



Charles Franklin Clanton

July 8, 1945 - October 25, 2016

Charles Franklin Clanton, 71, of Bryan, formerly Caldwell, TX, passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. Our family and Dairy Queen lost a loyal man (and customer).

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 27, from 6 to 8 pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral

Home. Funeral services will be Friday, October 28, at 10 am also at Phillips and Luckey Funeral

Home in Caldwell. Dr. Gordon Fort and Dr. Alfred McKinney will preside over services. Burial

will follow at Hix Cemetery.

Our family (and Dairy Queen) lost a loyal customer on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. Charles Franklin Clanton died as a result of generally refusing to follow doctor's orders and drinking in life experiences to the fullest for seven decades. He thoroughly enjoyed reading and cinema (especially Western genres), various sports and golf, guns, cars, cards, and witty banter about current events and politics until the end.

He was a self-appointed linguist who knew something about almost everything and was quick to remind you of this fact. He loved the Aggies, Texans, Astros, and previously the Oilers. Known also as son, brother, husband, father, grandpa, and uncle, he was a solid friend and confidant to many. He relished the opportunity to support his children and grandchildren as they pursued their

athletic, extra-curricular, and academic interests.

He was born a southpaw in Temple, Texas in 1945 and lived in Clute, Lake Jackson, Houston, Caldwell, and Bryan, Texas at different points during his life. He was the only child of Ernest and Lorene Clanton, though he had two half-siblings from his mother's previous marriage. He grew up in church with his family and accepted Christ at a young age. As a young man, he earned the name, All State, based on his wide range of skills at a number of different sports including football, basketball, baseball, and boxing. He also enjoyed drawing, reading, driving sporty cars and trucks, company of good friends, hunting, fishing, and was an outdoor enthusiast. Following high school, he worked in the magnesium cells at Dow Chemical and soon after began pursuing drafting classes at the University of Houston. Later he began a long career with GTE as a cable splicer despite being color blind. He eventually advanced to engineer with GTE and later retired from Verizon. He was an avid supporter of civic causes such as the United Way and encouraged his children to follow suit in similar endeavors.

He married in 1965 and had his two oldest daughters with his high school sweetheart. He later remarried to his last love in 1987 (just shy of 30 years ago) adding his two youngest daughters to complete his family. He amassed a menagerie of loyal friends from childhood lasting throughout his life that most would only hope to acquire.

He cheated on his diet, but never on people. He loved southern fried chicken, hot water cornbread, and Blue Bell ice cream. He occasionally colored outside the lines in order to do the right thing, and in this way, became more like himself every day. He believed in doing something, even if it ended up being wrong in order to make a difference and avoid ambiguity. He hated oatmeal and indifference, not necessarily in that order. No one ever accused him of lacking an opinion, and if he shared it with you it was because he trusted you to argue with him if it was important enough to you.

He appreciated quiet dedication and called attention to those acts he witnessed. He was thankful for the willing and frequent sacrifices afforded him

by his grandparents, parents, siblings, other family members and friends in his life. He was quick to offer help to others in need and most often did so without drawing attention to himself.

He survived metastatic melanoma for four years during which he received a kidney donation from his son-in-law. Ultimately he succumbed to the disease in combination with other health complications too surmountable for his reserve. He remained a quick wit and a gentleman to the end and knew precisely when to make his exit from this life and move on to meet his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Carla Ellis Clanton, of twenty-nine years; daughters-Angela Clanton Rash and husband Jason Rash, Audra Clanton Tackitt, Deana Clanton Jaster and husband Brandon Jaster, and Laura Jo Clanton; one brother, Preston Rae; eight grandchildren-Leslie Beran Orr and husband Taylor Orr, Austin Tackitt, Jordan Rash Bytnar and husband Josh Bytnar, Hope Tackitt, Kendal Rash, Trey Cline, Michaela Jaster, and Abby Cline; one great grandson-Roland Charles Bytnar. He is also survived by the mother of his two oldest children, Carol Pursley Hegwer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Franklin Clanton and Lorene Price Clanton; and one sister, Jo Helen Fike.

Cemetery Details

Hix

10822 FM 2000
Caldwell, TX

Previous Events

Public Visitation

OCT **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
404 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836
(979) 567-3232
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<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Chapel Service

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Franklin Clanton*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 26, 2016 at 03:15 PM

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“ *Renee Harrington lit a candle in memory of Charles Franklin Clanton*



Renee Harrington - October 28, 2016 at 08:31 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Housman lit a candle in memory of Charles Franklin Clanton*



Kathy Housman - October 27, 2016 at 05:01 PM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 27, 2016 at 04:10 PM



“ Dear Carla, I just read about Charles. My prayers are with you and your family. Loving care, Mary Dudek.

Mary Dudek - October 27, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 27, 2016 at 10:41 AM



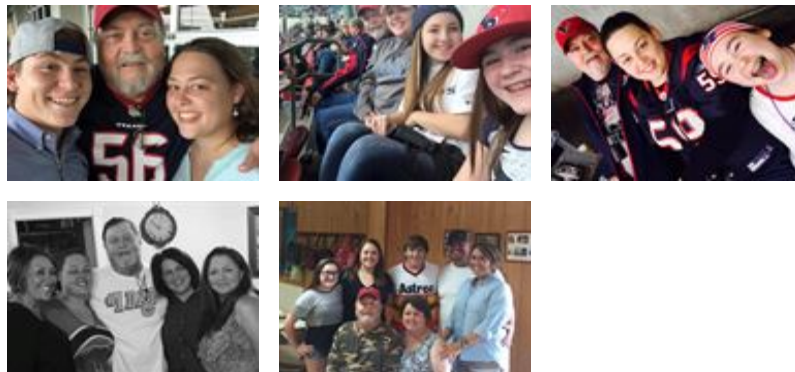
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Franklin Clanton.



October 27, 2016 at 10:10 AM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 26, 2016 at 02:59 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. Charles was such a wonderful, caring, loving man. We are so grateful to have known him.

Prayers and Love to you,

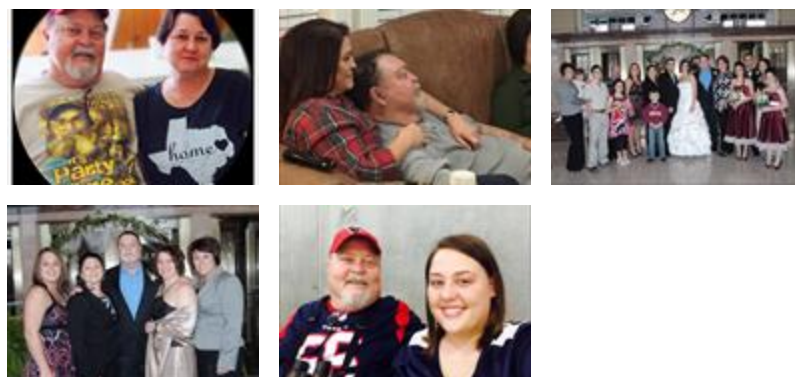
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Brandon, Brandye, Brinley and Branson

brandye wright - October 26, 2016 at 11:41 AM

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Angela "Angie Clanton" Rash - October 25, 2016 at 09:06 PM

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Angela "Angie Clanton" Rash - October 25, 2016 at 08:50 PM