



## Charles A. Clay

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Charles A. Clay was born on October 6, 1956, in San Antonio, Texas, to J.C. and Ruby Clay. He passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025, at the age of 69.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Kathleen Clay; his daughter, Shellie Clay; his son, Tyler Clay; his brothers, Jesse Clay and wife Margaret, and John Clay and wife Cindy; his cherished grandson, Trey Cameron; and numerous nieces and nephews who adored him.

Known to most as Charlie, he was a man whose strength, kindness, and unwavering love left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. His warm smile, contagious laughter, and easygoing charm could light up any room. A devoted husband, father, brother, and friend, Charlie always put others before himself and faced life with a quiet determination and a generous heart.

Charlie was the proud owner of an AAMCO Transmission franchise in San Antonio, where he dedicated his career to serving his community. He had a lifelong passion for working on vehicles, building race cars, and sharing that love with those around him. When he wasn't under the hood of a car, you could find him outdoors—hunting, fishing, hiking, or simply enjoying the beauty of nature.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at Grand Brook Memory Care of New Braunfels, especially Nichole Finto;

Woodcrest Home for Senior Citizens, especially Velma, Olga, Lindsey, Apple, and Helen; and Aasta Hospice, especially Raul, Latoya, and Edna, for their exceptional care, kindness, and support.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Dellcrest Funeral Home. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Charlie's honor to Alzheimer's research at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). To share memories or express condolences, please sign the guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home  
2023 S. W.W. White Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78222

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles A. Clay*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - November 04, 2025 at 03:03 PM

MI

*Beautiful made showing his life and loves. 68 years of life lived to the fullest. A life cut to short with so much he was wanted to do and see. The strong love for his family was unwavering. The friendship we were so fortunate to have experienced with him and his beautiful family. Kathie our hearts are broken at what should of been, your unmeasureable loss of love ,and companionship our love and hugs to the Clay family. Jim and Michelle From Canada 🇨🇦 ❤️*

Michelle - November 16, 2025 at 08:00 AM

LF

“ *Love, Your LoanPeople Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles A. Clay.*



Love, Your LoanPeople Family - November 07, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charles A. Clay.



November 07, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *Tony and Lorrie Capps purchased the Large Basket Garden* for the family of Charles A. Clay.



**Tony and Lorrie Capps** - November 07, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Charles A. Clay.



November 06, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Charles A. Clay.



November 05, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles A. Clay.*



November 05, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Charles A. Clay.*



November 04, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Sarah Y. Herrada purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Charles A. Clay.*



**Sarah Y. Herrada** - November 02, 2025 at 06:30 PM



“ *When our kids were in school times were tough for me. One Thanksgiving our pipes burst at the corner of our house. Charlie came and Doug put a hole replaced the pipe - no charge or anything- another time our car got stranded and he came and helped us get home. Ishaq and the whole family best of friends- we will miss you! Last time we “danced” at Ishaq’s wedding-*

**Pamela Navarro (back then Zakvi)** - October 30, 2025 at 05:43 PM

TB

“ *The Braun Boys. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charles A. Clay.*



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**The Braun Boys.** - October 29, 2025 at 09:00 PM

VO

“ *Sep 2020 move in day. Boxes, movers, in the middle of the chaos, here comes Charlie introducing himself and his wife Kathy and informing us that they have 3 dogs. With his big smile he temporarily took the stress away. And that's how it has always been with Charlie. Not a day went by without at least a wave or friendly hello. Especially when Charlie and Ingrid started talking about Racecars, Alamo Drag Strip or shared German history it always ended with a huge hug.*

*Charlie and Kathy became more than just neighbors, they became family.*

*We will miss you Charlie*

*Victor & Ingrid*

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**Victor & Ingrid Ortiz** - October 29, 2025 at 07:43 PM

DV

“ *So hard to believe that Charlie is gone, the best times we had with Charlie were at San Antonio Raceway, such a great guy and a little bit of a prankster! We will remember you always! Our deepest condolences go out to his wife Kathy and his children and grandchildren, you are all in our prayers 🙏💕🙏*  
*From Dan and Becky Verrips*

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**Dan and Becky Verrips** - October 29, 2025 at 06:30 PM

JV

“ One of our fondest memories of this great Man was during the construction of our new home here in the neighborhood. Charlie had walked over to meet us and strike up a conversation. We knew we lucked out with such engaging and kind neighbors. We ended up having a few drinks inside our home which was still under construction and Charlie was the first one to spill a drink in the kitchen! We laughed about that memory for so long and never stopped making new ones! He will be so dearly missed. We love you and the family so much! We will see you down the line my good friend. Thank you for being you Charlie...

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**Joey Villanueva** - October 29, 2025 at 01:58 PM

SP

*Kathy*

*Charlie was a great person, and we are so blessed to know both of you. The Peirces.*

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**Steve Peirce** - November 09, 2025 at 11:31 AM