



Joe Clay

November 9, 1947 - March 26, 2017

On November 9, 1947, Joe Clay was born in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma and raised by his grandparents, Rose and Veto Delmedico. He attended grade school through high school and graduating with the class of 1966. After graduation Joe attended Sheet Metal School and received his Journeyman License in 1972. He and his two uncles started Eastern Sheet Metal and Joe was part owner until 1987. He then worked and retired from Georgia Pacific after 23 years of service due to an illness (Dementia). While working at Georgia Pacific, he came up with several inventions that were incorporated into the Muskogee plant and other Georgia Pacific plants. Those who knew and worked with Joe quickly learned that God had blessed him with the talent of working with his hands.

Joe met his wife, Debbie, on a blind date and they shared 46 years of marriage. Their family consists of two daughters and one son, Tena and Glen Bennett, Jodi and Shane Pratt, and J.J. and Catherine Clay; their children and grandchildren, Grant Bennett, Oliver, Lynnne and Jennings Pratt, and Diesel Clay. Joe's family will remember him as an extremely patient, kind, caring and loving father and he greatly enjoyed his grandchildren.

Joe accepted Christ many years ago as a teenager. After Joe and Debbie married, he joined her at her church, Boston Avenue Baptist for the next 40 years and Timothy Baptist Church for the last 6 years of his life.

As my children and I experienced Joe's last days, we felt the calmness that only God can provide knowing that Joe was soon to close his eyes for the last

time and immediately see his Savior. There is truly no greater peace and comfort that a family can feel than the peace of Christ and knowing one day the family would again be together.

In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association at: http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp in Joe's Memory.

A private family service has been planned in honor of Joe's life.

Tribute Wall



“ Joe Clay

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Fuzzy's Taco Shop purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe Clay.



Fuzzy's Taco Shop - March 31, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ Our love and condolences to J.J, and his family - God's comfort to you all.



Marilyn and Earnie - March 31, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ My heart goes out to Joe's family in this time of sadness and sorrow. Joe was just like a brother to me during high school. We spent many hours in the hay fields during high school as well as on the football field in Fort Gibson and at Connors State. My heart is very heavy and tears have filled my eyes upon hearing of Joe's passing. The great memories of our time together will always be in my heart. I will see you once again and we can have great conversations and laughs again my brother I love you.

Dick Renfro - March 30, 2017 at 05:32 PM

MB

“ Our family has known Joe since he was a teenager. Mickey worked with him and has great memories of their time together. We offer your family our heartfelt sympathy because we know you lost a wonderful man.

Mickey and Eunice Brown - March 29, 2017 at 11:29 PM

MB

“ Mickey And Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Joe Clay



Mickey and Eunice Brown - March 29, 2017 at 11:24 PM

CC

“ Carol Clutter lit a candle in memory of Joe Clay



Carol Clutter - March 28, 2017 at 09:25 PM

GP

“ Gene And Christy Polston lit a candle in memory of Joe Clay



Gene and Christy Polston - March 28, 2017 at 01:13 PM