



## Albert Rodney Clayton

January 27, 1942 - August 19, 2022

Albert Rodney Clayton was born on January 27, 1942, in West Chester, PA, to Edward Eugene Clayton and Cora May Messner.

His father was a farm manager and moved his family from Pennsylvania to Elkton, MD, where he lived for several years, then moved to Chestertown, MD. He was a resident in Kent County, MD, for 64 years. For 42 of those, he resided in Kennedyville, MD. He was married to the most beautiful woman in Chestertown, Gloria Jean Wiltbank, for 61 years.

A hard-working man, Albert wore many hats. He worked in many areas of farming as a young man. He had Al's Auto Body Shop in Chestertown, he was a mailman in Kennedyville for 20 years, and a truck driver. Albert was also a Volunteer Firefighter at Station 4 in Kennedyville where he had the privilege to serve as Chief, President, and Treasurer. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, and he served on the Water board.

His wife and daughters say he was an amazing dance partner. He danced on American Bandstand in Philadelphia when young. In Chestertown at the Uptown club, he saw Fats Domino, one of his favorite artists. He also collected antiques.

He had a great sense humor and a playful personality. He will be most remembered for his many acts of kindness and generosity. He gave to family,

friends, and strangers alike. He was the life of the party and an extremely hospitable soul, deeply loved by all of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Albert and Gloria had seven children together--his eldest son, Philip Rodney Clayton; first set of twins Mary Elizabeth McHenry (Danny) and Joseph Edward Clayton (Betsy); second set of twins, Marjorie Ann Suastegui (Lauro) and Rebekah Jean Marquez (Luis); and the third set of twins, David Eugene Clayton (Stefanie) and Amy May Clayton.

He was not very expressive about his emotions, but his consistency at the dinner table and constant acts of service to all left no doubt of the great love he had for all of us. He had our backs and taught by example. One thing that brought great joy to his life was gardening. Every year he put up corn and lima beans for the winter with his children and grandchildren. Unfortunately, he won't be there to supervise this year's harvest.

Plants weren't the only thing he helped to grow--Albert loved people. He would give anyone a helping hand, be it towing your car, fixing your flat tire, or helping you get a good start in life. He was dependable in good times and bad. He never complained about his pain but soothed it by helping you with yours. He was hospitable and generous to all. Anyone who stepped into his home was an extension to the family - a trait that all of his children have inherited. He took care of his family, and he supported them. He was what a man, a father, and a friend should be.

Although he was not religious (he was a spiritual man), the book of Ecclesiastes describes him well. "A good name is better than good oil, and the day of death is better than the day of birth. The living should take it to heart."

May we all take to heart his example of life; striving to make good name for ourselves as Albert did for 80 years. Many said he was a lucky man –

however, his family and friends believe they are the fortunate ones to have had him in their lives. May his legacy live on forever to be remembered and loved.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, John; brothers, Eddy and Charles (Sonny); and sister, Marianne.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gloria Jean Clayton; all seven of his children and their spouses; grandchildren, Megan (Holden) Smith, Cassi Clayton (Radak), Kyle Clayton, Lauren (Zach) Armbruster, Mallory (Travis) Spry, Cory Clayton, Angeles (Henry) Marquez, Keelyn Clayton, Annistyn Clayton, Brayden Wallace, Landon Wallace; Waylon David Clayton who spent almost every day of his now seven years with his Pop-pop; as well as great-grandchildren Lucy, Ella, Nash, Cain, Forest, and Jax.

Services will be held on Saturday, August 27, at 12:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A visitation will be held two hours prior from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Company at 11993 Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

AUG 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 23, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *Albert Rodney Clayton*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Albert Rodney Clayton*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Albert Rodney Clayton*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - September 07, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 27, 2022 at 09:02 AM

GK

“ Glenda Kelly lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Glenda Kelly - August 26, 2022 at 09:35 PM



*Ecclesiastes 7:1 says a good name is better than good oil. Albert Clayton made a good name for himself and we will always remember him with a smile. Love and condolences 🌸. Kirk and Jenni*

Kirk Emanuel Watters - August 27, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Albert Rodney Clayton.



August 26, 2022 at 12:34 PM

DS

“ Hugs go out to the families



Dwayne, Lisa Sewell - August 26, 2022 at 12:17 PM

MM

“ Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of  
Albert Rodney Clayton



Mark Mumford - August 26, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Albert Rodney Clayton.



