



Bobby Clay

September 20, 1929 - November 1, 2009

Bobby Gene Clay was taken into the Heaven by the Lord on November 1, 2009. He was a devoted husband, daddy and Pawpaw to many grand kids and and great grand kids. Bobby was born on September 20, 1929 to the late William S. Clay and the late Ruby Harris. He served his country in the United States Army. He served as a Corsicana Firefighter for 32 years and served Navarro County as deputy for 10 years. He was a proud Christian and served as a ordained deacon. He is preceded in death by his father, William S. Clay; mother, Ruby Harris; father in-law, Seldon Smeltzer and son in-law, Dean Cates. He is survived by his wife, Lillie Clay; son, David Clay and wife Darlene of Arlington; daughter, Pam Cates of Corsicana; son Randy Clay and wife Lisa of Corsicana; mother in-law, Geraldine Smeltzer; brothers, Willie S. Clay and Richard Neal; grandchildren, Lori, Cheyne, Dustin, Alison, Amber, Kyle, Jason, Paula, Michael, Thresa, Brody, Meagan and J.T.; great grandchildren, Chase, Kenneth, Nathan, Hayden, Carter, Paige, Laney and Kouper. Pallbearers are Ricki Crenshaw, Ron Franks, Dusty Ledbetter, Kevin Farmer, Darrell Stevenson, Gerald Whitehead, Doug Fogg, Ken Parter, Dickie Mullenix, Randy Blue and L.H. Richardson. Honorary pallbearers are the Navarro County Sheriff Department. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 5-7pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Services are 2:00pm Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at Griffin-Roughton Chapel Burial will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Bobby Clay*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *David and family, we were saddened to read about the passing of Clay, your father and my husband, Rod's co-worker and firefighter at the Corsicana Fire Department. David, as your co-worker, I remember the fond conversations and memories you shared with me concerning your dad. You and your family have our deepest sympathy, and you are in our prayers.*

Rod & Shirley Adams - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Clay Family*

You are in our prayers. May God be with you at this and put his arms around you.

Bill and Barbara Tesmer - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pam I did not know about your Dad until after he was gone. I am so sorry. I know what he meant to you and how he suffered. There is a better place and we will all meet again someday in the arms of Jesus.*

All my Love and Synpathy to you and your family.

Elizabeth Owens - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Nanny Paw Paw and Family:

I am not sure where to begin. I have so much to say. We never had grand parents and that is what you have been to all of us. The boys love you so much. Mark and I love you so much. Our Sunday deer steak dinners will be quite different without Paw Paw. Fishing and trips to Tyler are just a few of the many memories. Picking up the phone to talk about the Longhorns and the Cowboys are amongst some of our fondest memories. Eating ice till our hearts were content while putting together puzzles. WOW the list goes on and on. We will miss you so much but we know you are restored to perfect health in heaven and you are rejoicing. We will meet you there. Oh what a glorious day that will be. Much Love We will miss you soooo much .. Mark Vicki Dylan and Tyler.

Mark & Vicki & Boys - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *I worked with Bobby at the Sheriff's Dept, Bobby was a great person to work with, he always knew how to get someone into a good mood!!!
He will be missed!!!*

Paul D. Asby - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Mikey, Thresa & Laney-So sorry for your loss. If ther is anything you need, don't hestiate to ask. Your in our prayers. Brian,Danielle & Clint*

Brian,Danielle & Clint Richards - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss! Bobby was one of my favorite cousins. I have just had a mastectomy and am unable travel to any of the services. Please know that my prayers are with you and your family. our love to all.

Barbara Adams Wesley - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Always remember our times together as friends at Community Chapel. God bless you always .

Virginia TerryCorner - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your entire family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Donna Marrs - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Mrs. Clay, David, Pam, and Randy,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I haven't seen you in such a long time, but when I ran across your Dad/husband, he always was so sweet to me. He always asked about my dad and my family. I will never forget your family's kindness to me and all the wonderful times I spent at your house on Second Ave. I am so sad that this sad time has found you so soon, but I pray God holds you close and comforts you with sweet memories and joy at having such a wonderful man in your lives. God bless you and yours always.

