



Jack Harward Clay, Jr.

November 15, 1957 - February 15, 2023

Jack Harward Clay Jr passed away Wednesday February 15th after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He grew up all over the country as well as Germany due to his father's military service. The family settled in Albany GA in the summer of 1972. Jack graduated from Westover Highschool in 1975, where he played and lettered in football and was on the track team. He attended Albany Junior College, and transitioned to the University of Georgia where he received a BA in History and Political Science in June of 1980. While attending school he was a member of the Bulldog Battalion where he earned a ROTC scholarship, was a distinguished military graduate, and received his commission as a regular U.S. Army Officer. As an active duty Infantry Officer he served in various units and positions from Platoon Leader to Company Commander, and Battalion and Brigade Staff. He later joined the Georgia Army National Guard serving as an Active Guard Reservist, and deployed as part of the NATO Peace Keeping Mission in Bosnia. He retired from the Guard at the rank of Major in 2003. He then attended Albany State University receiving a Masters degree in Education. Afterwards he worked for the Dougherty County School System (DCSS) teaching all aspects of High School Social Sciences. During his career with DCSS he taught at Dougherty High, Monroe High, South Georgia Regional Achievement Center, and Westover High. After retiring from teaching and still wanting to serve, he attended Darton Nursing School and became a Registered Nurse. He was employed by Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

He served in the CCU and Behavioral Health until he could no longer due to his illness.

Jack was involved in many community organizations including the executive board of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. dinner, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Temple B'nai Israel Where he served as President of the brotherhood and taught confirmation classes.

He was preceded in death by, his parents, Jack Harward Clay Sr. and Della Elizabeth Stanfill Clay.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Lizanne Wigzell Clay, daughter, Kelly Clay of Albany. Son, Noah Clay (Abbyanne) of Puyallup Washington, Sisters, Glenda (Ben) Green of Stone Mountain Georgia, Diane Melvin of Covington Georgia, Cindy Clay of Douglas Georgia, and Gloria (Cliff) Fussell of Douglas Georgia, two aunts, Tommie Indence of Thomasville Georgia, and Gail Stanfill of Albany Georgia, a nonbiological son Jacardus Parker of Alpharetta Georgia, and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

There will be a visitation at Kimbrell Stern Funeral Home on Sunday February 19th from 5:30pm to 7pm. Funeral services will be at 11am Monday February 20th at Kimbrell Stern. Internment to follow at Riverside Cemetery Albany Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Temple B'nai Israel P.O. Box 71425 Albany Georgia 31708

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Jack as Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator. I send my prayers and condolences to the family and friends.

Debra Johnson - February 24, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Harward Clay, Jr..



February 20, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Harward Clay, Jr..



February 19, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ We are sending our love and prayers to the family!
Marvin & Valerie Gibson

Valerie McKendrick Gibson - February 18, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Lizanne and family: I am so so sad to learn of the news of Jack Clay. From all I have ever heard or known, he was a fine, fine man, and I know your world has been rocked, for sure. Prayers for you, sweet lady, and know that Jack is free from pain and suffering and is with our Heavenly Father.*

Patsy Martin - February 18, 2023 at 01:28 PM

LC

*My Prayers are with you for your loss as Jasck was a wonderful person
Lucille Bishop Crouch*

Lucille Ctouch - February 26, 2023 at 01:00 PM

SH

“ *"May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity. Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of The Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises, and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen".... Jack was my true friend. I will miss him. We went many places together and saw many things. We were like two characters from a Kipling story, finding laughter and peril on every page. I will miss my friend....*

Steve Haynes - February 17, 2023 at 06:56 PM

DH

“ *Much love to Lizanne, Kelly, Noah, Jack's sisters, aunts and extended family and friends. Peace.*


Debbie Hambley - February 17, 2023 at 11:23 AM

 Buck
Bennett

“ *Jack, hand salute. Warrior rest in peace.*

Buck Bennett - February 17, 2023 at 08:36 AM

GS

“ All God's blessings to Captain Jack and his family. Great American.


Gary Smith - February 16, 2023 at 09:20 PM

RB

“ Ricky & Mary Bradford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Harward Clay, Jr..



Ricky & Mary Bradford - February 16, 2023 at 08:13 PM

RB

“ My goodness, I am so sorry to hear of our loss of Jack. Jack and I first met during the 48th Bde mobilization for Desert Shield/Storm. We hit it off immediately. Jack had a way to lift one's spirit from the lowest of lows. Then we demobilized and Jack went back to Albany and me at the time to Dublin. We kinda lost contact over the next few years until Facebook allowed us to reconnect. God knows I have prayed hard for Jack and his family every day since he got sick. God's will is often hard for us to swallow much less understand, but we can always rest assured He is with us always and will provide strength and comfort. I'm heartbroken and will miss Jack until we meet again. May he rest in peace, and Lizanne and family be comforted.



Ricky Bradford

Ricky Bradford - February 16, 2023 at 08:04 PM