



Ricky Clayton Sr.

April 8, 1956 - December 10, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Ricky Lee Clayton Sr, 67, of Oxford, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford. The family will receive friends at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford on Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The funeral service celebrating his life will occur on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the chapel of Coleman Funeral Home.

Ricky was welcomed into this world on April 08, 1956, as one of the four children born to the late Norbin Clayton Jr and Tolsie McKinney Clayton.

Ricky was a kind soul who impacted many lives while he walked through the pathway of life. However, the path of life was not always beautiful; he faced many years of addiction and homelessness but overcame those struggles and made it his life's mission to help wayward souls find solid ground and guide them in the correct direction.

Later in life, Ricky decided he needed to reset the course of his life, and he found himself living in the recovery community at Haven House. During his time at Haven House, counselors encouraged him to take college courses at Northwest. Upon completing courses at Northwest, he decided he needed the

credentials to better serve people, so he enrolled in the Social Work program at the University of Mississippi. After many hours of studying, drafting papers, and clinical experience, Ricky, then a sixty-year-old grandfather, obtained his Bachelor of Social Work and walked across the stage at the University on May 14, 2016. As a result, he continued pursuing higher learning to complete the degree requirements to become Ricky Clayton's Master of Social Work. Following the completion of his education, He suffered from a stroke that was set to limit his abilities and alter the course of his life. Despite this significant medical episode, he pressed on and overcame his limitations. The only disability that discouraged him was the ability to play the guitar that he so desperately loved. Ricky used his life experience and credentials as an addiction recovery specialist for Oxford Treatment.

Aside from his working life, he was a loving pappy to his four grandchildren, who enjoyed anything and everything Ole Miss, especially the football games and time spent with his son cheering on the football team. Adding to his hobbies and interests, Ricky loved music and found joy in strumming on his guitar, baiting a hook, and casting a line on a fishing adventure.

Although Ricky has departed from our presence, his treasured memory will hold a special place in the hearts and minds of his loved ones.

He leaves behind a loving family to continue walking down the path of life in his absence, his son, Jesse (Hilary) Clayton of Pontotoc, Mississippi; four grandchildren: Emery Clayton, Finley Clayton, Addison Clayton, and Baylor Clayton; one sister, Lisa (Craig) Hannon of Ecu, Mississippi; host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Rick Clayton; parents, Norbin Clayton Jr and Tolsie McKinney Clayton; one brother, Joey Clayton; and one sister, Deena Reese.

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is honored to serve the family as they walk through this challenging season of life. Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **14.** 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Ricky Clayton Sr.



Coleman Funeral Home - December 14, 2023 at 10:26 AM

CB

This wonderful, beautiful, loving man was/is my favorite person on this planet. I will forever love and miss you. I carry your heart....I carry it in my heart. Until we meet again

Courtney Bramlett - April 27, 2024 at 06:02 AM

SS

“ A great article about Ricky
<https://news.olemiss.edu/ricky-claytons-diploma-hard-earned/>

Stephanie Sweda - December 14, 2023 at 11:43 PM



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Stephanie Sweda - December 14, 2023 at 11:31 PM

CI

“ Cinda lit a candle in memory of Ricky Clayton Sr.



Cinda - December 14, 2023 at 07:03 PM

DM

“ Diana Mobley lit a candle in memory of Ricky Clayton



Diana O'Callaghan Mobley - December 13, 2023 at 06:03 PM

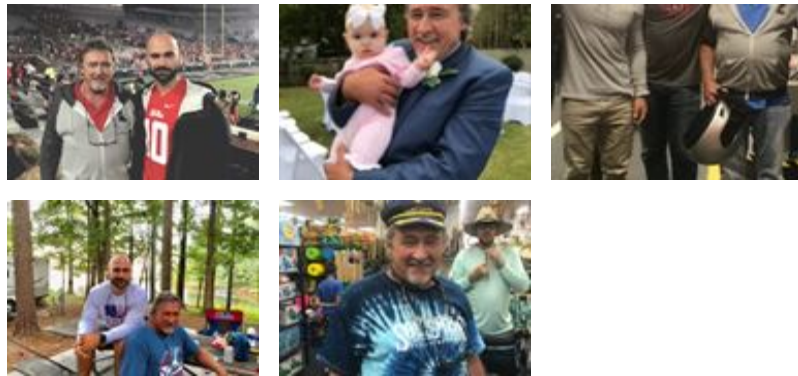
TB

“ Ricky and I were co-workers at Haven House; Ricky was a Gentle Soul !!!!!

Thelma Booker - December 13, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - December 13, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ricky Clayton Sr..*



December 13, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *Ricky helped so many people on their journey in recovery. He always had a smile on his face along with a candy bucket, much appreciated by patients! His calm, gentle and grateful heart shined in everything he did. I am so glad to have been able to work with Ricky. Praying for comfort and strength for his family during this difficult time.*



Joanna Dubois - December 13, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Thanks for being someone we could look up to in times when strength was needed.*

K.H. - December 13, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Rickey was always a loving friend to Perry McCaleb and his boys Josh and Zach McCaleb and will always be remembered as a truly dear friend to Martha McCaleb Gory and Kenneth Gory!! May he rest in peace!!*

Martha McCaleb Gory - December 13, 2023 at 09:12 AM

TR

“ *tammy rowland lit a candle in memory of Ricky Clayton*



tammy rowland - December 12, 2023 at 11:58 PM

DM

“ *Deb Morris lit a candle in memory of Ricky Clayton*



Deb Morris - December 12, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Clayton Sr..*



December 12, 2023 at 10:11 PM