

Clay Young

June 9, 1947 - February 3, 2014

Clay Young, dedicated and beloved father, husband, and friend lost his battle with lung cancer on February 3rd, 2014. He was born on June 9th, 1947 in Roswell, Georgia. Clay Young made his way through life how he wanted to, establishing himself as a world-traveling professional racecar driver, builder, carpenter, businessman, and musician. Determined not to work for “the man,” Clay ran his own racing operations, later becoming the sole proprietor of Wanda’s Auto Towing Service. Clay Young was a two-time IMSA road-race champion, whose name is listed on the wall of fame at Daytona USA. His accomplishments include racing at various venues all over the world, including the Australian Thunderdome, Venezuela, Canada, and all across the continental United States. Clay always strived for perfection, and found success in nearly all of his endeavors. He was a role model to all those around him, including crewmembers, family, and friends, some of whom even considered him liken to a second father. He is preceded in death by: his mother Georgia Emma Angeline Young, father Chester Clay Young, sisters Sarah Kent and Joyce Huggins of Roswell, Ga.; brother Billy Young, and sister Sue Cook of Marietta, Ga. He is survived by: his loving wife, Wanda Ann Young, son Hunter Clay Young of Roswell, Ga.; sons Christopher Ronald and Phillip Lamar Young of Dallas, Ga; grandsons Phillip Lamar Jr., Matthew Gary, and Luke William Young of Dallas, Ga.; grandsons Christopher Clay and Kason Rando Young of Acworth, Ga.; and step-granddaughter Casey Kamm of Dallas, Ga.; brother, Gene Young of Canton; sisters, Maxine Mabry of

Alpharetta, GA. and JoAnn Swetman of Barnesville, GA. and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, February 9th, 2014 at Northside Funeral Home and Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Rd., Roswell, Ga. 30075. Interment will follow at Pleasant Union Baptist Church in Waleska, Ga. In lieu of flowers, Clay requested that donations be made to his son Hunter Young for his college fund. Bank of America ACCT#: 334041987264

Previous Events

Service

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Clay Young*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *We offer our condolences to Wanda and Hunter for the passing of Clay.##imported-begin##Sara Lummus##imported-end##*

February 23, 2014 at 02:17 PM



“ *To Clays family, my heart goes out to you at this time, will be praying for you. My late husband Paul built the engines for the Fiero's that ran the IMSA circuit and I have such great memories of Clay. He gave me a ride in the Fiero at Portland and was just a very sweet person.##imported-begin##Kay Vanderley##imported-end##*

February 21, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ *My condolences to the Family. Sounds like Clay had a full life and lived it well. I look back fondly on our racing days with Dole. My sympathies.##imported-begin##Douglas Grunnet##imported-end##*

February 13, 2014 at 09:13 AM



“ Wanda,

I hope you'll remember me - I used to work for Tommy Riggins and Dingman Brothers Racing. I just found out about Clay's passing and I am so very sorry for your loss. I'm in Atlanta and I would love to hear from you, if you'd like to get in touch. My number is 770-552-6960.

My deepest sympathies to you and the entire family.

Warm regards,

Judy###imported-begin###Judy Townsend###imported-end##

February 12, 2014 at 05:30 PM



“ *It was my privilage to have met him.###imported-begin###Garry Crook###imported-end##*

February 12, 2014 at 04:14 PM



“ *Dear Hunter and Mrs. Young, I am so sorry for your loss and I'm sending my deepest condolences. I remember Mr. Young always being there for us at Harmony events. Praying and remembering all of you with love! Jonathan Tennies###imported-begin###Jonathan Tennies###imported-end##*

February 12, 2014 at 12:09 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. We are sending our love, thoughts and prayers your way!###imported-begin###The Estep Family###imported-end##*

February 12, 2014 at 10:08 AM



“ Dear Hunter and Mrs. Young,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my mom, Penny and I are thinking of you and sending you prayers and healing energy. God bless you both.

