



Richard Samuel Clay

November 17, 1960 - March 1, 2023

Richard Clay, 62, beloved Spouse, Son, Father, Brother, Son-in-law, and Grandsire, was called to his eternal resting place on March 1, 2023.

Richard was born on November 17, 1960 in Buffalo, NY, the son of the late David Clay and Joan Clay (Wilkins). He was raised in Wisconsin and briefly attended college at UW Madison before joining the United States Marine Corps. Following four years in the Marine Corps, Richard served 26 years as an Air Traffic Controller on Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina.

Richard met the love of his life, Nilde, in Grand Prairie, TX. They married at the Immaculate Conception church in Grand Prairie on Jan. 23, 1988, and were married for 35 years. After relocating to North Carolina, Richard and Nilde welcomed two children. He was excitedly awaiting the arrival of his first grandbaby in April.

He is survived by his wife Nilde Clay; mother Joan Clay-Speaks (Billy Speaks); daughter Lisa Bickford (Dan Bickford); son Patrick Clay (Jacqueline Clay); grandchild Lyra Clay; brother Thomas Clay (Cynthia Clay); sister Carol Laskowski (Andrew Holahan); sister-in-law Judy Fernandez (Art Fernandez); brother-in-law Bernie Henyon (Staci Henyon); brother-in-law Patrick Henyon (Lisette Henyon).

He was preceded in death by father David Clay, brother Larry Clay, brother-in-law Ron Laskowski, mother-in-law Elisa Henyon, and father-in-law Frank Henyon.

Services for Richard Clay will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 3:30 PM at D.F.W. National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like contributions made to the American Heart Association in Richard's name: www.heart.org/donate.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 8. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

D.F.W. National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy.
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Sending you, Pat, Lisa and all your family prayers of comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Danette Guthrie

Danette Guthrie - March 09, 2023 at 06:32 PM

TC

My thoughts and prayers for all of the family. His father, David was one of my best friends and I met Joan, Richard Thomas and many other family members at the time of My friend, David's funeral. It is such a wonderful family that I met years ago and my thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family at this time. I love all of you. God bless all of you and give you peace and comfort.

Tom Cervenka - March 09, 2024 at 02:12 PM

TC

If any of this precious family would like to contact me. They can reach me at thomas@cervenka.com or 512-573-7850. Again, I would like to say to all of the family that my thoughts and prayers are with you and may God give each of you peace and comfort and God bless all of you.

Tom Cervenka - March 09, 2024 at 02:16 PM

MA

“ 22 files added to the album *Military Honors*



Mark - March 09, 2023 at 11:21 AM

PH

“ *We pray that Jesus Christ will give Nilde, Pat, Lisa & ALL our Family His comfort & perfect peace; we love & trust You God for all things.*

*May Richard RIP.
We love YOU 4ever!*

Pat & Lisette

pat henyon - March 08, 2023 at 11:35 AM

DH


“ *Expressing deep appreciation for the US Marine Corps Service of Richard S Clay for our nation. Prayers are ascending to heaven for comfort for his family and many friends in their loss. May he rest in his new “heavenly deployment” with his Lord and preceding loved ones.*

Don Huffman, Army Vet (Capt) and Dallas Honor Guard member

Donald Huffman - March 07, 2023 at 08:45 PM

PH

May the Lord Jesus Christ give Nilde, Pat & Lisa (& ALL our Family) His comfort & perfect peace; we trust in You God, Amen.

*May Richard RIP 
We Love You 4Ever!*

Pat & Lisette

pat henyon - March 08, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ 171 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mike being a water gets some park.



Thanky You To All My

I do not know what my grandda daughter is doing so I'm going to take a nap

Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - March 07, 2023 at 06:12 PM

LS

“ I became friends with Nilde and Richard almost two years ago,when they moved here..to help take care of his mother Joan (clay) Speaks,which I worked with at Montgomery wards collection center over 30 years ago.I always enjoyed being around Richard and Nelda and went to several of the birthday celebrations at Joan’s house over last few years,they came to my Halloween party last year in October,had a great time,and the people who sat at the table with Richard and Nilde enjoyed their conversation..I have become close to them and will miss his smile,and visits. I teased him about being a Green Bay Packer fan.God bless his family at this time. 🙏



Linda Sondag - March 06, 2023 at 08:09 PM