



## Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay Jr.

September 12, 1950 - November 9, 2025

Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay, Jr., sometimes known as George Jones, was born September 12, 1950, in Graham, Texas to Charlie and Bernice Clay. He passed away peacefully on November 9, 2025, at the age of 75, surrounded by his family. He has two sisters, Barbara Melvin and husband, Kenneth, and Denice Cadena and husband, Hector. He married the love of his life, Janis Tarpley, on July 4, 1969. They celebrated every day of their life together for 56 years. They were blessed with two children, Charles Edwards Clay, III (Lil Ed) and wife, Kery and Monica Marie Howard and husband, Robert.

Eddie was devoted to his wife, family, church, Knights of Columbus and Jacksboro Volunteer Fire Department. If you knew Eddie, he was who he was, no hiding it.

Eddie was loved by many, including his brother-in-law, Randy Tarpley and Brenda. He was the best PaPa C to his grandchildren, Sage Clay and Paisley, Tyler Mustin and Josie, Dustin Howard and Savanna, Brandon Theesfeld, Brooklyn Theesfeld and Matt, and Kinley Howard, and his great-grandchildren, Tatum Mustin and Oliver Howard. He was also Uncle Eddie to Melissa Reeves and Mark, Pam Broten and Scott, Kenna Wittkowski and Paul, Clay Halliburton and Kimberly, Clay Tarpley and Kristin, Justin Tarpley and Robin. And Great Uncle Eddie to Jessica Krutson and Andrew, Turner Young, Eric Broten, Jeffrey Broten and Brooke, Kenneth Wittkoski, Scout

Tarpley, Jentry Tarpley. Great-Great Uncle to Rome Crittenden, Nova Knutson, Tyson Broten, Cash Broten, Weston Young and Oliver Broten, Rowen Tarpley and John Tarpley.

Eddie is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Bernice Clay and in-laws, John and Dorotha Tarpley.

Eddie's services will be at St. Rita Catholic Church, Ranger, TX, officiated by Father Josheph Pudota, Rosary will be on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 1:30 PM, and Mass will be at 3:00 PM. A Celebration and Visitation will be held at 5:00 PM following the Mass at The Lumber Yard located at 313 W. Main St., Eastland, Texas. All are invited to attend any or all of the celebrations. Arrangements are under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home – Eastland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Freedom Thru Faith Foundation – <http://Freedomthrufaith.org> , Jacksboro Volunteer Fire Department – [www.jacksborofire.com](http://www.jacksborofire.com) , Eastland Volunteer Fire Department – [www.eastlandfire.com](http://www.eastlandfire.com) , St. Barbara Knights of Columbus C/O St. Rita's Parish, 1109 Blackwell Rd., Ranger, TX 76470, or your favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

NOV **14**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Rita Catholic Church  
1109 Blackwell Road  
Ranger, TX 76470

## Mass

NOV **14**. 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Rita Catholic Church  
1109 Blackwell Road  
Ranger, TX 76470

# Tribute Wall

SN

“ *Janice, I was so sorry to hear about Eddie!. We all shared some great memories. I am just learning about his passing and so sorry I didn't know so I could attend the services.*

*I hope you are well and I miss you!!*

*Sharyon Amburn Nash*

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**Sharyon Nash** - November 19, 2025 at 02:01 PM

AC

“ *Alan & Debbie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Alan & Debbie Coleman** - November 18, 2025 at 10:34 PM

LM

“ *Linda Massengale lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Linda Massengale** - November 18, 2025 at 07:24 PM

BP

“ *Billt & Janice Pursley lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Billt & Janice Pursley** - November 18, 2025 at 03:54 PM

TP

“ *Tracie Pippin lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Tracie Pippin** - November 18, 2025 at 03:34 PM

JR

“ *Thinking of you, Jan and all your family. Eddie never met a stranger and always enjoyed life. Prayers for strength, comfort and peace. Love and hugs to you all!*



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**Janice McAnear Robinson** - November 17, 2025 at 10:03 PM

PH

“ *Paula Harley lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Paula Harley** - November 16, 2025 at 01:41 PM

LD

“ *Linda Duggan lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



Linda Duggan - November 16, 2025 at 12:57 AM

JM

“ *John & Debbie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



John & Debbie Mitchell - November 15, 2025 at 04:04 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Dunham lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



Pauline Dunham - November 15, 2025 at 12:19 PM

MM

“ *Marianne Myers lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



Marianne Myers - November 14, 2025 at 07:47 PM

TW

“ Thomas Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.



Thomas Wyatt - November 13, 2025 at 07:55 AM

GF

“ George Fulbright lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.



George Fulbright - November 13, 2025 at 05:38 AM

HC

“ Heather Carter lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.



Heather Carter - November 13, 2025 at 05:30 AM

CP

“ Will miss you cuz! RIP 🙏❤️



Cathy Poynor - November 13, 2025 at 01:21 AM

KL

“ Kathy Lowrance lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.



Kathy Lowrance - November 12, 2025 at 11:26 PM

CM

“ Carol Miller lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.



Carol Miller - November 12, 2025 at 07:15 PM

JR

“ JaneAnn Rhoten lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.



JaneAnn Rhoten - November 12, 2025 at 05:19 PM

JG

“ Joe and Debra Gastring planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr..

Joe and Debra Gastring - November 12, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr..*



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November 12, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ *Dale & Carol Leach lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Dale & Carol Leach** - November 12, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Judy A. McRoberts lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Judy A. McRoberts** - November 12, 2025 at 01:34 PM

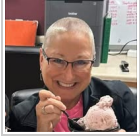


“ *Brenda Fuller lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Brenda Fuller** - November 12, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Juli Brooks lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Juli Brooks** - November 12, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Brother Eddie. You were truly one of a kind and we will all miss you! May the Peace of the Lord be always with your family.*



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**JIM WHITSITT** - November 12, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ *Flo Light lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Flo Light** - November 12, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ *Perry & Terry Geer lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Perry & Terry Geer** - November 12, 2025 at 08:24 AM

MW

“ *Melanie Wigington lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



**Melanie Wigington** - November 12, 2025 at 08:12 AM

TS

“ *Tony Sims lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



**Tony Sims** - November 12, 2025 at 02:10 AM

BF

“ *Bruce & Theeresa Hesteande Family lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



**Bruce & Theeresa Hesteande Family** - November 11, 2025 at 11:59 PM

LM

“ *Leo & Carla Marley lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



**Leo & Carla Marley** - November 11, 2025 at 11:17 PM

LW

“ *Lesa A Warren lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



Lesa A Warren - November 11, 2025 at 09:09 PM

RH

“ *Rod & Kathy Hammond lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



Rod & Kathy Hammond - November 11, 2025 at 07:53 PM

RC

“ *Rick & Mitzi Campsey lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



Rick & Mitzi Campsey - November 11, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DB

“ *Doyle & Cindy Browning lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



Doyle & Cindy Browning - November 11, 2025 at 06:50 PM

MM

“ *Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward (Eddie) Clay jr.*



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**Melba Mower** - November 11, 2025 at 06:49 PM