



## Rufus "Clay" Clayborn Parsons Jr.

March 7, 1936 - May 2, 2024

Rufus "Clay" Clayborn Parsons, Jr., 88, of Crawfordville, Sunrise March 7, 1936 and Sunset May 2, 2024.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Clay's life on Saturday, May 11, 2024, 10:00-11:30 am, at Family Funeral Home/Harvey Young Chapel.

Clay was born in West Jefferson, North Carolina, and his family moved to Homestead, Florida, when he was a teenager, where he met the love of his life, Jane. They were married for 55 years and had four children, Faith, Mark, Kevin and Joel. After moving to Wakulla County in 1969, he was one of the first employees at Olin Corporation where he retired in 1998. Clay and Jane lived on the Ochlockonee River where they enjoyed the beautiful sunrise and sunsets together. Their home was a special gathering place for countless family suppers, fish fry's, birthday parties and pontoon boat rides. Clay was a wonderful fisherman and enjoyed boating on the river. He was known for his patience and taught his kids, grandkids and friends to water ski. Clay was a kind and friendly man with a tremendous sense of humor. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather. His legacy will live on through all of his family and those who loved him so much.

Survived by his daughter Faith Parsons and her children Neil Stokley (Dawn), Paul Stokley & Rachel Goodson (Craig), son Mark Parsons (Karen) and their son Aaron Parsons, son Kevin Parsons (Crystal) and their children Scott Parsons (Cheyenne), Tria Parsons & Easton Dugger (Jessica), son Joel

Parsons (Chris), 16 great grandchildren, 9 great great grandchildren, brother-in-law Glen Franz (Betty) and several nieces & nephews.

Preceded in death by his wife Jane Ann Parsons, parents Rufus Clayborn Parsons, Sr. & Mamie Ethel Parsons, grandson Brian Mark Parsons and sister Maria Driver.

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are caring and assisting the family. 850-926-5919 [Familyfhc.com](http://Familyfhc.com)

Donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice. 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32308; 850-878-5310; [bigbendhospice.org](http://bigbendhospice.org)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Family Funeral Home-Harvey Young Chapel  
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.  
Crawfordville, FL 32327  
paula@familyfhc.com

# Tribute Wall



“ Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rufus "Clay" Clayborn Parsons Jr.



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - May 08, 2024 at 10:18 AM

BF

“ Betty F. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Rufus "Clay" Clayborn Parsons Jr..



Betty F. - May 10, 2024 at 02:20 PM

BF

“ Betty F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rufus "Clay" Clayborn Parsons Jr..

Betty F. - May 10, 2024 at 02:20 PM

TF

“ The Fuqua Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rufus "Clay" Clayborn Parsons Jr..



The Fuqua Family - May 08, 2024 at 12:20 PM



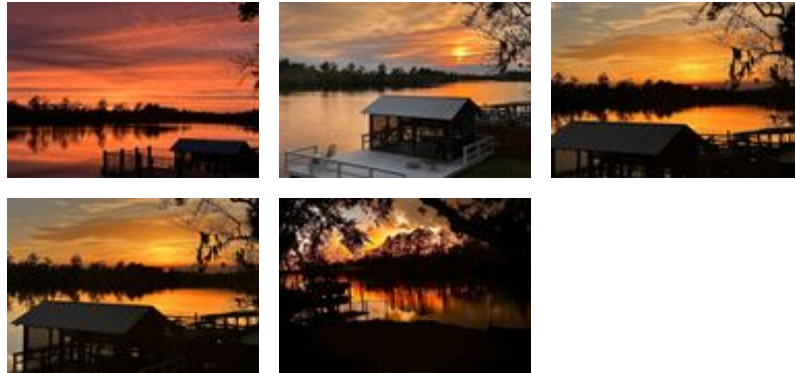
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rufus "Clay" Clayborn Parsons Jr..*



May 08, 2024 at 10:21 AM



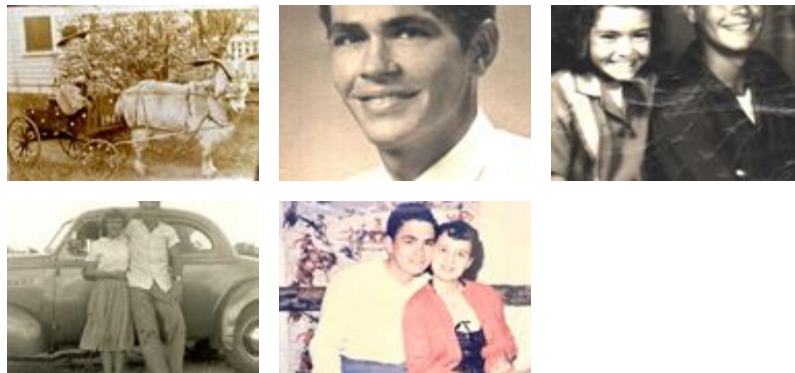
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Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - May 08, 2024 at 10:15 AM



“ *135 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - May 07, 2024 at 04:42 PM

PR

“ Pam Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Clay" Clayborn Parsons Jr.



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**Pam Reynolds** - May 07, 2024 at 11:02 AM

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“ Faith, Mark, Kevin & Joel, so sorry about your Dad. He certainly fought hard. We've known your family since you moved to the county and your dad went to work at what was then Olin Corporation. He was always so kind and friendly and a pleasure to work with.. He and your Mom set a wonderful example of what a marriage should be. Treasure your memories. Sorry we can't be with you on Saturday but will be thinking of all of you as you say goodbye to a wonderful father and friend,

*Jack and Ann Henderson*

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**Ann Henderson** - May 04, 2024 at 08:18 PM