Love,

Claire Sellers###imported-begin##*Claire Sellers*###imported-end##

February 10, 2014 at 10:03 AM



“ *i will miss you old man, i am so glad we got hang out at the shop back in the summer....im coming to see ya some day*
Foe Sho !###imported-begin##*Stephen Hyde*###imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 06:16 PM



“ *Wanda and Hunter,*

Thinking of you and your family at this time. May the next weeks and months be filled with warm and tender memories, and the confidence that your love will forever endure.

Peace to you,

Marilyn###imported-begin##*Marilyn McGinnis*###imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 01:56 PM



“ Dear Wanda and Hunter,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I knew your husband and father only through his attendance at Harmony concerts, but he was always such an enthusiastic supporter of you, Hunter, and of Harmony's activities and goals. It was always a pleasure to see him and you all together, and especially in those moments when he was so proud after some special moment in the concert when you had played the piano.

Alex and I both received the notice from Ms. Carr. She may also sign here, but if not, I send her condolences as well. She is in Spain, so sends her best wishes from afar.

May your first days ahead in the absence of Clay be at least slightly more bearable through your memories of him as a very special person.

Best,
Vialla Hartfield-Mendez##imported-begin##Vialla Hartfield-Mendez##imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 01:02 PM



“ My condolences to your family. Mr. Young was such a bright face during my time in HARMONY. He was so helpful and ALWAYS had a smile on his face. He will be missed. What an amazing man!##imported-begin##Addie Hamilton##imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 12:27 PM



“ Wanda and Hunter,
I am so saddened to learn of Clay's death. I remember him as a dedicated father who was a constant presense at Harmony events. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Ann Watson##imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 12:05 PM



“ Clay had many friends at the Senior Center and McDonalds where he shared his views on politics,love for family, and offered tips on auto repair.In addition to family,God,music,he enjoyed peppers and shooting pool with his friends.I was happy to have known him.
Our prayers are with the family at this time.##imported-begin##John and Dianne Huey##imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 11:23 AM



“ Dear Wanda and Hunter, I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort and keep you. Thinking of both of you. Much love,
Elizabeth##imported-begin##Elizabeth Tennies##imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ Dear Wanda and Hunter,
I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Clay, your beloved husband and father. Do know that my prayers and best wishes will forever be with you. Stay strong and remember that you are loved by many.
GJ##imported-begin##Gwendolyn M. Johnson##imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 02:53 AM



“ Dear Wanda and Hunter,

I was very saddened to hear of Clay's passing. He was a wonderful man who was so very supportive of his family and the HARMONY Family. Clay touched the lives of many people with his compassion, concern, humor and kindness. He will be sorely missed.

Please know that your HARMONY family is thinking of you and holding you in our prayers. While I cannot attend the services due to HARMONY'S rehearsal schedule, remember that I will be thinking of you in a very special way. Hunter, your music for the service will be beautiful. Wanda, your speaking about Clay's life at the service will touch many hearts. Take good care of each other and remember how very much you are loved.

Joyce###imported-begin##Joyce Ketchie Carr###imported-end##

February 09, 2014 at 01:18 AM



“ Chris, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Sam & Linda Moore###imported-begin##Sam Moore###imported-end##

February 08, 2014 at 11:04 PM



“ Clay was a very special person in our lives. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Billy and Misty Gardner###imported-end##

February 08, 2014 at 07:28 PM



“ You will be greatly missed. Your Sons, Grandsons and Wife will always have You with them.##imported-begin##Diane Morse##imported-end##

February 08, 2014 at 03:12 PM



“ Clay, I love you and will miss you. I will forever remember you playing with me when I was little. I thought you were the coolest race car driver ever. Also, when I got to be the flower girl in your and Wanda's wedding, yall made me feel so special. You took me to the circus when I was a little girl. All these memories I will never forget. Fly high sweet angel! You. will be dearly missed. Love you Hunter and Wanda. My thoughts and prayers are with you always.##imported-begin##Holly Pinyan Coleman##imported-end##

February 08, 2014 at 01:30 PM



“ Chris, Marsha & family - Marlene and I share your sorrow at the passing of your father Clay. Don't know if its an oval track or road course race this weekend in heaven; whichever the case he'll be rubbing fenders with those who've gone before him. Your entire family are in our prayers and thoughts as you journey this difficult path.##imported-begin##Pepper & Marlene Bowe##imported-end##

