



## Clayton Curry Lewis

February 17, 1951 - September 2, 2018

Clayton Curry Lewis died Sunday, September 2, 2018 at his home in Sopchoppy Florida. He was 67 years old.

I don't think anyone who met Clayton and heard his storytelling could ever come away without a knowing that he was blessed with a passion to follow his bliss. Clayton grew up in Tallahassee, Florida, the son of Benjamin Cheever Lewis and Betty Harrison Lewis, who shared with their children their love of family, God, and a special place, St Teresa Beach. There, surrounded by dozens of cousins and friends, we were taught the spiritual beauty and grounding that nature and family brings to feed our soul.

Growing up and spending his summers at St. Teresa fishing and on the gulf led Clayton to follow his passion and it created careers that kept him in touch with the rhythms of nature and the gulf. He began working with his beloved cousin, Jebby, (Jeff Lewis) landscaping in Tallahassee and the coastal area. He later worked as a commercial fisherman from St. James to spending summers in Alaska. Clayton was an avid reader with a thirst for knowledge and a true entrepreneur. His mind was always a fire of passion, ideas, and projects for the future. If you called his business phone you had reached: Dark Water Kayak Company, Mystic Myster Sprinklers, Levy Bay Tupelo Honey and St. Teresa Clam Company. All were proud when his St. Teresa Clam Company was featured on the Dirty Jobs TV program.

Clayton worked with a passion to the end, never waning from his dreams.

Always with a quick wit and big heart to share with a friend or stranger; and so

thrilled when he learned recently of his future grand niece to be joining the family in January 2019.

Clayton, you lived your life as a force of nature, larger than life; may your spirit soar to the heavens to rest in God's loving hands of peace. To which we add: God, you have your hands full!

Clayton is preceded in death by his parents, Cheever and Betty Lewis, and his niece, Gia Elizabeth Lardiere. He is survived by his sisters Ann Lewis Lardiere (Geoff) of Alligator Point and Sarah Lewis of Sykesville Md, and his niece, Brinley Lardiere Esposito (Jeff) of New York City, and numerous cousins. He is also survived by his birth mother Carol Torgeson (Tom) of Bellingham, WA, and her daughters Katherine Jones and Wendy Pitsh and their families.

A memorial gathering with family and friends will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Skip Young with Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services 850-926-5919 [Familyfhc.com](http://Familyfhc.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What an absolutely beautiful obituary. May Clayton's memory, stories and spirit never be forgotten. Prayers and warm thoughts to all the Lewis' and Ivanhoe and family.*  
*Lisa and George*



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**Lisa and George** - September 10, 2018 at 01:40 PM

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*I thought I commented, but didn't see it. I remember Clayton fondly from school. The obit was beautiful. Wish I could have visited with Clayton as an adult. Sympathies to family and close friends.*

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**Mary Gray** - September 12, 2018 at 08:07 AM