



Delores E. Clay

April 5, 1938 - August 12, 2024

On Monday, August 12, 2024, at 9:36 am, the soul of Delores E. Clay joined her heavenly father.

Delores was born to the late Theodore, Sr. and Geneva Cothran on April 5, 1938. Delores was the youngest of seven children. Delores received the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Kinloch, Missouri. She received her Last Rites at Christian Northeast Hospital in Florissant, Missouri.

Delores received her elementary education at Holy Angels Catholic School, and she graduated Laboure' High School in 1956. She then received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Fontbonne University. Delores dedicated 38 years of her life to teaching elementary school and special education (Holy Ghost, Berkley MO & Holy Angels, Kinloch MO), touching countless lives with her passion and commitment to education.

Delores was united in Holy Matrimony with Alan B. Clay Sr on February 15, 1958. To this union three sons Alan Clay Jr, Kenneth Clay, and Lawrence Clay were born.

Delores was a fourth-degree member of the Knights and Ladies of Saint Peter Claver. She served on many parish, school, and community organizations. Delores was an avid world traveler, having explored the wonders of Egypt, Israel, and Italy and had the honor of meeting Pope John Paul II.

Delores was a loving, caring, and self-less individual, known for her patience and fun-loving spirit. She had a deep passion for teaching children and

cherished meeting new people. Always willing to lend a helping hand, Delores also had a great love for arts and crafts, which she shared with everyone around her. With a bright mind, she enjoyed solving sudokus, cryptograms, and crossword puzzles, always eager to challenge herself.

Delores leaves behind her beloved husband, Alan Clay Sr., and her cherished sons, Alan (Shanel) Clay Jr., Kenneth Clay, Lawrence (Vanecia) Clay. She was a proud grandmother to Avianne Clay, Corey Clay, Chelsea (Jennifer) Devonshire-Clay, Alan Clay III, Kenneth Clay, Tristen Clay, Lawrence Clay, Sydney Clay, and Indigo Griffith and a doting great-grandmother to Jace Cruise and Alaïa Liggans. Delores was also a loving sister, aunt, sister-in-law, cousin, and friend, whose warmth and kindness touched the lives of many.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

St. Louis, MO 63133

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Norbert Catholic Church
16475 New Halls Ferry
Florissant, MO 63031

Funeral Mass

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Norbert Catholic Church
16475 New Halls Ferry
Florissant, MO 63031

Graveside Service

AUG 19. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Liggans Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Delores E. Clay.*



The Liggans Family - August 18, 2024 at 04:12 PM

FD

“ *Floretta Smith-Mitchell & Marion Dortch purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Delores E. Clay.*



Floretta Smith-Mitchell & Marion Dortch - August 18, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delores E. Clay.*



August 17, 2024 at 06:48 PM

TF

“ *The Cook Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Delores E. Clay.*



The Cook Family - August 17, 2024 at 02:59 PM

CG

“ *Cedric Glasper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores E. Clay.*

Cedric Glasper - August 17, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CG

“ *Cedric Glasper purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Delores E. Clay.*



Cedric Glasper - August 17, 2024 at 02:40 PM

WC

“ *Windy & Morgan Fisher and Earl Cross purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Delores E. Clay.*



Windy & Morgan Fisher and Earl Cross - August 17, 2024 at 11:52 AM

SL

“ *Delores was first my coworker, then she became my good friend. I loved our relationship. She loved the Lord and now she can rejoice because she is with her heavenly Father and resting in His arms. Thank you God.*

Sharon Lockett - August 17, 2024 at 10:29 AM

JC

“ Mrs. Clay was my 3rd grade teacher and in biased opinion she was simply the best. I know heaven has truly gained an angel. To her family you are in my prayers during this time!



Jason Keith Coleman - August 17, 2024 at 09:48 AM

VG

“ Mrs. Clay was my third grade teacher. Because of her, I say a prayer each time I hear the sirens of emergency vehicles. Sending love and prayers.



Venita Govan, PhD

Venita Govan - August 17, 2024 at 01:27 AM



“ Kenneth McGhee lit a candle in memory of Delores E. Clay



Kenneth McGhee - August 16, 2024 at 06:19 PM

LL

“ Lashawn L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores E. Clay.

Lashawn L. - August 16, 2024 at 02:12 PM

LB

“ Mrs. Clay was a wonderful, beautiful, and sweet lady. That I was glad to know as a friend of our family and grandmother to my neice. I remember all the get together and special occasion dinners at her house and all the times she came and visited our house. I know she is experiencing the best days in eternity now, glorifying and rejoicing in the Presence of God.

Laurie Banks - August 15, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Delores E. Clay.



August 15, 2024 at 12:07 PM

SM

“ Clay Family we are thinking of you, you are in our Prayers. So sorry for your loss. Momma D you will be missed, I loved the time we spent together at DG.
Serena and Ethel

serena mckissick - August 14, 2024 at 11:04 PM

TR

Sending heartfelt condolences to Alan and the entire Clay family from your cousin's Al, Tracie, Kevin and family in California.

Born a generation ahead of me, Delores was a classy lady! My mom Barbara (Tiny) and I enjoyed many years of visits to St Louis where we were treated like royalty in her home. Our stay always included shopping at Talbots and Lord and Taylor's, while the guys went fishing! As we spent countless hours trying on clothes, I can still hear Delores saying "that's sharp"! Delores is a cousin that was truly loved and will surely be missed.

*Rest Easy in Paradise 🙏.
Love ~ Tracie Rosser~Green*

Tracie Rosser-Green - August 20, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Delores E. Clay.*



August 14, 2024 at 06:38 PM

YN

“ *Your Nieces and Nephews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores E. Clay.*

Your Nieces and Nephews - August 14, 2024 at 06:38 PM

MM

“ *Mike, Sis, Joey & Marty Miller purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Delores E. Clay.*



Mike, Sis, Joey & Marty Miller - August 14, 2024 at 06:10 PM