



Clayton Colyer

February 14, 1942 - October 4, 2015

Clayton Carl Colyer

Murrells Inlet

Clayton "Clay" Carl Colyer, age 73, died on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at his residence.

Born in Leon, Iowa, Clay was a son of the late Marjorie Pauline Turpen. He retired from the US Navy after 30 years of service as a Master Chief. He was a strong family man, proud of his military career and enjoyed playing golf.

Survivors include his wife Noriko Colyer of Murrells Inlet; a son William Carl Colyer and his wife Laura Helfert Colyer of Simpsonville, SC; daughters Toshi Dyer and her husband Anthony of Attleboro, MA, Susan Mariko Pattie and her husband Bill of Warren, RI; grandchildren Joshua, Lauren, Ainsley, Ethan; brothers John E. Colyer, Paul R. Colyer and William D. Colyer.

A Memorial Service will take place 11:00 am, Friday, October 9, 2015 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Celebration Center

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *A wonderful neighbor - will be missed
Larry Bechler and Sally Reynolds*

Larry Bechler - October 09, 2015 at 07:39 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Clayton Colyer.*



October 08, 2015 at 02:18 PM

BC

“ *Brian Peters And Jana Crews purchased the Sim
ply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of
Clayton Colyer.*



Brian Peters And Jana Crews - October 08, 2015 at 10:30 AM

ZW

“ *Zeny Wilson lit a candle in memory of Clayton
Colyer*



Zeny Wilson - October 07, 2015 at 08:51 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album Navy Days



Don Shrader - October 07, 2015 at 08:23 PM

DW

“ Our deepest sympathies to Toshi and her family. Love, Diane and Steve.

Diane Wilder - October 07, 2015 at 10:18 AM

D(

“ It was my honor and privilege to have served with Clay in the United States Navy. He was a loyal Shipmate, consummate professional and a Sailor extraordinaire. He will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew him. The world will be a little less cheerful without Clays presence and it's light will burn less brightly. My deepest condolences are sent out to Clay's wife Noriko, his family, friends and other Shipmates. May the coming days be easy for you all.
David "Mac" McAllister
LT United States Navy (ret)

David "Mac" McAllister LT USN (ret) - October 07, 2015 at 08:54 AM

CB

“ Remember those Colyer boys, from the Davis City days. We're losing those Davis City River Rats, all too soon. I'm sure Tom & Ron were there to greet you & had a fishin pole ready. RIP my friend.

Connie Benedict - October 07, 2015 at 05:46 AM

LT

“ Rest in peace Shipmate, we have the watch.

Lee Thayer - October 07, 2015 at 02:26 AM

RF

“ Clay was a good shipmate and will be missed. Fair Winds and following Seas shipmate
Ron Fulkerson and Mieko Miller Sasebo Japan

Ron Fulkerson - October 07, 2015 at 02:15 AM

LC

“ Goodbye, Shipmate. You were one of the best.
Les Campbell

LESLEY B. CAMPBELL - October 07, 2015 at 12:08 AM

 Paul
Maynard

“ It is with great sadness to hear of Clays passing. I knew him when he was in Yokosuka and when he was the store manager for DECA in Sasebo. His presence will truly be missed.

Paul G. Maynard SKCM, SW, USN

Paul Maynard - October 06, 2015 at 11:41 PM

BB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Clay while we were stationed in Yokosuka Japan. He was a good man and was very well known and respected. It was great to see him at our yearly reunion in Branson last year. Rest In Peace Master Chief. Condolences to his wife and family

Bill Bentley - October 06, 2015 at 10:33 PM

DA

RIP shipmate, see ya on the other side,,Don Aiton SCPO Ret

Don Aiton - October 07, 2015 at 08:06 AM

EW

To Noriko and Family: we were so sorry to hear of Clay's passing. He was not just a good golfer, but a good man, and a good friend. He will be missed. We wish there was something we could say or do to ease your pain, but that is up to God and time. Stay strong, and may God bless you all. Ed and Debbie Wilkin

Edward Wilkin - October 07, 2015 at 11:49 AM

CD

“*Fair winds and following seas, Shipmate.*”

CPO(Ret) Garland Davis - October 06, 2015 at 09:42 PM

PC

“ Four of us known in Davis City and all over Decatur County simply as 'The Colyer Boys'. When my Mother was asked who her favorite son was she would say, "Ed is my favorite No. 1, Clayton is my favorite No. 2, Paul is my favorite No. 3 and Bill is my favorite No. 4 son. Brother Clay was my favorite 2nd Oldest Brother. He was patient with me and my drinking buddy. He was the best poker player and golfer I ever knew. He was very competitive in sports.

Like Brothers Ed and Bill, I also have many stories I could share about Brother Clayton. He taught me how to fish, hunt, swim, ice skate and play baseball. After I wrecked Ed and Clay's first car, a 1956 Buick hardtop, he came back to Lamoni and immediately gave me the keys to their 1955 Buick hardtop (for a date I had made without having 'wheels'). He had that kind of faith and trust in me and respect for me.

My heart, my thoughts and my prayers go out Clayon's wife Noriko, his children, William, Toshi, and Susan and their families.

May God bless my entire family.

Rest now in peace Brother Clay, you were loved, you are loved.

God has taken another 'River Rat' home.

Paul Colyer - October 06, 2015 at 07:17 PM

EB

“ Ed, Paul & Bill purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Clayton Colyer.



Ed, Paul & Bill - October 06, 2015 at 04:01 PM

BC

“ As one of the " Little Boys" & the "Baby Brother" I cherish many memories of Clay. Especially him pushing me down a big hill to learn how to ride a bike, being thrown into the river to learn how to swim, and just tagging along with the rest of the Davis City River Rats. There were many more escapdes our late Mother was better off not knowing. You were a wonderful son, father, grandfather, shipmate and big brother that will be missed.

Bill Colyer - October 06, 2015 at 03:53 PM



“ Clayton is my cousin but I never got to know him as he was much older than me, but I know his brother Ed. And I know how much his family loves him and will miss him dearly. My sympathies to you all.

Kathy Gorden McElroy - October 06, 2015 at 02:52 PM

EC

“ He was my next younger brother. What more can I say? Dare I tell you about coming home one night to find a 15 pound channel cat fish in the bathroom tub? Or the time he and I fought over our ONLY pair of overshoes in the dead of winter so he could go duck hunting? Or the time we were walking to school in the middle of a VERY cold winter and having his tears freeze to his cheeks? I could keep you very busy reading his very interesting childhood experiences when we were so young as we were raised in the southern Iowa town of Davis City. Clay was the real deal. I will miss him very much. See you brother.

Ed Colyer - October 06, 2015 at 02:47 PM