



Wesley Eugene "Gene" Clay

April 30, 1952 - September 9, 2025

Wesley Eugene "Gene" Clay, 73, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at his home in Noxapater, Mississippi, with his loving family by his side. Visitation will be Thursday, September 11 at Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday, September 12 at 1 p.m. in the Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Franklin Smith officiating. Interment will immediately follow the service in Indian Springs Cemetery.

Gene was born April 30, 1952, to James Wesley Clay and Elsie Elizabeth Wood Clay in Winston County, Mississippi. He was a faithful member of Indian Springs Assembly of God Church. A gifted musician, Gene enjoyed playing the guitar and piano and his musical talents were a blessing to many. For years, he faithfully played bass guitar at church ministering to others through his music. He enjoyed listening to music with the Beach Boys being his favorite group. Gene was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed spending time in nature, whether alone in the stillness of the woods or casting a line with loved ones by his side. Above all, Gene dearly loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He was their biggest fan, always in the stands, cheering them on in all their activities. His love for sports, especially basketball, ran deep, and he passed that passion down to his grandchildren.

Gene is survived by his high school sweetheart who has been his loving wife

for 54 years, Sherry Drury Clay, and daughters, Amy (Chet) Wilkes and Kayla (John Damon) Snow all of Noxapater. One of his greatest joys was being “Papaw Gene” to his grandchildren: Madelyn Wilkes, Nona Wilkes, Wes Snow, and Lilah Snow. He is also survived by his sister, Sue Clay Ward (Billy “Rabbit”) as well as his nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends. Gene was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Jimmy Clay; and his sister, Janie Persons.

Serving as pallbearers are Tim Boatner, Michael Bowers, Joe Crawford, Donovan Dempsey, Randy Mays, and Johnny Palmer. Memorials in honor of Gene may be given to Indian Springs Cemetery Fund, 301 Mt. Calvary Road, Louisville, MS 39339.

Services are under the direction of Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.masseyfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

SEP 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville
Louisville, MS 39339

Interment

SEP 12 (CT)

Indian Springs Cemetery
301 Mt. Calvary Church Road
Louisville, MS 39339

Tribute Wall

WB

“ . You will be missed. God bless your family at this time.
County times Bible study
Charles Wayne Barnett

Wayne Barnett - September 11, 2025 at 11:16 AM

SD

“ Shelley and David Duran purchased the Peace,
Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the
family of Wesley Eugene "Gene" Clay.



Shelley and David Duran - September 11, 2025 at 05:43 AM



“ *Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist C*
hoice was purchased for the family of Wesley
Eugene "Gene" Clay.



September 11, 2025 at 02:07 AM

MR

“ *So sorry for this news. God bless all who love him! Feel the pain for*
Sherry at this time. It hurts but God will bring Comfort

mary reed - September 10, 2025 at 09:12 PM

PT

“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for each of you. Renea Kugle
and Pam Thomas

Pam Thomas - September 10, 2025 at 08:46 PM