



Carolyn "Carol" Faye Clay

October 15, 1939 - December 1, 2020

Carol F. Clay, formerly of Tullahoma, passed this life on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN. Memorial Services will be scheduled at a later time due to the current COVID situation.

Mrs. Clay, a native of Ironton, OH, was the daughter of the late William and Alma Markins. She and her husband, Thomas (Tom) lived in Tullahoma for 56 years before relocating to College Grove, TN. They would have been married 62 years in January, 2021. Mrs. Clay was known as "Mama C" to all her daughter, Joy's friends while they were growing up. She was a teacher's aid at St. Paul's school while Joy was a student and always enjoyed being with the children. She picked up all of Joy's friends on the weekends when Joy was at West Middle School and her first few years of high school to insure they had a safe ride to cruise, go to the movies, etc. When Joy was a student at Tullahoma High School, Mrs. Clay and her husband always helped chaperone trips and held celebration parties at their home for the students in THS singers as well as for the cast of numerous plays in which her daughter Joy had a role. Mrs. Clay was a financial aid student advisor for Motlow State Community College for over twenty years. She always took care of her Motlow students, making sure they received any possible financial aid. While there, she became an avid Baseball and Boys Basketball fan and attended all the games until she fell ill. She was a second mom to these boys and bought essentials including furniture, toiletries, and food for those boys who could not afford these items. She was also an animal lover who brought home any stray

animal she could catch, including several cats, dogs, and horses over the years. She trapped and neutered and/or spayed the feral cats that lived at Motlow and then fed and watered them as well as the stray dogs that lived at Motlow for 20+ years. She found homes to relocate all of them when she retired. She continued to help her husband care for a rescued horse and help her daughter Joy rescue abandoned and abused guinea pigs until her passing.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sister, Joyce Markins Bocook.

Mrs. Clay is survived by husband, Thomas (Tom) Clay of College Grove, TN and daughter, Joy Clay Chrisman and her husband, Ben Chrisman of Franklin, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations be made in her name to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson St, Nashville, TN 37203, 615-327-1085 or <https://www.alivehospice.org/donatenow>.

Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn "Carol" Faye Clay

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ Doris Day and Steve McQueen
by Wm. Mark Todd July 15th 2021

*I once had the fortune
To live next to treasure
Not silver or gold nor riches of leisure
Twas a couple with kindness of wonderful measure
and now one of them has left us too soon.*

*They called her Carol Clay but she couldn't fool me
She was Doris Day, it was plain to see.
Now I never heard her sing and I never saw her dance,
But I'm sure pets, birds and flowers all had the chance.*

*He had the Mustang from Bullitt, and the cool from LeMans
Tom Clay was his handle, Steve McQueen's who he was.
He taught me of logic and chips and small little wires
then found a great job to which I was hired.*

*You can't fool a child by persona or facade
He'll see you with clarity and know who you are.
Tom and Carol and Doris and Steve live in my head
And will continue to do so until I am dead.*

Wm. Mark Todd - July 15, 2021 at 04:45 PM

FD

“ Tom and Joy, please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. It appears she has given much of herself to others during her time on this earth.

Frank Douglas - December 07, 2020 at 04:56 PM

MB

“ Sorry to hear about Carol. I know how much you will miss her. I've been down this road. Prayers be with you.

Marshall Brown - December 07, 2020 at 04:47 PM

ES

“ Sorry to hear this Tom...looks like she had contributed much.

Ed Smotherman - December 07, 2020 at 03:01 PM

JB

“ Tom, and family so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort during this time.

John & Linda Brandon

John Brandon - December 06, 2020 at 12:47 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss, Tom. May God bring comfort to you and your family during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Barry Bishop - December 06, 2020 at 10:07 AM

BB

“ *Barry Bishop lit a candle in memory of Carolyn "Carol" Faye Clay*



Barry Bishop - December 06, 2020 at 10:04 AM