



## Richard Clayton

November 23, 1938 - January 18, 2024

Richard Clayton, age 85 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away peacefully Thursday afternoon, January 18, 2024, at his home. At the time of his passing, Richard was surrounded by members of his beloved family.

Richard was born November 23, 1938 in the Harco community in Saline County Illinois. He was the son of James Floyd Clayton, Sr. and Edith Venita (Durfee) Clayton.

On August 31, 1957, Richard was united in marriage to Laura Alice Kerley at the Vienna First Baptist Church. Together, Richard and Laura enjoyed over 66 years of marriage.

In addition to his beloved wife, Richard is survived by: his sons & daughters-in-law – David (Joan) Clayton of Vienna, Illinois and Alan (Cheryl) Clayton of DeSoto, Illinois; grandchildren – Jill (Jon) Luther, Amy (Will) Britton, Kelly (Evan Burton) Clayton, and Jace Ennis; great grandchildren – Jack, Leo & Alice Luther and Graham & Andrew Burton.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by 2 brothers – James F. Clayton, Jr. and Donald G. Clayton.

Richard was a 1956 graduate of Vienna High School. During high school, he

was a leading player in the baseball and basketball teams. Richard held the school batting record for a number of years as well as breaking and setting other records. Following his graduation from high school and marriage to Laura, the couple moved to Joliet, where Richard was employed by Caterpillar, Inc. Upon their return to Southern Illinois, Richard was initially employed at Ned's Shed in Vienna. He then worked for a number of years as a mental health technician at the Anna State Hospital. Richard was last employed by the Illinois Department of Corrections at the Vienna Correctional Center. Richard began his career at V.C.C. as a coordinator of the ambulance service. He later worked in the recreations department, where he coached a number of sports teams, including the basketball and softball teams. Richard then worked as a correctional officer, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant at the age of 52.

Richard was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed pursuing a number of sports, hobbies and activities throughout his lifetime. He was an avid golfer. Richard also enjoyed fishing and hunting. He particularly enjoyed quail hunting with his sons. Richard also assisted in coaching the Vienna High School basketball, baseball and golf teams. He also coached in the Johnson County Khoury League from 1964 through the late 1970s and assisted his son, David, in coaching his granddaughters' softball teams for a number of seasons. He also served as a referee and kept the scorebook for the Vienna Grade School and Vienna High School basketball teams for many years. He was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

Richard was community minded and had served on the Vienna High School board of education. He also served at the Paul Powell home and museum in Vienna, giving tours of the home to visitors.

Richard was a member of Simpson Baptist Church, where he had taught an adult Sunday school class. Richard found his greatest joy spending time with

his family. He is fondly remembered for planning games, scavenger hunts, or murder mystery events which were always a part of family holidays and get-togethers. Richard always made sure everyone was included and he loved coordinating these events for his family.

A funeral service honoring the life of Richard Clayton will be conducted Monday afternoon, January 22, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. at the Simpson Baptist Church, 7095 State Route 147, Simpson, Illinois. Pastor Steve Williams and Adam Shoemaker will officiate.

Burial will be in the Rock Springs Cemetery, near Simpson.

Visitation will be conducted Sunday afternoon, January 21, 2024, from 3 P.M. - 6 P.M. at Bailey Funeral home in Vienna. There will also be a time of visitation on Monday, January 22, 2024, from 12:30 P.M. until the service time at 1:30 P.M. at the Simpson Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

# Cemetery Details

## Rock Springs Cemetery

Simpson, IL 62985

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **21**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Simpson Baptist Church  
7095 Illinois 147  
Simpson, IL 62985

## Service

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JAN 22. 1:30 PM (CT)

Simpson Baptist Church  
7095 Illinois 147  
Simpson, IL 62985

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Clayton*



**Bailey Funeral Home** - January 22, 2024 at 04:25 PM

GS

*I miss you your friend Gerald f, sanders*

**gerald sanders** - March 17, 2024 at 08:41 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton*



**Jerry Hawkins** - February 03, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Clayton.*



January 22, 2024 at 07:12 AM

FM

“ *Fine man and friend. Forrest.*



**Forrest Moreland** - January 21, 2024 at 01:34 PM

EH

“ *Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton*



**Ernie Henshaw** - January 21, 2024 at 11:38 AM

PB

“ *Prayers and love for the Clayton families. May God give you peace and strength for the coming days. You are all in our hearts and prayers. Much Love!*  
*Russ Polley & Paula Britton*



**Paula Britton** - January 21, 2024 at 08:24 AM

BJ

“ *Richard Heaven got another Angel, Laura Bless you and your family during this time of sadness.*



**Buzz and Sharon James** - January 21, 2024 at 08:18 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton



Bobby Rentfro - January 20, 2024 at 06:05 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Richard Clayton.



January 20, 2024 at 05:33 PM

RJ

“ Roger Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton



Roger Johnson - January 20, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard Clayton.



January 20, 2024 at 01:31 PM

JB

“ Jerry Bush lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton



Jerry Bush - January 20, 2024 at 01:27 PM

SJ

“ Shamus, Ben, Jon, Mark, Allen, Jim, Jeff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Clayton.

Shamus, Ben, Jon, Mark, Allen, Jim, Jeff - January 20, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Clayton.



January 20, 2024 at 01:13 PM

BB

“ Bill@Nancy Simmons Belford lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton



Bill@Nancy Simmons Belford - January 19, 2024 at 11:42 PM

KA

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Comforting prayers for all his loved ones.



Kathy(Black)Holt - January 19, 2024 at 07:13 PM

NM

“ No better person than Richard, sorry for your loss.

Neil Martin - January 19, 2024 at 06:32 PM

GC

“ Gary Carlton lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton



gary carlton - January 19, 2024 at 03:19 PM

CW

“ Clearon Jr And Jane Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Clayton



Clearon Jr and Jane Wright - January 19, 2024 at 02:39 PM

GH

“ Gary & Janet Hacker lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton



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**Gary & Janet Hacker** - January 19, 2024 at 01:31 PM

CF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Richard. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.



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**c Joan Faulkner** - January 19, 2024 at 12:16 PM

GC

“ A true friend at VCC I loved being around him there and he was always the same.... Sorry to hear of your loss...

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**Gerell Cain** - January 19, 2024 at 07:09 AM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. Steve & Jeannie Housewright



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**Steve & Jeannie Housewright** - January 18, 2024 at 11:41 PM

CB

“ *My heart felt sympathy and condolences sent to All the family . Richard was an Amazing Man who loved life I remember when he would help the girls with softball games and how kind he was to each of them*



**Carol Bryant** - January 18, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ *Fred-Trisha Meyer lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton*



**Fred-Trisha Meyer** - January 18, 2024 at 09:23 PM

FH

“ *Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton*



**Frederick and Betty Heaton** - January 18, 2024 at 07:13 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton*



**Barbara Jeffress** - January 18, 2024 at 06:46 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of  
Richard Clayton



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Elizabeth Kerley - January 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of  
Richard Clayton



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Sheri Robinson - January 18, 2024 at 05:04 PM