



# Mark Wayne Clay

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### **M**ark Clay Obituary

A graveside ceremony to honor and celebrate the life of Mark Wayne Clay is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 16, 2022, at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery, Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma. Military honors will be provided by the United States Army funeral honors team. Mark passed from this life on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 in Barnsdall, Oklahoma. He was 66 years old. On August 20, 1956, Mark Wayne Clay was the second of a set of twin boys, with the other being Michael, born to Charles Monroe and Elizabeth Ann (Roy) Clay. Mark would spend some of his formative years in Tulsa, but also moved to various other places due his father's career in the United States Air Force. Mark would attend high school at Center High School in Kansas City, Missouri and would then further his education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Enid, Oklahoma. Following his time in college, Mark enlisted in the United States Army, where he attended Command & General Staff College and Navy War College. He spent over 26 years serving his country with much time spent in North Carolina, as well as overseas with assignments in Panama, Germany, Italy, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries. Mark retired in 2006 having attained the rank of Colonel. Mark married Nurian Caballero on June 18, 1996. Mark was certainly loving and took great care of his family which would grow to include his children: Katheryn, Michael, Juan Sebastian, and Maria Teresa, as well as his grandchildren Madison and Daniel Blackmore. Mark's passions were his family and his dachshunds (wiener dogs), traveling, enjoying a good chow at a nice restaurant with a bottle of red cabernet wine, cooking, shooting guns, farming, making jokes, and talking to people. He was often found either watching the food network and working on his next great recipe or talking to strangers at Tractor Supply or a home improvement store. He was truly a man who cared about people around him. Mark was a hard-working, detail-oriented, strong-willed, and very



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determined man - as nothing could stop him from accomplishing his goals. Mark passed from this life on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at the age of 66 in his home in Barnsdall, Oklahoma. Mark leaves to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy the following surviving family: his wife, Nurian Clay; his children: Katheryn Clay, Michael Clay, Juan Sebastian Clay and Maria Teresa Clay; his grandchildren: Madison and Daniel Blackmore; his twin: Michael; and his brothers: Newt and Dwight. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may also be." – John 14:2-3

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## Tribute Wall

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RH

**Ralph Hill** posted:

My name is Ralph Hill. If this is the Mark Clay that was in the 193 Infantry Brigade G-3 in Panama I served and was friends with him and his family. I would love to hear from someone. I have been trying to locate him for some time. The Mark I knew was married to Kim and had a daughter called Katie and a son called Boomer. Either way I am sorry for the families loss.

March 1 at 6:02 AM

JR

**Joy Gieringer Weekly And Rick** posted:

Dear Clay Family, Our sincere condolences being sent at this year memorial anniversary. I was searching to contact fellow graduates from Center High School 1974 ,50 th anniversary of our Fall'73 start of the Senior Year. I have always chaired the Reunions held every 5 years. I've had locations and addresses, worldwide locator numbers, Hg Centag finally believed and hoped after retirement we would be able to reunite. On occasion, I was blessed by talking to him over the years. We lived in the same neighborhood but in school we didn't have classes together. I always am the one who searches for our grads and keep their locations private. That is a priority over the years. Grads have to mutually want to provide their personal information. John Parmelee was always an alliance. Michael, I know your mutual service to our country is also to be given gratitude. Our family is deep in military service. Rick's dad retired after medical issues in reserves after being AF B17 pilot. Our son is currently serving, AF IP nearing Lt Col at 17. All the places sounds like the Dr Seuss book. No way could either of you dreamed in '74 of your futures. We just lost another hero , Johnny Butler died 9-13-23. His last battle with cancer lasted 6 1/2 years. God flew him into Heaven. With your permission may I share with our classmates of Mark's passing. Please contact me, ovrjoyd76@gmail.com Joy Gieringer Weekly We are planning Center'74 Reunion activities that I'd like to share. Praying for your family with knowledge Mark's verse in John gives me comfort we will be reunited. Joy and Rick Weekly '74 classmates.

September 16 at 7:43 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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