



James "Jimmy" Lee Clayton

August 6, 1944 - October 12, 2025

Funeral services for James "Jimmy" Lee Clayton, age 81 of Mineola, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale, Texas with Pastor Ken Whitten and Pastor Bill Clayton officiating. Interment will follow at Sand Flat Cemetery in Lindale.

Jimmy passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2025, in Tyler, Texas. He was born August 6, 1944, in Atlanta, Texas to the late Malcolm Franklin and Essie Earline (Cross) Clayton. Jimmy has lived in Mineola for the past 14 years where he was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church and was previously a longtime resident of Atlanta. He served his country in the United States Air Force and was retired having worked at Welch's Propane in Atlanta and with Texas Utilities in Mt. Pleasant. Jimmy enjoyed watching baseball, particularly the Texas Rangers, playing dominoes, working puzzles, and spending time with his beloved family. He was preceded in death by his brother, Malcolm Franklin Clayton Jr.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Dorothy Clayton and family of Center, Texas; daughter, Denise Whitten and husband, David of Mineola, Texas; son, Danny Clayton and wife, Tena of Greenwood, Louisiana; brother, Bill Clayton of Laneville, Texas; sister, Lajuan Tubbs of Rockwall, Texas; grandchildren, Danielle Landry and husband, Joe of Spring, Texas and Jacob Clayton and wife, Sarah of Sandwich, New Hampshire; great grandchildren, Meredith and Henry Landry; and numerous other loving family members and friends.

Pallbearers include Keith Clayton, Todd Clayton, Kyle Clayton, C.J. Clayton, David Whitten, and Kevin Clayton; honorary pallbearers are Noah Heitbrink and Mitchell Clayton.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 20, 2025, at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of East Texas.

Cemetery Details

Sand Flat Cemetery

793 County Road 313 West
Tyler, TX 75706

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
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Lindale, TX 75771
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Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jimmy" Lee Clayton*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - October 19, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - October 19, 2025 at 04:52 PM

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“ *Iron Circle family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of James "Jimmy" Lee Clayton.*



Iron Circle family - October 16, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Lee Clayton.*



October 16, 2025 at 05:39 AM



“ *CPSO C-Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jimmy" Lee Clayton.*

CPSO C-Team - October 16, 2025 at 05:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Lee Clayton.*



October 15, 2025 at 02:50 AM



“ *Danny Cross & Gretchen Riggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jimmy" Lee Clayton.*

Danny Cross & Gretchen Riggs - October 15, 2025 at 02:50 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of Jimmy. We have a lot of memories of him.*

Janice Brockett - October 12, 2025 at 10:56 PM

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“ *Shirley Murphree lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clayton*



Shirley Murphree - October 12, 2025 at 09:20 PM