February 08, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ Chris, Marsha and Family,
Katie and I extend our most sincere condolences for your loss and will keep you in our prayers during your time of healing. Clay is now behind the wheel of the fastest race car in heaven, grinning from ear to ear with God as his co-pilot!!
Jean-Luc and Katie Liverato

February 08, 2014 at 09:52 AM



“ We will all miss him at the McDonalds. Clay loved to give me a hard time but I knew he did not mean anything by it. When you had him alone so he could not show off he was a great guy and friend-
Thanks Clay
Eddie Wexler

February 08, 2014 at 09:29 AM



“ Wanda, I will miss Clay very much he was a good friend and love to talk to him about his racing career he was very modest about it but a true champion I will miss him around the center BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
Lee Noto

February 07, 2014 at 11:54 PM



“ Wanda I will keep you and Hunter in my thoughts and prayers. He will always be with you.
Kendra Caldwell

February 07, 2014 at 09:00 PM



“ Clay was an inspiration to me. I visited him many times at his old shop on South Cobb Drive and saw the old IMSA Championship Berreta sitting behind the shop in pieces. The stories about that car and Clay were many. The passion he had for racing was evident. I decide I wanted to try so with the help of his son, Chris, we put that car back together and went racing. I could never get the car to go as fast as Clay but I built my own memories in his car. I still have that car today and I cannot look at it without thinking of Clay. He was a great driver, mentor and gentleman. He will be missed by many. I hope he gets the ride of his dreams in heaven.##imported-begin##Tim Barrett##imported-end##

February 07, 2014 at 07:39 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Wanda & Hunter...and the entire family.

*The Mixon Family
Kelly, Heather, & Killian##imported-begin##Heather Pinyan
Mixon##imported-end##*

February 07, 2014 at 06:41 PM



“ I had no idea of all Mr. Young's racing accomplishments! What great memories and what a wonderful life to celebrate.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love,
Suzy Downing##imported-begin##Suzy Downing##imported-end##

February 07, 2014 at 03:29 PM



“ Oh how saddened I am for the loss of My amazing Uncle Clay. The memories are endless and all so very happy. A great Godly man who had the greatest sense of humor, amazing voice and a love of race cars. We miss him dearly now but we rest confident in the promise that we shall someday see him again. Prayers for Wanda, Chris, Philip, Hunter & the four grandsons continue.##imported-begin##Tonie Young ##imported-end##

February 07, 2014 at 01:15 PM



“ I am so sadden by the passing of my uncle Clay. He was such a huge part of my life growing up on Sweetapple road. He had a sweet voice and loved singing. Most of the time he was always humming a song. He will be missed. Prayers to Wanda, Hunter, Phillip, Chris, and all the grandsons...##imported-begin##Sherri and David##imported-end##

February 06, 2014 at 07:44 PM



“ Wanda, Hunter and family. I will always remember the good times I had with Clay and will miss the fun we shared at the Senior Center and car shows. He will remain in my memories. I know your faith in God will help you through these troubled times.##imported-begin##Doug Hattersley##imported-end##

February 06, 2014 at 07:10 PM



“ Wanda and Family - Thinking of all of you and recalling good memories of racing days. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Johnny and Cindy Thomas##imported-begin##Johnny and Cindy Thomas##imported-end##

February 06, 2014 at 06:04 PM



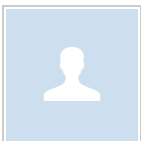
“ Wanda, Hunter and family, May you find peace and comfort during this time. May God bless and keep you in his loving arms. Clay was one person that will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Shirley Cook##imported-end##

February 06, 2014 at 05:58 PM



“ Wanda, Hunter, Chris, and family, our love and prayers are with you. Clay was a fine man and a good friend. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##John and Lacy Lewman##imported-end##

February 06, 2014 at 05:22 PM



“ Wanda , Hunter & Family
We are so sorry for your loss. Clay was a great guy and father. We are going to miss him and his sense of humor at the senior center. I enjoyed all the years we played billiards together. God will take good care of him.
His Friend Ron Drake##imported-begin##Ronald & Carolyn Drake##imported-end##

February 06, 2014 at 02:42 PM