August 25, 2022 at 08:04 PM

DH

“ Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in  
memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Denny and Judy Hickman - August 25, 2022 at 06:36 PM

MB

“ It has been many years since I've seen Albert, but whenever I think of him I see that cockeyed hat and that slow easy smile that always made you think he was up to something (often he was). Bill and I always enjoyed chatting with him and catching up on everything. He was a great guy and I know he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Melinda Blyman - August 25, 2022 at 03:25 PM

DP

“ Damon, Anne, Martin & Marie Parrish purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Albert Rodney Clayton.



Damon, Anne, Martin & Marie Parrish - August 25, 2022 at 08:59 AM

EP

“ Eddie Price lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



eddie price - August 25, 2022 at 08:28 AM

LB

“ Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Larry Beck - August 25, 2022 at 08:10 AM



“ Sorry for your loss . 🌸



Rosie Gagalski - August 24, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Albert Rodney Clayton.



August 24, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ 248 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 24, 2022 at 11:02 AM

GW

“ *Ginger Wheat lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Ginger wheat** - August 23, 2022 at 07:01 PM

ML

“ *Matt And Tammy Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Matt and Tammy Larrimore** - August 23, 2022 at 06:22 PM

DH

“ *Donna Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Donna Hollingsworth** - August 23, 2022 at 04:48 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Faye Benton lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Joyce Faye Benton** - August 23, 2022 at 04:17 PM

DS

“ Dave And Dinell Smith lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Dave and Dinell Smith - August 23, 2022 at 03:30 PM

JE

“ Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Jo Ann Edwards - August 23, 2022 at 03:26 PM

TM

“ Tom And Shirley McDowell lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Tom and shirley McDowell - August 23, 2022 at 02:57 PM

TM

Take care Albert, going to miss you

Tom and shirley McDowell - August 23, 2022 at 02:58 PM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Todd and Diane Smith** - August 23, 2022 at 12:36 PM

RR

“ *Ron & Lori Roark lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Ron & Lori Roark** - August 23, 2022 at 11:48 AM

RR

“ *Ron & Lori Roark purchased the Lovely One Spat hiphillum Plant for the family of Albert Rodney Clayton.*



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**Ron & Lori Roark** - August 23, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Albert Rodney Clayton.*

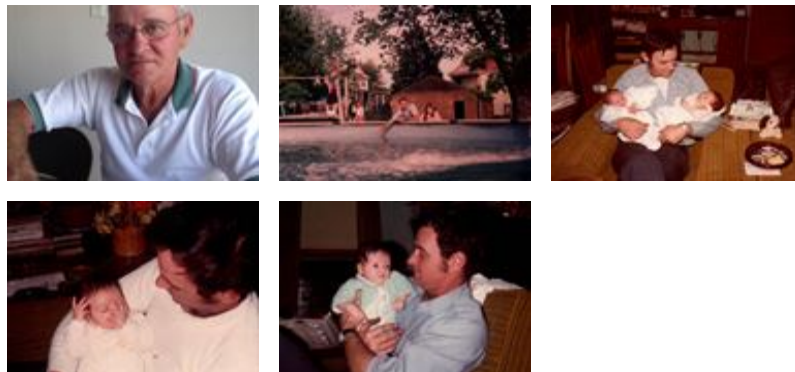


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August 23, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ 167 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 23, 2022 at 11:29 AM

CW

“ *Connie Wood lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



**Connie Wood** - August 23, 2022 at 11:29 AM

TB

“ *Tink And Beverly lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



**Tink and Beverly** - August 23, 2022 at 10:51 AM

TB

*Albert was always laughing, he will be missed ,sympathy to his family, Tink and Beverly Blakeney*

**Tink and Beverly** - August 23, 2022 at 10:54 AM

TV

“ Tammy VanSant lit a candle in memory of  
Albert Rodney Clayton



Tammy VanSant - August 23, 2022 at 09:57 AM

RO

“ RJ & Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of  
Albert Rodney Clayton



RJ & Kristi Osborn - August 23, 2022 at 09:43 AM

LW

“ Louis And Betty Wheat lit a candle in memory  
of Albert Rodney Clayton



Louis and Betty Wheat - August 23, 2022 at 09:24 AM

TE

“ Timmy And Andrea Edwards sent a virtual gift  
in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Timmy and Andrea Edwards - August 23, 2022 at 09:21 AM

GS

“ George Short lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



George Short - August 23, 2022 at 09:17 AM

EP

“ my condolences to the family



eddie price - August 23, 2022 at 09:11 AM

PH

“ Peggy Hammer lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Peggy Hammer - August 23, 2022 at 09:08 AM

KB

“ Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Kaye Barnes - August 23, 2022 at 08:48 AM

PW

“ *Patti Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



Patti webb - August 23, 2022 at 08:23 AM

BC

“ *BARBARA COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



BARBARA COLEMAN - August 23, 2022 at 07:49 AM

ET

“ *Eddie And Trish Taylor lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



Eddie and Trish Taylor - August 22, 2022 at 11:31 PM

SH

“ *Sheila Dixon, Linda Hurtt lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



Sheila Dixon, Linda Hurtt - August 22, 2022 at 11:19 PM

MC

“ Sorry to hear about Albert such a nice person used to come to Bob Evans with Jim buck and have breakfast with my husband Ed

margaret leonard cannon - August 22, 2022 at 09:54 PM

RL

“ Met Albert when I worked at kennedyville market when he was a mail carrier. He was a very sweet man and will be missed!

Rose lowe - August 22, 2022 at 09:26 PM

DF

“ Debbie Fuchs sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Debbie Fuchs - August 22, 2022 at 08:17 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Marie Usilton - August 22, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Tracy Abram lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Tracy Abram** - August 22, 2022 at 07:15 PM



*Mike and I send our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy to the family.*

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**Tracy Abram** - August 22, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *Tracy Abram lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Tracy Abram** - August 22, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Jeanette Stubbs** - August 22, 2022 at 07:06 PM

SG

“ Bobby and Sandy Green send their deepest sympathy to the family. Albert was a special person and a long time friend 🌹🌹🌹🌹



Sandy Green - August 22, 2022 at 06:20 PM

SG

Albert, you will be missed by many 💕

Sandy Green - August 22, 2022 at 06:28 PM

SG

Albert, make sure you say HI to Jimmy for us 💕

Sandy Green - August 22, 2022 at 06:42 PM

PK

“ Paige Kingsbury lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Paige Kingsbury - August 22, 2022 at 05:43 PM

PK

I had many great conversations with Albert. And you always knew it would end laughing your butt off. He had a wonderful personality. He will be sadly missed by many. 🙏🙏🙏 RIP my Friend

Paige Kingsbury - August 22, 2022 at 05:45 PM

FD

“ Frankie And Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Frankie and Jane Dill - August 22, 2022 at 05:34 PM

FD

RIP Albert. May you always be a ray of sunshine looking down with your smile and wit!

Frankie and Jane Dill - August 22, 2022 at 05:38 PM

CL

“ Chuck And Julie Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



Chuck and Julie Langenfelder - August 22, 2022 at 05:30 PM

MS

“ The best Poppop ever. Love you forever ❤️

Mallory Spry - August 22, 2022 at 05:14 PM

PW

“ We've known Albert from high school days to being our "backyard" buddy, we will miss his humor and good nature. Rest in peace old friend.

phyllis wallace - August 22, 2022 at 04:46 PM

CC

“ *Cody & Cindy Clark lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Cody & Cindy Clark** - August 22, 2022 at 03:35 PM

AP

“ *Wayne and April Pyle*



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**April Pyle** - August 22, 2022 at 03:12 PM

DH

“ *David And Deanna Herr lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**David and Deanna Herr** - August 22, 2022 at 02:49 PM

FL

“ *Sorry for your loss. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Frankie and Cathy Legg** - August 22, 2022 at 02:47 PM

BF

“ *Barb Ford lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Barb Ford** - August 22, 2022 at 02:30 PM

TL

“ *I know Jim is waiting for you Albert. Heaven will never be the same. You will be missed.*

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**Tammie Leonard** - August 22, 2022 at 02:09 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton*



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**Sharon Crew** - August 22, 2022 at 01:51 PM

LF

“ *Sorry to see this. Albert was a fun guy to talk to. Thoughts and prayers for the family*

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**Larry Faulkner** - August 22, 2022 at 01:43 PM

KL

“ Katherine Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



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**Katherine Langenfelder** - August 22, 2022 at 01:42 PM

LP

“ Always enjoy seeing him. Such a special man and always had a smile❤️  
He will be missed



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**Lee Phillips** - August 22, 2022 at 01:40 PM

PM

“ Pam & Tommy Marvel lit a candle in memory of Albert Rodney Clayton



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**Pam & Tommy Marvel** - August 22, 2022 at 01:37 PM