



## Clayton Allen Railey Jr.

December 30, 1931 - July 30, 2019

Clayton A. Railey, Jr., died of pneumonia on July 30, 2019, in Easton, MD, after a long debilitation due to Alzheimer's disease. Born on December 30, 1931, in Washington DC, to Clayton Sr. and Eunice Railey. He had three siblings, Eunice Macuch (Mac), George Railey, Sr. (June), and Jane Deckert (Emile).

He met his wife, June Ann Hillock, at a fraternity party in 1949 at the University of Maryland, where he swept her off her feet. (She had come with another date.) They danced unceasingly for the next 66 years, until she died in 2015. Clay is survived by their five children, Clay (Don), Jack (Katherine), Kathy (Leo), Mark (Frances), and Courtney (Jack), and 11 grandchildren.

He attended Coolidge High School, University of Maryland (1949-1951), served in the army at Fort Knox (1951-1953), married June in 1954, and graduated from Georgetown University in 1957. He worked for IBM from 1960-1987. Though IBM often stands for "I've Been Moved," he never accepted the numerous offers to transfer to Europe or to headquarters in New York, always wanting to keep the family stable and intact among family, friends and his native DC, for family was everything to Clay. He was always involved in his children's schooling and activities. At one point, he served as the president of the CYO at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, though he had not yet converted to Catholicism at the time. Friends teasingly renamed the CYO

the “PYO” (Protestant Youth Organization).

While June and Clay were known for their dancing talent (yes, June would say she was the better dancer because, like Ginger Rogers, she had to dance backwards and in heels), they were equally accomplished in their bridge playing. For years, they shared many a great evening with their bridge club friends and playing duplicate bridge as well. They taught all of their children the game as well, and the house was often filled with neighbors and family playing at two or three tables of bridge. June and Clay always welcomed their children’s friends into their home without hesitation, and if someone(s) came at the last minute for dinner, the family rule got invoked: FHB (Family Hold Back). Clay also enjoyed golfing with June and their golfing buddies.

In 1971, June and Clay bought property on the Tred Avon River and built a house that served as a second home for years before they both fully retired there in 1993. They loved it there. In fact, Clay, not famous for traveling much out of his zip code (though he did), once said, laconically, “Why would I want to travel anywhere else when everyone else comes here for vacation?” In the end, though, it was the love that June and Clay had for each other that animated their lives and the life they gave to their children and to their friends. It was this love for which they danced for 65 years together, and which gave others such delight to behold.

Contributions in their memory may be made to the Washington Jesuit Academy, 900 Varnum St., NE, Washington DC 20017 (<https://www.wjacademy.org>) or to St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 E. Gittings St. Baltimore MD 21230 (<http://www.saintignatius.org>) . The funeral mass will be at Sts. Peter and Paul, in Easton, MD, on August 7, 2019, at 10.30AM.

# Tribute Wall



“ Clayton Allen Railey Jr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Clayton Allen Railey Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Clayton Allen Railey Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Clayton Allen Railey Jr..



August 06, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ We are saddened to learn of Clay's passing, but knew his health was in decline these past several years. Bob especially enjoyed having lunch with Clay at the Talbot Country Club, and prior to that, playing bridge with June and Clay. A kind, gentle, and handsome gentleman. May he rest in pace.



Bob and Doris Fischer Malesardi

Bob and Doris Fischer Malesardi - August 05, 2019 at 05:54 PM

EC

“ We enjoyed knowing Clay and June as next door neighbors since 2007. We especially think of Clay, especially this time of year when he shared the bounty from his wonderful vegetable garden and peach orchard. As a major branch of his peach tree recently broke apart from the tree, I couldn't help but think how timely this event was. We have many fond memories of him and miss him. Our deepest sympathy to the family he loved so much. Elinor and Art Cecil

Elinor Cecil - August 05, 2019 at 05:50 PM

JM

“ Clay and June Railey were regulars in my parents bridge club for many, many years. The “Raileys, Riley's, and O'Riellys! I grew up hearing them laugh and carry on as they had so much fun together. I also had a chance to go hunting with Clay on more than one occasion with my dad. He was a kind and gracious man. He will be missed. Jay McCarl

Jay McCarl - August 04, 2019 at 04:52 PM

BD

“ We always had fun when Clay and June were around. We loved playing duplicate with them at the TAYC. After June left us Clay was always available to substitute. We loved them both and they are finally together again.

Barbara Denton

Barbara Denton - August 02, 2019 at 10:19 PM



JE

“ It was such a pleasure to have known Clay and June since they joined TCC in 1993. My late husband, Tom, thoroughly loved beating them in duplicate whenever we could! It was always a fun challenge. We also Loved to watch them dance, which we also loved, but couldn't keep up with the Raileys! Clay was a True gentleman and a brilliant man. It has been difficult for his Many friends to watch his decline over the past few years, and we have missed him this past year or so. He will always be fondly remembered.

*With Much sympathy,  
Jeanne Everngam*

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**Jeanne Everngam** - August 02, 2019 at 04:04 PM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Clayton Allen Railey Jr.*



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**Phil Foster** - August 01, 2019 at 12:27 AM



“ *I enjoyed many conversations with Clay and June over the years. His bright and gentle smile will be greatly missed in our office. Our condolences to his family.*

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**Kim Wilson** - July 31, 2019 at 05:24 PM