



## Charlie Clay

September 6, 1930 - May 6, 2013

Charles Edward Clay was born on September 6, 1930 to Joseph Birch and Clara Lavencia (Welch) Clay in Jacksboro, Texas, the youngest of 11 children. He passed away at his home surrounded by family on Monday May 6, 2013. He was 82 years old.

Charlie married Bernice Smith on July 2, 1949 in Decatur, Texas. He was owner and operator of Clay Enterprises which over the years included Gibson's, Clay's Quick Way, C&D Maintenance and Charlie's Mowing. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and active in the Jacksboro Fire Department. Charlie loved being Santa Claus for the fire department for 46 years. But most of all Charlie was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Bill, Jack, Joe, Melvin and Henry; and his sisters Fannie Mae, Jewell and Ida.

Among the many who will miss Charlie dearly include his wife of 63 plus years, Bernice Clay of Jacksboro, son Eddie Clay and wife Jan of Eastland, Texas; daughter Barbara Melvin and husband Kenneth of O'Fallon, Illinois and daughter Denice Clay of Austin, Texas; sisters Inal Orene Spencer and Clara Marie Matlock both of Jacksboro; 6 grandchildren Melissa Shook Melvin Young, Charles Edward Clay III, Monica Clay Howard, Pamela Melvin Broten,

Kenna Melvin Wittkowski and Joseph Clay Halliburton; great-grandchildren Jessica Young, Eric Broten, Dustin Howard, Tyler Mustin, Brandon Theesfeld, Jeffrey Broten, Turner Young, Brooklyn Theesfeld, Sage Edward Clay, Kinley Howard and Kaelynn Halliburton; and many other extended family members and friends.

Charlie's wife and family would like to extend a special thanks to all the doctors, nurses and friends for your care, thoughts and prayers.

If so desired memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Jacksboro, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Winn Hill Cemetery

8800 Burwick Road  
Jacksboro, TX 76458

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAY 9. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home  
152 State Hwy 148  
Jacksboro, TX 76458  
(940) 567-3778  
info@cokerfuneral.com

## Visitation

MAY 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home  
152 State Hwy 148  
Jacksboro, TX 76458  
(940) 567-3778  
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## Mass

MAY 10. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Christian Missions Church  
2381 Hwy 380 W  
Jacksboro, TX 76458

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charlie Clay*

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October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Charlie Clay*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM

“ OUR DAD ----Charlie Clay

*As I was thinking about Dad, I wondered to myself.... what one word could be used to describe Charlie Clay..... There are several... actually way to many. Everyone has their own, BUT my word is unique.*

*After talking with Eddie and Denice and the rest of the grandchildren I thought I would try to do a little reminiscing... many of you will know EXACTLY what I am talking about and those of you who do not...well you really missed something.*

*Let's start with some of Dads favorite lines:*

*Are you from Dallas?*

*Howdy Neighbor*

*Let's just buy this damn place....sorry mom*

*How many annuals are you?*

*How's your wife and kids? No matter how old you were....*

*There are six of us boys and we each had five sisters apiece...the looks and oh really...were way to many to count*

*He has made many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and even some of the great grandchildren literally cry when he would ask them if they had ancestors or relatives.....told them I HEARD YOU'VE BEEN slumbering in the bed....and peering out the window. 99 percent of the time the response was NO I don't and run to their parents....daddy would just haha....*

*Daddy had a way of making each and every one he knew feel special... I am going to ask each of you in this room right now to raise your hand if he ever made you a Big Shot. Boy that was special.....The two of you would be doing something and he would say..."That's because you and I are Big Shots"....made you feel like NO body else ever was told that....*

*He taught the kids to drive way before they were 16. There was a couple of times daddy and his driver were stopped by police in Jacksboro. Then it would become their little secret...*

*Daddy, loved to ask the kids, some related and some not to suck his big toe. This tradition lasted many years until one of them bit it and that game was over.*

*His grandchildren especially loved playing rodeo...He would start with....Coming out of shoot number 5..from Marble Falls, Texas....riding Midnight.. its...Joe Joe the Dog face boy...He walks....He talks....he crawls on his belly like a reptile....Remember????*

*He entertained many of his grandchildren with Thomas the cat.....and he entertained many people with his own version of Spanish that only his family seemed to understand.....*

*He never met a stranger, and there was no question or request that was off limits to daddy. We were often astonished, as was he, at the answers he would get. We can hear him now, slapping his leg and laughing at the many private things people would tell him.*

*There was never a day went by that our dad did not tell Mom how pretty she is and how much he loves her. I can guarantee you....Although there were many things we might have questioned...that was definitely not one of them.*

*Daddy Loved to dance, he loved country music and he loved his family and friends.*

*Momma, Eddie, Denice, myself and the rest of his family want to Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and many gifts of caring....and now, as Daddy would say.....I'm going to bed and let these nice people go home.*

*We Love you Daddy.*

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**Barbara Melvin** - May 11, 2013 at 01:27 PM

WM

“ Wanda Faye Cook McClung lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay



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**Wanda Faye Cook McClung** - May 10, 2013 at 12:07 PM

NY

“ *Neta Jo Curtner Yates lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Neta Jo Curtner Yates** - May 10, 2013 at 11:25 AM

RC

“ *Robert & Ellen Crombied lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Robert & Ellen Crombied** - May 10, 2013 at 09:45 AM

LG

“ *Love always, Jack & Jayne, their kids and grandkids purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Charlie Clay.*



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**Love always, Jack & Jayne, their kids and grandkids** - May 09, 2013 at 09:36 PM

GS

“ *Charlie I will miss your humor and your stories.*

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**Georgia Shook** - May 09, 2013 at 07:07 PM

GW

“ Garry & Lisa Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charlie Clay.