Beverly Smith Herrin - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I'M SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS.

Carolyn BADARACCO - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Sister Clay I am so sorry for your loss .I know how you are feeling I just lost Cindy 3 weeks ago. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Brother Clay wil be greatly missed by all who new him he was a good and kind man. And I know he loved the Lord with all his heart ,and we will see him again one day.
I love you
Damon*

Damon Benton - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Lillie and Family,
You mean the world to me. I wish I could ease the pain you are going through at this time. Bobby was the best father/father-in-law I could have ever wished for. He will always have a special place in my heart. My prayers and love are with you right now and always.
Love Dawn*

Dawn Clay - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Randy and Lisa;*

We are thinking of you and praying for your family. Deeply sorry for your loss, we love you both..

*Ken and Rhonda
Courtney and Amber*

Ken and Rhonda Kirkwood - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Pam and Randy:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. Bobby was a special person with a great sense of humor. I really enjoyed working with him at the county many years ago. He was always so helpful and friendly. I know he will be truly missed by all those who knew him and those he touched somehow with words of kindness and friendship. May God give you strength and comfort during the days and months ahead.

Pam Hatley Caldwell - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Bobby Clay

Michael&Sherrie Wendt - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Lilly, it has been a very long time since I last saw you are Bobby. My deepest sympathy. Peggy Watts Weiss

Peggy Watts Weiss - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Lillie,
Bobby is so famous for his chuckles and wreckless driving the scooters at Walmart! His sense of humor and always ready to pull a stunt will be memoires cherished. He loved life and life among family & friends was always a joy. Especially in the tough times when his body failed him Bobby's spirit to look on the brightside always shown What a legency to leave with us all. May God's grace be with you and yours in the days to come.
Love to you, Larry & Becky

Larry & Becky Long - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ So sorry for your loss! I cannot believe he is gone! Bobby was more of a grandfather to me than my real one! I have so many awesome memories of him. The past several years we haven't been around one another much but I often think of you guys! I pray God will give you the strength and peace that only HE can at this time! I am truly sorry and love you all!

~Natalie

Michael and Natalie Robinson - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Bobby was a fine gentleman fun to be around and always was smiling. He will be missed

Jimmy and Pat Johnson - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Bobby and I worked together for a couple of years and I enjoyed my time with him as he always made me laugh.

Hank Bailey - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ LILLIE I AM PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. EARTH HAS NO SORROWS THAT HEAVEN CAN'T HEAL. WE HAVE NOT A PRIEST WHO CANNOT BE TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES. TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. L.H. AND I LOVE YOU CALL US IF YOU NEED US AFTER ALL THE DUST IS SETTLED WE WILL YET BE HERE FOR YOU. OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY. L.H. & GERT. RICHARDSON.

GERTRUDE RICHARDSON - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ We send our condolences to your family in this time of mourning.

Vicki Thomas - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are sorry for your loss.

Jenny Brewer - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Mrs. Clay I am sorry for your loss. Our family is here for anything you need.

I send my condolences to all the Clay Family. I was honored to know Bobby. You could not ask for a better person. I had the pleasure of working with him for a short time and he was one of my neighbors. Always had a smile on his face. Sweet man...

Melissa Wellman - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Mrs. Clay, David, and Pam,
Bobby was a dear friend. I got to know him well during my short time that I worked for the CFD many years ago. He was a mentor to myself, and I know he was a valuable mentor to every firefighter that had the privilege of working with him. I know he will be greatly missed by you all, and the community he so proudly served. May God give you all peace during this sorrowful time.

Brad Crosswhite

Brad Crosswhite - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dear Lillie*

We really enjoyed our visits with the two of you in N.C. always had fun. We do not see each other much but hear from you through Pastor's Cal & Nita.

Our prayers are for you at this time of loss. May the love and Joy you shared with Bobby live in your hearts and memories for ever.

Love

Danny & Kathy

Danny & Kathy French - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM