35906. Funds will be used to help complete David's final project.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd
Gadsden, AL 35904
(256) 547-5557
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Village Chapel Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. David Clayton*



Village Chapel Funeral Home - June 25, 2020 at 11:26 AM

DM

Thanks so much for webcasting this. Its great for those of us in the high-risk to feel like we were there. I will be forever grateful to have had such a great father in-law.

DeAna McAdory - June 27, 2020 at 04:16 PM

FR

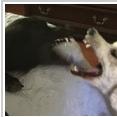
Beautiful service, Thank you Lord David is rejoicing with you today. Comfort Sherry and family with your sweet spirit in Jesus name Amen.

Frances Roberts - June 27, 2020 at 04:17 PM

SN

Such a Beautiful tribute to a great man.Sending love and prayers to Sherry, Daniel & family. Sue & Glenn Nelson

Susan Nelson - June 27, 2020 at 04:22 PM



What a wonderful service! It was especially nice to hear all the fond memories that were shared.

Cynthia Box - June 27, 2020 at 05:49 PM

PP

I enjoyed listening to David's service and listening to all the fun stories. God bless you Sherry and family.

Peggy Preston - June 27, 2020 at 07:09 PM

WB

“ Old friends are not forgotten, Randy and I loved David. 40 odd years ago we would all go to the cabin at the lake, that was the first time I saw Allen and the twins ski barefooted. Those were such sweet memories. David was a lucky man to have Sherry as his wife. Going to miss you buddy. Love you Sherry

Wanda Belyeu - June 25, 2020 at 06:47 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Sherry.

Laura Browder - May 06, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JT

“ I have not known David for very long, but really liked him when I met him. He will be missed on this earth, but we have a promise that he is with Jesus and one day we will also be there. I loved his wood carvings that he showed me pictures of. A wonderful friendly man that loved life and made the most of life.

My prayers go out to you Sherry and the family. Joy Faye Thompson

Joy Faye Thompson - May 06, 2020 at 12:27 PM

KE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and family. I am so sorry for your loss..May the Lord be with you during this sad time. Kathy King ELrod

Kathy King Elrod - May 06, 2020 at 04:08 AM

ME

“ We hired in together and worked together a couple of times in our early years. He was a great guy and we shared many laughs together. Heaven is celebrating tonight. Praying for comfort for his family. RIP my friend.

Mike Elmore - May 05, 2020 at 09:18 PM

JH

“ What a true friend we found in David Clayton. And what a precious Brother in the Lord he became to all of us at Rainbow Community Church. From beautifully repainting the church kitchen, to the special crosses he carved for each one of our children and adults when they were baptized or went through a struggle, to ushering, and baking special blackberry cakes for the church dinners, to his many other acts of kindness, he left his mark on all of our hearts. We will miss you terribly. And we celebrate with you your wonderful homegoing!

Jeanne Ramsey Hughes - May 05, 2020 at 06:31 PM

FR

Sherry David will be missed by many. As neighbors for years and friends. We will never forget the good times we had. David rest in peace in Heaven. Until we meet again my friend. Sherry we love you.

Francesferst1@aol.com - June 27, 2020 at 03:29 PM

GN

“ Sending Love & Prayers for Strength, Comfort & Peace. David was such a kind and funny gentleman. Love to you all, Sherry.

Glenn & Sue Nelson - May 05, 2020 at 05:41 PM

FR

“ David and Sherry has been our friends for over 40 years. We will miss him, Sherry was his rock.I am so glad we knew them both they will always be in our hearts .



FrancesRoberts - May 05, 2020 at 05:39 PM

FB

“ Many great memories , yes playing football Sunday afternoon , but cruising , high school , always first class ! My thoughts and prayers with family !!!!!

Freddy Bishop - May 05, 2020 at 05:25 PM

GW

“ Fond memories of David & Brothers growing up on Lookout Avenue & playing ball around Dwight School. May God Bless David, Sherry & all the Clayton Family & Friends.

Garry Wilder - May 05, 2020 at 04:49 PM

RP

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you in prayer.

Rick Peek - May 05, 2020 at 02:47 PM

LB

So sorry for your loss ,may God be with you. 🙏❤️🙏

Lucy Goins Baldwin - May 05, 2020 at 03:13 PM



Sherry,I am so sorry to hear about David.such a nice,friendly,,man.In my prayers.

Sheila Ogle - May 05, 2020 at 03:20 PM

JB

I am so sorry to hear this. I will be praying for you. I know how hard it is for you. Love you.

Jeannie Brown - May 05, 2020 at 04:52 PM

CM

A man of men. Kind, playful to the end, inquiring mind. Talents? Oh, my! My best memory of David was the pure joy of working side-by-side with him while we turned a drab, dated church kitchen into a lovely, functional place. I do thank God the fight is finished and David won. Heaven became his miraculous cure. Big love, David and Sherry.

Carolyn Merritt - May 05, 2020 at 05:57 PM