

Melvin E. Clayton

June 8, 1941 - March 6, 2014

Melvin E. Clayton, 72, passed away at his home in Pottstown surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 6, 2014. Born in Abbeville County, South Carolina, Melvin was a son of the late Pelton Jones and the late Flodrie Clayton.

Melvin was a loving father, husband, grandfather and friend to all. He was a football player and graduate of Emma Maddox High School in Ware Shoals, South Carolina. He retired from Norristown State Hospital after 36 years of dedicated service. While at Norristown State Hospital, he was very active in the union and proudly held the posts of Union Leader and Union President.

Melvin is survived by his loving wife , Jane M. (Lyman) Clayton, his sons, Keith E. (Toni) Bazzle, and Christopher D. Bazzle, both of Austin, Texas; stepchildren, Sarah J. Mount and Charles H. Allen IV; siblings, Ellen Dial, Carroll Frazier and Eddie Jones, all of Philadelphia; nine grandchildren, Keith II, Kayla and Kyra Bazzle, Courtney and Christopher Bazzle II, Jeremiah and Nicholas Iadaevaia, Jasmine Collins and Jacob Mount; great grandson, Samuel Isenberg-Iadaevaia; and the last 2 siblings of his mother: Frances Anderson and Bernice Mays of Hodges, SC, a special cousin, Lucille Evans of Donalds, SC. A host of nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his son, Melvin E. Clayton Jr. and step-daughter, Sheriann Collins.

Melvin was a very active member of Bethel Baptist Church in Phoenixville where he served as a Deacon. In his spare time, Melvin enjoyed fishing, watching sports--especially the Dallas Cowboys and Los Angeles Dodgers, and spending time with friends and family.

A special thank you to Jefferson Hospice, Paoli and Reading Hospitals, and Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital for their loving care and support during this difficult time.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at Bethel Baptist Church, 412 Fairview Street, Phoenixville. Officiating will be the Rev. Nathan Coleman. Melvin will be laid to rest at the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Pottstown. A viewing will be held from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Church. Memorial contributions may be made in Melvin's name to the Bethel Baptist Church, 412 Fairview Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

225 E. Schuylkill Road
Pottstown, PA 19465

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church
412 Fairview Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *In this time of sorrow my deepest sympathy to Jane and the family. Peace be with you. Marion Skarbek*

marion skarbek - March 18, 2014 at 03:09 PM



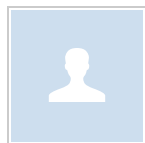
“ *Chris, Keith, and family... my sympathies for you and your family. I'm praying for you.*

Max Eby - March 11, 2014 at 04:26 PM



“ *Keith, My condolences to you and your family. What a wonderful video tribute to your father.*

Amy Lynch - March 11, 2014 at 12:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin E. Clayton.*



March 11, 2014 at 11:19 AM

MG

“ Dec. Clayton, I will never forget you, you will always be in my heart. I will miss you dearly, you were one of the best man that I ever known, just like a father. I will always love you. I'm going to miss seeing you in the front pew and hugging & kissing you after service. There are no words I can say that will heal my heart right now. All I know is that you are with the Lord. My condolences to the family. Your dad was a great man who will never be forgotten. Love You My Dear Friend! Mrs. Evelyn Graves



Mrs. Evelyn Graves - March 11, 2014 at 09:11 AM

DD

“ Keith - many heartfelt sympathies for you and your family. The video is wonderful and an amazing testament! Blessing ~ DeeDee Davila, Austin TX

DeeDee Davila - March 10, 2014 at 01:16 PM

AB

“ Sending prayers and love to Chris and his family. We're thinking of you.
-Alexandra Bolton-

Alexandra Bolton - March 10, 2014 at 12:48 PM



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March 10, 2014 at 09:23 AM

BJ

“ Billy J. Ray Jr. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Melvin E. Clayton.



Billy J. Ray Jr. - March 09, 2014 at 08:20 PM



“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - March 09, 2014 at 01:45 PM

BJ

In Gods name that was an Outstanding video in remembrance of Mr. CLAYTON. GOD BLESS

Billy Ray Jr. - March 09, 2014 at 07:49 PM

GC

What a beautiful video! Cherish, reflect and embrace a lifetime of memories. Lifting each of you up in prayer during this sorrowful time; but we know that Mr. Clayton is walking hand in hand with his Savior in the Lord's Garden. Blessings to the Clayton family especially my brother in blue, Keith Bazzle.

Gena Curtis, APD

Gena Curtis - March 10, 2014 at 02:01 PM

RW

Fantastic video! May God Bless you and keep you and your family in this trying time. Always look toward the hills which comest thy help! All thy help comest from the Lord. Remember God doesn't put more on us than we can handle. There is a blessing on the other side of through. Stay strong Lil' Brah!

Rod Wesley and family

Rod Wesley - March 11, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ *Ms. Jane and The Clayton Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Walt enjoyed the time he spent with Mr Clayton on the fishing trip. Tice & Walt*

Tice Ingram - March 09, 2014 at 01:35 PM

CL

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to Jane and her family,I will miss Clayton he was a good friend ,My Mentor ,My Adversary,who always had my back*

he will be greatly missed and always remembered

(Isabelle)

Clare

clare - March 08, 2014 at 07:53 PM

DK

“ *Melvin was a wonderful friend and mentor to whom I owe so very much. I will always be grateful to the lessons you've taught me and the guidance you've given. Be at Peace My Dear Brother.*

David Kittrell - March 08, 2014 at 03:39 PM

ML

“ *The legacy of a man is what he leaves behind him. Melvin left two sons who are as polite and gentlemanly as he was. He left men made in his image and that was a wonderful image. He was a kind, loving and patient man who was a wise leader. The world needs more men like Melvin - when God asks him what he did with the talents he was given in life he can truly say, "Lord, I increased those talents by helping others and I left two sons just like me to continue your work."*



The Lord make his light to shine upon you and give you peace.

Mary and Lloyd - March 08, 2014 at 02:59 PM

ML

My thoughts and Prayers for Jane and the family & friends.

Mary Lawler - March 08, 2014 at 03:06 PM

TO

May God bless you and keep you in your time of sorrow.

Troy Officer - March 10, 2014 at 12:57 PM