



## Richard Lee Clayton

February 23, 1937 - December 14, 2018

Richard Lee Clayton of Rolla, Missouri passed away peacefully on Friday, December 14, 2018 at the age of 81. Richard was born on February 23, 1937 in Rolla, Missouri to the late Henry and Nora (Adams) Clayton.

Richard was united in marriage to the love of his life, Helen "Fredine" (Harris) Clayton on April 20, 1957; this union was blessed with three children.

Richard retired from the C. J. Patterson Company in Rolla, MO after thirty-two years of service. Once he retired he wanted to volunteer as a bus driver for the Rolla Public School District, but volunteering wasn't allowed; he accepted payment for his service, saved up his money and bought a new truck. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and spending the cold Missouri winters in the warm Arizona sun, riding horses, ATV's and motorcycles. He was a St. Louis Cardinal's fan and was never without a pet dog. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of sixty-one years, Fredine Clayton of the home; children, Guy (Rebecca) Clayton of Rolla, MO, Melody Clayton of Boonville, MO and Rebecca (Chance) Shaw of Pollard, AR; grandchildren, Amanda, Holly and Angel.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his sister Mary; brothers, Oscar, Kenneth, Paul, Loel and Bobby.

Funeral Services for Richard Lee Clayton will be held at 1:00PM on Monday, December 17, 2018 at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri. Interment will be held in the Rolla City Cemetery, Rolla, Missouri. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service on Monday, December 17, 2018 from 11:00AM until service time at 1:00PM with a Masonic Service at 10:30AM, also at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri. For online condolences please visit [www.jamesgahrmortuary.com](http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Masonic Service

DEC 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
(573) 458-2262  
jgrolla@hotmail.com  
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## Visitation

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lee Clayton*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Richard Lee Clayton*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Fredine and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. I know Richard will be missed by many. Sending prayers to you and your family.*

**Marsha and Danny Roberts** - December 19, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ *my most cherished memory of Richard was the first time I drove Dave Wenham's extra ATV and Richard followed me to be sure I didn't get into any trouble on the trails. When we finished he said to me "Vicki, you could ride circles around any of the other guys!" Also when he would take Jake on the back of his ATV. I loved Richard and Fred the minute I met them. He will be so missed and always will hold a special place in the hearts of everyone he met. Vicki Vogel (Sandy Wenham's sister), Milton, Wisconsin*

**Vicki Vogel** - December 17, 2018 at 11:03 AM

MP

“ Richard will be missed by many! We first met him & Fred at the OK Corral & rode horses with them before they began bringing the atv's out. Richard, Dave W. & Mike scouted out the ATV trails before taking the rest of us, which was good, because they were all fast & fearless back then! I learned that if Jake didn't go, it wasn't a ride for me! What wonderful times we've all shared over the years! Our condolences to the family!!!

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**Mike & Nancy Peterson** - December 17, 2018 at 02:10 AM



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



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December 17, 2018 at 01:05 AM

JS

“ Everybody loved good-natured Richard. I remember him riding around camp at the OK Corral BACKWARDS on his bicycle. I still have and wear the red trimmed denim jacket he found on the school bus he drove. No one claimed it, he felt sure it would fit me. I think of him every time I wear it. I loved that man, he and Fred were a source of comfort for me during a trying time in my life. Jerilyn Seals

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**Jerilyn Seals** - December 16, 2018 at 01:28 PM

DW

“ We will miss Richard so much, he was a big part of our lives for the past 17 years, leading ATV trails all over the mountains in AZ, fishing in his pond in Rolla, RV,g out in the Black Hills, gambling in Deadwood, RZR,g in the mountains in Colorado, always with his buddy Jake by his side. Richard was always ready for the next big rush. We can see him riding up on a side trail, looking down at us, laughing all the way. Dave and Sandy

Dave Wenham - December 16, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Clayton.



December 15, 2018 at 12:32 PM

RG

“ We had a wonderful friendship with Richard at the OKCorral in sunny Arizona. We loved four wheeling with Richard with him usually leading the pack. He had interesting stories of his rodeo days. A very good friend to many. We miss him already.

Ruth Graham - December 15, 2018 at 11:22 AM