



Richard Lewis Clay,, Sr.

June 27, 1946 - July 8, 2016

Richard Lewis Clay Sr., age 70, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on Friday, July 8, 2016 after a battle with cancer. He was a dedicated husband and father. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wilton Lewis Clay and Marian Mouledoux Clay. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Sharon Williams Clay, and his 3 children: Richard (Amy) Clay Jr., Christine (William) Shackelford and Jeffrey Clay. He was "Gramps" to 6 grandchildren: Mason and Jackson Haro, Izabella, Lucinda and Finley Clay and the future Stella Shackelford. He is survived by 7 brothers and sisters: Barbara (the late Roger) Dallam, Carolyn (Torger) Brown, Marilyn (William) Cresson, Cathleen (James) Pfifer, David (Bonnie) Clay Sr., Robert Clay and Chris (Debra) Clay. He is also survived by a host of relatives, friends and the Heavy Rollers Running Team.

He was born and raised in New Orleans. He was a graduate of Cor Jesu (Brother Martin) and received a BS from LSU School of Engineering. As a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, he was stationed in Baudette, MN, with the Air Defense Command, NORAD. He worked as a senior mechanical engineer for DuPont and American Cyanamid (Cytex) for over 30 years. He came out of retirement 3 times to help rebuild the new plant. He enjoyed gardening, where everyday he would bring in his fresh vegetables for Sharon to cook. And finally, his love for his Heavy Rollers Running Team. He enjoyed the friendships and camaraderie that go beyond what words can say. Special thanks to Dr. Laura Brinz and her wonderful staff and to the Guardian Angel

Hospice, especially the nurses who all gave great care to Richard.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Dominic Catholic Church, 775 Harrison Ave. on Friday, July 15, 2016 at 12 noon. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Private interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to any cancer charity of your choice. Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Dominic Catholic Church
775 Harrison Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70124

Funeral Mass

JUL 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

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775 Harrison Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70124

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lewis Clay,, Sr.*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *The biggest NOLA Welcoming Hug. The best host and hostess with the mostess. Great gatherings, food, conversations, people and lessons. The best schematics for doing a crawfish boil right. You will be missed even more now than I have missed you over the past many moons. Hugs and much love to you Sharon and family.*

Joan Armstrong - July 15, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lewis Clay,, Sr..*



July 15, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ *This hurts my heart. I first got to know Richard when we worked across the hall from each other at DuPont...and then Christy and Rae became great friends at OLDP. Sending hugs and lots of love to the whole family. He was a great guy.*

Kathy Delia - July 14, 2016 at 11:52 AM

IP

“ Sharon, there are no words to express our sorrow for the passing of Richy. He was always a joy to be around and Judy and I very much cherished his friendship. He will always be in our prayers.

Ira Pennison - July 14, 2016 at 09:33 AM

“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lewis Clay,, Sr..



July 14, 2016 at 06:44 AM

DH

“ I will miss Richard at Cornerstone. He helped a lot of people here.

Doug Holm

Doug Holm - July 12, 2016 at 02:40 PM

JL

Sharon, we hold you and all of the family close to our hearts at this time. We are so blessed that Richard's life touched ours.
Love, John and Cathie Lusted

John Lused - July 12, 2016 at 03:19 PM

JL

HE WILL WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES,AND THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH OR SORROW OR CRYING OR PAIN. ALL THESE THINGS ARE GONE FOREVER. REVELATIONS 21-4. May God Bless Comfort you Sharon ,and all of the Clay family , The Lejeune family hold you in our Prayers in your time of need ,Love, John , Joyce , and John Jr..

john lejeune - July 13, 2016 at 09:58 AM

HB

Richie was a warm and gracious. He made everyone feel welcome at his home for whatever event he was hosting. I always enjoyed being in his company. He will be dearly missed. Prayers for you Sharon and your family.

harold baur - July 13, 2016 at 03:09 PM

RJ

I worked with Richard here at Waggaman, LA at the Ammonia Plant, he was very helpful when I needed him. May the Lord be with his family.

Robert Jackson - July 14, 2016 at 09:13 AM

NP

Richard was a good man to everyone , and will be missed by all. Saturday mornings in city park won't be the same.
Nolan Pansano

nolan pansano - July 14, 2016 at 02:14 PM