



## Artie Mae Clay

August 7, 1925 - January 13, 2025

Artie Mae Rankin Clay, age 99, of Casa, Arkansas, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2025. Artie was born on August 7, 1925, to Artie Edmond and Emma Alice Moore Rankin in Perryville, Arkansas. After graduating from Perryville High School in 1944, she started her first job as a clerk in the Perry County Draft Office and then in the Perry County Extension Service.

In 1945, Artie met William Earl "Peat" Clay of Adona, Arkansas. Artie and Peat married in 1948 and moved to Manteca, California where she worked at Tracey Army Depot as a supply clerk. While in California, she and Peat had two children, Bill and Jim. In 1954, they returned to Adona, started a farm and had two more children, Peggy and Ronnie. In 1988, after 18 years, Mrs. Clay retired from Perryville Public Schools as Cafeteria Manager.

Artie was a Christian and member of Perryville First Baptist Church since 1938. Her hobbies included cross-stitching and quilting. She was a lifelong fan of the Perryville Mustangs and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Mrs. Clay was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, William Earl "Peat" Clay, daughter, Peggy Jo Clay of Little Rock, Arkansas, granddaughter, Courtney Michelle Clay of Conway, Arkansas, sisters, Mary Alice Rankin Warner of Grand Saline, Texas, and Helen Lee Rankin Magie of Perryville, Arkansas, and brother, Willie Q. Rankin of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Artie is survived by three children: Bill Clay (Janet) of Conway, Arkansas, Jim Clay (Judy) of Conway, Arkansas, and Ronnie Clay (Kristi) of Hot Springs, Arkansas; six grandchildren: Jessica Zimmerman, Justin Clay (Kendra), Emily

Woodell (Alex), Nathan Woodell (Abby), Megan Knight (Spencer) and Mason Clay (Athen); and 9 great-grandchildren; Cross Clay, Cohen Clay, Collier Clay, Stella Zimmerman, Perry Zimmerman, Zeke Zimmerman, Levi Knight, Emma Knight, Riggins Clay, and two more great-grandsons on the way.

A celebration of life service will be held at First Baptist Church, Perryville, Arkansas, on Saturday, January 18, at 10:00 A.M. with visitation preceding the service at 9:00 A.M. The church is located at 207 4th Street. Burial will be at Fowler Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Fowler Cemetery Memorial Fund at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Perryville, Arkansas. Pallbearers will be Bill Clay, Jim Clay, Ronnie Clay, Justin Clay, Nathan Woodell, and Mason Clay.

# Cemetery Details

## Fowler Cemetery

Adona, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church- Perryville  
207 4th St.  
Perryville, AR 72126

## Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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207 4th St.  
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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Randy and I thought a lot of Mrs Artie Mae she sure will be missed.

Delana blackmon - January 17, 2025 at 06:22 PM

CM

“ Such a fine lady. She was greatly loved & will be greatly missed.  
Prayers for her family. Norman & Carolyn Mason

Carolyn Mason - January 17, 2025 at 01:12 PM

PS

“ It was such a blessing for Artie and me to connect after all these years. I loved visiting with her and am so sorry that I did not know she was in the nursing home in Perryville. I was getting ready for a visit when Charles saw the obit in the paper, so sad, so sad. I loved her.

Patsy Smith - January 17, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DP

“ Deborah Payne purchased the Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice for the family of Artie Mae Clay.



Deborah Payne - January 17, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Artie Mae Clay.



January 17, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Artie Mae Clay.

January 17, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Bill E. purchased the Red & White Sympathy Flo or Basket for the family of Artie Mae Clay.



Bill E. - January 16, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ Pete and Artie Mae we're 2 precious people. Joe always said they always treated him more like family than any of the Clays. I pray that all of your family finds grace comfort and peace during this time. Remember we will join our loved ones in Gods time. I love y'all...

Sandy Jackson - January 16, 2025 at 12:36 AM

WK

“ *Wilkerson family and kiddos purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Artie Mae Clay.*



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**Wilkerson family and kiddos** - January 15, 2025 at 10:42 PM

WK

“ *Wilkerson family and kiddos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Artie Mae Clay.*

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**Wilkerson family and kiddos** - January 15, 2025 at 10:42 PM

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“ *-Jamie Fowler and Pamela Milam purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Artie Mae Clay.*



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**-Jamie Fowler and Pamela Milam** - January 15, 2025 at 07:24 AM

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“ *-Jamie Fowler and Pamela Milam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Artie Mae Clay.*

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**-Jamie Fowler and Pamela Milam** - January 15, 2025 at 07:24 AM

PM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Pamela Milam - January 15, 2025 at 07:19 AM

LC

“ Luke, Eddie and Clay. purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Artie Mae Clay.



Luke, Eddie and Clay. - January 14, 2025 at 11:27 PM

JK

“ John & Sandy Kuhl purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Artie Mae Clay.



John & Sandy Kuhl - January 14, 2025 at 07:43 PM

KR

“ Prayers for all her family. She was so sweet and Gary thought the World of Pete and Artie Mae. Heaven has gained an angel.

karhy rankin - January 14, 2025 at 06:59 PM