



Mr. Edward Theodore Clayton Jr.

July 21, 1934 - February 26, 2022

Edward Theodore Clayton, Jr., of Magnolia Springs, Alabama passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at his home with family by his side.

Ted was born on July 21, 1934 in Atmore, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Theodore Clayton, Sr., his mother, Lillian Boone Clayton and stepmother, Grace Dorriety Clayton. He was married for 58 years to Charlotte White Clayton from Excel, Alabama. Ted devoted his career to the school bus manufacturing industry. He was National Sales Manager with Bluebird Body Company and retired as Vice President of Sales and Marketing of Thomas Built Buses. Throughout his career, he was active in the National Safety Council and received the organization's Distinguished Service to Safety Award, which is the council's highest honor bestowed on an individual. After his retirement, he was honored to be inducted into the National Association for Pupil Transportation Hall of Fame. He was a member of Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church. In his lifetime, he was active serving in his church ministries and leadership. Ted had a heart for serving others. Before retirement he was on the board with Big Brothers and Big Sisters for United Way. One of his highlights after retirement was serving as a volunteer with the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Ted is survived by his wife, Charlotte White Clayton; his children, Jennifer Clayton Jones (Jeffrey Wynn Jones) of Fairhope, Alabama, Edward Theodore Clayton, III (Taska Gardner Clayton) of Magnolia Springs, Alabama, Ashley Clayton Hertz (Darren Scott Hertz) of Bangkok, Thailand and Robert Daniel

Clayton of Summerdale, Alabama; his sister, Glenda Clayton Lowry of Atmore, Alabama; and eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A worship service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2 at Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church in Fairhope, Alabama. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Atmore, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Kairos Prison Ministry or Kindred Hospice in Daphne, Alabama.

The family would like to thank Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church, Kindred Hospice, family and friends for the outpouring of love and care they have expressed to Mr. Clayton and the family during his time of sickness.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

1201 North Main Street
Atmore, AL 36502

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Charlotte and precious family:
There is no doubt Ted was met with well done my good and Godly
Servant †
I send my deepest sympathy and prayers to surround each of you! I
am blessed to have know your family ❤️ Becky Branch

Becky Branch - March 09, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was
purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Theodore
Clayton Jr..



March 01, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the
family of Mr. Edward Theodore Clayton Jr..



February 28, 2022 at 05:01 PM

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“ I am blessed to have been mentored by Ted. Ted taught me so much about the school bus industry, most importantly about how to treat customers with respect and fairness. But I am most grateful for what he taught me about honesty, integrity and doing things the right way. And his commitment to his faith was such a great witness to all he came into contact with. May God bless Charlotte and his family. And may God be praised for bringing Ted into my life.

Ken Hedgecock

Ken Hedgecock - February 28, 2022 at 03:58 PM

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“ Ted was the consummate business man. When I started selling buses for a Thomas Bus dealer in 1988 Ted took me to lunch and taught me several things about this business that I have never forgotten. He was always so professional. Thank you for everything you did for me Ted to get me started and have a very successful career.

Tom Schaaf

Tom Schaaf - February 28, 2022 at 03:39 PM

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“ Dear Charlotte & Family,
Thinking of all of you & holding you close in prayer at this time especially. We are so very sorry for your loss. We well understand the sorrow of losing a special loved one and the profound sadness and stress you must be feeling. Ted's obituary was beautiful and gives testimony to a wonderful man & a life well lived. He, Carl, and Dad are, no doubt, smiling down from Heaven upon us and showering us with their unending love.

*We love you,
Sindy & Dan*

Sindy Smith - February 28, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.pettyfuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Theodore Clayton Jr..

February 28, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Theodore Clayton Jr..



February 28, 2022 at 07:11 AM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Theodore Clayton Jr..



February 27, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Theodore Clayton Jr..



February 27, 2022 at 06:22 PM