



Mr. Riley Lee Clay

October 15, 1957 - November 27, 2019

Mr. Clay was born October 16, 1957 in Natchez, the son of James Albert Clay and Lydia Woods Clay. He received his bachelor's degree and was an engineer with SMI until his retirement. Riley was a member of the Freedom Riders Association and loved horseback riding, dancing and helping others. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Kenny Clay and Michael Clay.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Barnes Clay; son, Riley Lee Clay, Jr.; daughters: Cassey Clay-Fluker and husband Michael, Tonique Clay-Blanchard and husband Kenneth, LaVanya Clay-Nicholson and husband Ervin; brother, James Albert Clay and wife Linda; sisters, Monica Clay- Morris and husband Michael and Chriscella Clay. Riley was truly loved by his wife, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.westgatefh.com

Cemetery Details

Mercy Seat Baptist Church Cemetery

997 Lower Woodville Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Natchez, MS 39120

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Riley Lee Clay*

September 17, 2022 at 03:10 AM



“ *Maxine Railey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Maxine Railey - December 08, 2019 at 12:32 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the Clay family in the loss of Riley. Rev. John and Ethel Scott*

Ethel Scott - December 07, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ *Corn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Corn - December 07, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Luberta Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Luberta Thomas - December 05, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ *Sherry Bassett-Maddie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Sherry Bassett-Maddie - December 05, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.*



December 05, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *Catherine Pollard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Catherine Pollard - December 05, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.*



December 05, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *Condolences to the family. Have comfort in knowing God is with you and your family.*



Peggy Bassett - December 05, 2019 at 03:44 AM



“ *Marion Brown purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.*



Marion Brown - December 05, 2019 at 01:24 AM

MB

“ For such a time as this, my prayers and heartfelt love and sympathy are with you my dear best friend Mary Barnes Clay and your beautiful adult children. I am always just a phone call away if you need me, day or night. You and your husband Riley Lee Clay, Sr. were a beautiful couple. I enjoyed sharing time with the both of you. Mary, my sister, my friend, hold on to God's hand. He'll give you the strength and courage to face tomorrow and all the days ahead. He will never leave you or forsake you. God has you in His arms. As you grieve, God will guide you through it all. My heart hurts for you. And may I say to your three girls Mary, precious "Super Woman" Cassey, "Powerhouse Business Woman" Tonique, and "Beautiful Hard-Working" LaVanya, and to the "Handsome and Determined" Riley Jr., hold on to your mother and hold on to God's hand. God will give all of you the strength and fortitude to go forward. Press your way and help each other through the moments filled with pain and sorrow and sadness. That's what families do! And I am here not only for my best friend, Mary, but for "ALL" of you. All you have to do is call and I will gladly and humbly listen quietly to each of your young hearts as well, praying and asking God to bring you relief to lift you up and put joy and peace and comfort back into your souls. May God lead and guide and protect the Clay family, always.

Marion Brown
("a lifetime friend of Mary's")

Marion Brown - December 05, 2019 at 01:01 AM

DS

“ Dorothy Fleming Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay



Dorothy Fleming Scott - December 04, 2019 at 10:23 PM

VF

“ Monica,
I am sorry for the loss of your brothers. Thank God for the time he gave them to us.
Take comfort knowing that they accepted Christ in their life. Their spirits (the vital essence of a human being) is with God.

I know you have heard this before but "[t]heir memories light the corner of our mind" "So it the laughter we should remember whenever you remember the way they were".

Vernell and Carolyn Fleming

Vernell Fleming - December 04, 2019 at 09:46 PM

CC

“ I'm lost for words! I'm missing my brother!! I love ❤️ you in life and beyond! U will be missed Tony! The last time I seem you in Houston I knew I wouldn't see you on this God's earth again! Rest now Tony, until we meet again ! U will b missed Tony! U were always the life of the party. The fashion statement, wherever u went ! Your love for people and their love for you! And the love for your beautiful cars! You were that man. We were like twins, because we were so close in age , which made us closer ! I'm missing u already Tony! Love ❤️ you brother forever! Until we meet again! Your sister Chriscella

Chriscella Clay - December 04, 2019 at 08:54 PM

AW

“ Anthony And Susan Woods-Bridges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay



Anthony and Susan Woods-Bridges - December 04, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *Betty Prater lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Betty Prater - December 04, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *Maxine Railey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Maxine Railey - December 04, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.*



December 04, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.*



December 04, 2019 at 02:18 PM

CC

“ *Chriscella Clay lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Chriscella Clay - December 04, 2019 at 01:55 PM

PW

“ *PATRICE WASHINGTON-BATES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



PATRICE WASHINGTON-BATES - December 04, 2019 at 01:49 PM

MC

“ *We love you, but God loves you best. Your signature laugh and effervescent personality will be missed. Sleep on brother and take your rest.*

With love, your sister, Monica Clay-Morris and Family.

Monica Jean Clay - December 04, 2019 at 11:35 AM

MC

“ *Monica Jean Clay lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay*



Monica Jean Clay - December 04, 2019 at 11:32 AM

WH

“ West Gate Funeral Home and staff extends our deepest sympathy to your family. Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort and strength. We are praying that the many memories that you have shared with "Tony" bring you joy at this difficult time. We will continue to lift you up I prayer.

West Gate Funeral Home - December 04, 2019 at 10:20 AM

WH

“ West Gate Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Mr. Riley Lee Clay



West Gate Funeral Home - December 04, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.



December 02, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.



December 02, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.*



December 02, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Riley Lee Clay.*



December 02, 2019 at 04:30 PM