



## Smokey Clayton

July 20, 1945 - March 7, 2021

M. Smokey Clayton, 75, of Monrovia, an American muscle car MOPAR loving Chrysler-Dodge enthusiast and fanatic, was called to the end of his race, while working on his racecar, on Sunday afternoon, March 7, 2021, due to sudden heart failure while doing exactly what he loved in the comfort of his own shop and surroundings. Born in Indianapolis, on July 20, 1945, he was raised by the late Roy and Ruby (Zaring) Clayton.

A reputedly skilled and self-taught mechanic, Smokey Clayton was a friend to many and a pillar within the community. He was a 1963 Alumni of Monrovia High School and dedicated 31 years of service to the Monroe – Gregg School Districts servicing the Bus Garage. In addition to being self-employed at Clayton Services, he previously owned a Marathon fuel station and was a mechanic at International Harvester. Smokey was drafted overseas in 1965, where he was inducted into the U.S. Army and bravely served his country in the Vietnam War.

An obstinate and competitive character, Smokey was more than stubborn and a man of his word. Known to keep a vision; he was, efficient, particular and everything he did was completed with a purpose. His passion for motors and muscle cars was pursued with a successful mechanical career and he mastered his trade. Whether there were problems with the motor, transmissions, or chips; Smokey Clayton was the man for the job. With a work

hard and play harder mindset, he was known to splurge on his toys; valuing his possessions and certain to see they were kept in immaculate condition. His laugh that was contagious and he was generous, loving, and loyal to all that were in his circle. Breaking three world records in drag racing, he followed the power tour and frequently participated at Freedom and Brown County tracks. Possessing a need for speed, he was always up for road trips and could drive for thousands of miles.

Earning his best good living by doing what he loved while eating Chevy's and shitting Fords, Smokey was a die-hard MOPAR-Dodge man. Life without cars and racing was no life at all and his purpose was to either be driving or fixing them. Smokey poured his love and labor into everything he did. His family was most important, and he loved to be surrounded in their company. He shared many local lifelong friendships and had friends at Dale Hollow Lake where he and Lynn made the trip most every weekend to enjoy their 45 ft. Sea Ray that was kept in a covered slip at Sulphur Creek Resort.

Preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Ruby Clayton; his biological father, Gordon Blue; sister, Jackie Hatton; mother-in-law, Aletha "Skeeter" Ecoff.

Survivors include his loving wife, Lynn Clayton; to whom he was united in marriage on January 27, 1983. Children, Brian Clayton (companion, Danielle Terry) of Monrovia and Jennifer Martin (husband, Alex) of New Palestine; step-kids, Darryl Clements (wife, Danene), Tammy Denny (husband, Todd) both of Monrovia and Kim Obermeyer (husband, Terry) of Bristow, Virginia; grandkids, Grayden, Alyssa, Dalton, Dayton (wife, Tyley), Dalen, Austin, Jared, Erika, Brycen, and Bradyn; siblings, Mary Curtis (husband, Bill), Tammy McKenzie (husband, Terry), Mike Blue (wife, Linda), Jan Magness (husband, Winston) and Linda Covington; father-in-law, Tom Ecoff of Greenwood, brother-in-law, Mike Williams (wife, Debbie) of Monrovia; along with several nieces and nephews that he loved dearly, and friends like family

from the lake and at home.

Per Smokey's wishes, there will be no public viewing or wake prior to cremation. Services were entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, and his ashes will be inurned at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. Friends and family are invited to comfortably dress in jeans and stand outside for Military Honors and a brief Graveside Service that Pastor Jack Elliott will begin officiating at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, March 14, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. A Celebration of Life Informal Gathering will immediately follow at Ted Everett's Auction Barn located on State road 39. Any food pitch-in and drink donations may be coordinated with Danielle Terry; to whom will also receive your donated items at the auction barn on Sunday from noon -2:00pm. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence, order an arrangement or pick out a sympathy gift to be delivered directly to a family member visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Memorial Service with Military Honors

MAR 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall  
5409 W. Hurt Road  
Monrovia, IN 46157

## Gathering of Friends and Family - Dinner

MAR 14. 4:00 PM (ET)

Ted Everett's Farm Equipment - Auction  
11998 IN-39  
MONROVIA , IN 46157

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I got to know Smokey in 1975 when he lived in Pleasant View next door to the Hardins. He was a great guy and befriended me, an 18 year old kid. At the time he had a Plum Crazy '70 Hemi Cuda, immaculate! Sold & installed a 6-Pack set up on my '67 Cornett R/T, worked perfectly, he knew his stuff! Was a great guy, and I'm sorry to learn of his passing. My condolences to his family and friends.

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**Joe Schlenz** - November 08, 2023 at 01:22 AM

DR

“ Deb Rightmyer lit a candle in memory of Smokey Clayton



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**Deb Rightmyer** - March 14, 2021 at 12:20 PM

DR

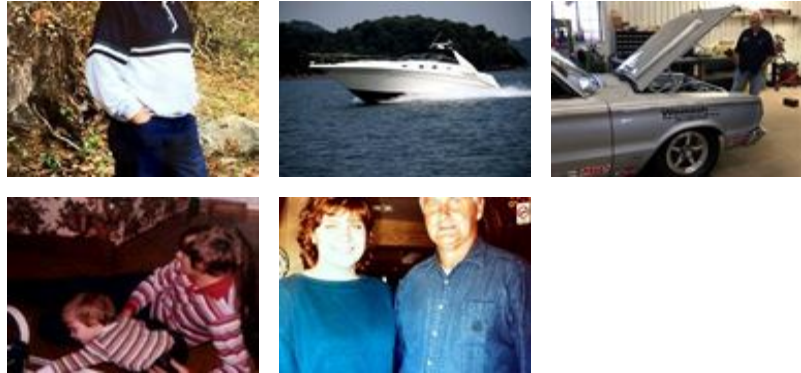
*My prayers are with you Lyn and your family.*

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**Deb Rightmyer** - March 14, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ 167 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel** - March 13, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Smokey Clayton*.



