



Thomas Jefferson Clayton

November 5, 1934 - May 10, 2018

Thomas Jefferson Clayton, 83, of Pfafftown, passed away Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice in Winston-Salem, NC.

Born November 5, 1934 in Forsyth County, he was the son of the late Jefferson Edward Clayton and Margaret Page Clayton.

Tom was a graduate of Rural Hall High School and served as a tank crewman in the United States Marines during the Korean Conflict in Japan.

He was self-employed, operating the Blue Bird Motel until he retired. He was a long-time member of The Lion's Club, and was a member of Rural Hall Church of Christ.

He was a great friend to all and had a wonderful sense of humor, bringing smiles to all he encountered.

Survivors include his daughter, Kim Clayton Lance and husband Kenneth Lance of Salisbury, NC, daughter, Tracey Clayton of King, NC and grandsons, Zachary Lance of Spencer, NC, and Ian Lance of Mars Hill, NC.

He also has one surviving brother, Richard Clayton and wife Jeanne.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Charlie Clayton and his sister, Betty Whicker.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Salisbury 223 N. Fulton Street Salisbury, NC, 28144 at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Lance will be officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Salisbury, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Clayton family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Kim, Kenneth, and Family:*

We offer our prayers to you all during this difficult moment in time. Know that we give thanks for your Father (and Grandfather), and will continue to lift you up to The Lord, going forward. When Tom learned that Mr. Clayton was a Marine, he stated, "SEMPER FI" (Always Faithful), and was blessed to have known about a fellow Marine.

*Blessings Always!
Tom, Gail, and Nathan Ford
Mary Helen McCoy*

Helen Gail M. Ford - May 12, 2018 at 09:28 AM

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“ *Betty Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Jefferson Clayton*



Betty Honeycutt - May 12, 2018 at 07:34 AM

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“ *Dear Kim, Kenneth and family,
I was so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. I know he is now well,
but we grieve for our own loss. You all are in my thoughts and
prayers. My our Lord give you the peace, comfort and strength you
need for the difficult days ahead.*

*Love to all,
Ann Heard*

Ann Heard - May 11, 2018 at 01:13 PM

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“ *Mr Clayton was one of my most special patients. He always made us smile each time he came in to the office. When asked how he was doing, he would always answer "Vertical and verbal!" He was a precious man and I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him.*

Ashley Martin

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Ashley Martin - May 11, 2018 at 07:05 AM