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**Garry & Lisa Williams** - May 09, 2013 at 03:23 PM

MG

“ MaryJo Galloway purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charlie Clay.



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**MaryJo Galloway** - May 09, 2013 at 01:07 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Charlie Clay.



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May 09, 2013 at 10:39 AM

MM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family for the loss of a great Jacksborian.  
Mike and Karen Mask



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**Mike and Karen Mask** - May 09, 2013 at 09:53 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Garner lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Kathy Garner** - May 09, 2013 at 09:35 AM

LB

“ *Bernice, Barbara, and all-*

*You are in my heart and prayers during this time of sadness. The reunions won't be the same without Charlie.*

*Love,  
Lori Buzzo*



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**Lori Buzzo** - May 09, 2013 at 08:41 AM

CP

“ *Cathy Poynor lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Cathy Poynor** - May 08, 2013 at 11:19 PM

PS

“ *Patsy Skinner lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



**patsy skinner** - May 08, 2013 at 08:12 PM

WW

“ *Woman to Woman purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Charlie Clay.*



**Woman to Woman** - May 08, 2013 at 03:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charlie Clay.*



May 08, 2013 at 01:04 PM

JS

“ *Julie Fenter Springer lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



**Julie Fenter Springer** - May 08, 2013 at 09:11 AM

JS

*Jacksboro wouldn't have been the same without Charlie Clay when I was growing up there.*

**Julie Fenter Springer** - May 08, 2013 at 09:12 AM

BJ

“ *Beverly & Bob Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



**Beverly & Bob Johnson** - May 08, 2013 at 08:12 AM

BJ

*We are thinking of you.  
Beverly & Bob Johnson Palestine, TX*

**Beverly & Bob Johnson** - May 08, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BH

“ *We all have such great memories of Charlie. Thank you for sharing his life with us. He will be missed by all that knew him.*

*Billy Hale and Family*

**Billy Hale** - May 08, 2013 at 08:03 AM

KS

“ *Kelley Stampke lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



**Kelley Stampke** - May 07, 2013 at 10:21 PM

PF

“ Pat And Phyllis Foreman lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay



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**Pat and Phyllis Foreman** - May 07, 2013 at 07:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



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**Coker Funeral Home** - May 07, 2013 at 05:10 PM

LC

“ Thinking of your family and remembering the fond memories when Melissa, Maria, and I would come from school.

*Linda Dailey Curtis*

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**Linda Curtis** - May 07, 2013 at 05:07 PM

LS

“ Bernice and family, I was so sorry to hear of Charlie's death. I know you will greatly miss this pillar of the family. May God's peace and strength be yours.

*Larry Shields*

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**Larry Shields** - May 07, 2013 at 01:59 PM

CW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Clay family.

*Jody and Cathy Wood and Family*

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**Cathy Wood** - May 07, 2013 at 11:40 AM

EG

“ *Eddie & Shirley Grantham lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Eddie & Shirley Grantham** - May 07, 2013 at 11:40 AM

MP

“ *Morris And Christine Pruit lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Morris and Christine Pruit** - May 07, 2013 at 09:35 AM

JR

“ *Jack, Rhonda , Colton, Aaron Redding lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Jack, Rhonda , Colton, Aaron Redding** - May 07, 2013 at 08:52 AM

MO

“ *Mitchel & Lana Osteen lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Mitchel & Lana Osteen** - May 07, 2013 at 08:43 AM

CT

“ *Cozy Turner lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Cozy Turner** - May 07, 2013 at 07:59 AM

AO

“ *Annette Owen lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Annette Owen** - May 07, 2013 at 12:20 AM

MM

“ *Marianne Myers lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Marianne Myers** - May 06, 2013 at 10:37 PM

JK

“ *Jim & Gayla Kinder lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



Jim & Gayla Kinder - May 06, 2013 at 10:11 PM

JF

“ *Judy Foglia lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



Judy Foglia - May 06, 2013 at 09:34 PM

JT

“ *Jorge+Lisa Toledo-Ocampo lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



Jorge+Lisa Toledo-Ocampo - May 06, 2013 at 09:11 PM

LC

“ *Larry & Rita Culwell lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



Larry & Rita Culwell - May 06, 2013 at 09:01 PM

JM

“ *Judy & Bill McRoberts lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**Judy & Bill McRoberts** - May 06, 2013 at 06:06 PM

GC

“ *GRACE RISLEY HALL CLAY lit a candle in memory of Charlie Clay*



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**GRACE RISLEY HALL CLAY** - May 06, 2013 at 02:51 PM

ST

*Mr. Clay was a wonderful person and so easy to take care of and just feel comfortable being around him. He will be missed by all that knew him. My prayers will always be with the family.*

*Shirley in dialysis.*

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**Shirley Thompson** - May 08, 2013 at 11:24 AM