March 12, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Lynn, so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed talking to you guys and laughing at the lake. Thoughts and prayers are with your family. Doug and Linda Edwards (Last Resort)*

**Doug and Linda Edwards** - March 12, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Smokey Clayton.*



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March 12, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *Jerry and Marietta Wolfe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Smokey Clayton.*



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**Jerry and Marietta Wolfe** - March 12, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Carol and Melissa and Moe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Smokey Clayton.*



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**Carol and Melissa and Moe** - March 11, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *We cherished the times when Smokey & Lynn came and hung out with us at Dale Hollow because we knew Smokey didn't hang out with just anybody!❤️ We will never forget the time that Smokey let Chris drive the boat and hearing Smokey call Chris a dumbass!! He will forever have a special place in our hearts.*

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**Barb Reiken** - March 11, 2021 at 12:05 PM

CS

*One heck of a great racer and a great guy. thanks smokey for all you did for us*

**Chris and Becky sanders** - March 12, 2021 at 03:04 AM

MM

“ *Smokey was a one of a kind. I had many good times with Smokey. He will greatly be missed. Mike Marsh*

**Mike Marsh** - March 11, 2021 at 06:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Smokey Clayton.*



March 11, 2021 at 06:05 AM

SW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Lynn and family. You are in our prayers Love Jeff and Sue Wise*



**Sue wise** - March 11, 2021 at 05:57 AM

CG

“ *My mother would tell the time she was in front of the old grocery store & here came Smokey driving through town in reverse. She would say "that boy could drive!". Know Smokey will be missed. God's love for healing during this time.*

**Carol York Grubbs** - March 10, 2021 at 11:42 PM

MW

“ *Smokey and I shared the same first name and friendship many years, will miss that.* 👍

Maurice Wells - March 10, 2021 at 09:06 PM

LJ

“ *Laura Johnson lit a candle in memory of Smokey Clayton*



Laura Johnson - March 10, 2021 at 08:12 PM

MM

“ *Prayers for the family. RIP Smokey* 🇺🇸 🙏 🙏  
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Mac McCloud - March 10, 2021 at 05:16 PM

CS

“ *Chris, Angie, Brooke Nichols and Alex Smith purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Smokey Clayton.*



Chris, Angie, Brooke Nichols and Alex Smith - March 10, 2021 at 03:31 PM

NG

“ Nancy Greeson lit a candle in memory of Smokey Clayton



Nancy Greeson - March 10, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Smokey Clayton.



March 10, 2021 at 01:13 PM

TH

“ Tracie Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Smokey Clayton



Tracie Hubbard - March 10, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Smokey Clayton.



March 10, 2021 at 11:35 AM

BH

“ *Brenda Holcomb-Morgan lit a candle in memory of Smokey Clayton*



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**Brenda Holcomb-Morgan** - March 10, 2021 at 10:41 AM

JS

“ *Jeannie McCloud Stephens lit a candle in memory of Smokey Clayton*



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**Jeannie McCloud Stephens** - March 10, 2021 at 09:50 AM

RC

“ *Thinking of you and yours.....*

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**Roxann Carter** - March 10, 2021 at 09:02 AM

SC

“ *S Arleen Blackwell Chitwood lit a candle in memory of Smokey Clayton*



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**S Arleen Blackwell Chitwood** - March 10, 2021 at 08:31 AM

ML

“ *MADONNA L LAMBERT lit a candle in memory of Smokey Clayton*



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March 10, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Smokey Clayton.*



March 10, 2021 at 07:43 AM

CL

“ *Lynn soo sorry for ur loss - Smokey n I graduated together n I'll always remember setting g n Typing Class between him n Larry n if of one of them wasn't messing with my typewriter the other was - not sure how we kept out of trouble - he was a good friend n I kno Larry will miss him coming n to AutoZone - May God give u peace n comfort n this time of sorrow n n the days n weeks to come - God's Blessings Always my dear friend*

Carolyn n Larry - March 10, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ *Much love to all the family. Smokey had one of the best laughs ever... there will never be another one like him. RIP my friend. Xo*



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**Shawntel Light** - March 09, 2021 at 11:46 PM

SL

*Smokey was my neighbour he a great person to be around if you knew him rip lynn I'm so so sorry for your loss your in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Shelly lehr** - March 10, 2021 at 12:27 AM

KW

*We all had a lot of good times together! Smokey was one of a kind! RIP Smokey, we will be thinking of you Lynn, Brian, and Jennifer and families! Prayers*

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**Karen and Mike Wagner** - March 10, 2021 at 09:01 AM

CM

*Lynn, we are so sorry for your loss, Marty and I so enjoyed you and Smokey's company at Dale Hollow. We will forever cherish our lake family.*

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**Cheryl McGinley** - March 12, 2021 at 11:12 PM