



## Clay Rogers

March 1, 1958 - June 2, 2011

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Clay Rogers, 53, of Joinerville, is set for Monday, June 6, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the Crawford - A. Crim chapel in Henderson with Pastor Art Hill officiating. Clay was born March 1, 1958 and passed away June 2, 2011, and went to be with his Lord and Savior after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Clay was a true man of God - a man of strong character and moral values who freely gave of himself, unconditionally, to all who knew him. Also known as "the people's friend," he was a peacemaker and a strong link to many new and lasting friendships. Clay played an active role in causes and issues close to his heart and he encouraged others to do the same. He attended Trinity Lutheran Church and served on the Gaston Water Board and worked with the Gaston Water Supply Dept. Clay wrote several Letters to the Editor encouraging and challenging others to be active in the community and to make a difference in the lives of others. He enjoyed being active outdoors, gardening, camping and going to the beach. Clay was honored to be a Christian who knew God and was a strong believer in the power of prayer and miracles and he tried to live by what he learned from the Holy Bible. He truly made a difference in the lives of those who surrounded him and was a great example to us all. It was an honor and a blessing to know Clay. He was a humble servant who kept his light-hearted sense of humor until the very end. Even in his last days, Clay was thinking of others and how he could be of help to them and be a blessing to them. He was always there for a family member or friend in need, without fail. You could

always count on Clay. He knew God had a purpose for him and he tried to live his life fulfilling that purpose always giving back to others. His faithful and loving wife of 28 years, Mary Sue, who has always been by his side, is the most precious one and only true love of his life over 37 years. As high school sweethearts, the two became one and you would rarely see one of them without the other. Together they enjoyed life to the fullest and shared a rare eternal love that will never die. Even though they had no children, Clay was a mentor, a friend and a role model to the children of family and friends around him, treating them with love and respect as if they were his own. Family and friends wish to express their deepest thanks to the caregivers at Hospice for their love and support and a special thanks of appreciation to Clay's brother Josh, who was by his side daily giving constant care, love and support, right alongside Mary Sue, and who considered it his pleasure and honor to have been there for his brother Clay. He is survived by his wife, Mary Sue; brothers Josh and Matt and Mike Gray; nephew Nigel Rogers; stepmother Cindy Pruett; sisters-in-law Peggy Huey and husband James, Lana Carter and husband Mike; nieces Lindsay Knight and Ginger Vinson; nephew Chad Carter; great nieces Emmalee and Ann Marie; nephew Daniel, and a host of many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Rogers; his mother, Jeannine Gray; and stepfather, Clyde Gray. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Tx, 75701 and/or Trinity Lutheran Church at 2001 Hunter St., Tyler, TX 75701. Throughout everything Clay handled it all with grace and acceptance because he knew it was all in God's hands and he knew God would take him when God was ready. Friends and family will miss Clay dearly and even though we feel a tremendous loss of a dear friend, brother, loving husband, and uncle - Clay knew where he was headed and we will rejoice with him in knowing that. We can only imagine God calling him saying, "Good job, my faithful servant. Well done my son, well done, Clay." - Welcome home.

# Tribute Wall

FE

“*Mary Sue, I am so sorry to hear about Clay. I want you to know even though it has been a few years since we worked together, I always considered you a good friend. Clay was such a wonderful person and will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask.*

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**Felicia Evans** - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“*Josh and Family, I am so very sorry to hear about Clay. I lost track of you when you moved from Vernon, but always enjoyed our friendship while you were there. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Julie*

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**Julie Betts Kidd** - June 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“*I met clay when I worked with Josh many years ago. Clay always wore an infectious smile and a positive attitude, nothing got him down. Clay always showed the joy of christ in his life. God is smiling and saying welcome home my good and faithful servant. my prayers are with you.*

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**david price** - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“*Matt, so sorry to hear of Clay's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. May the peace of God and memories of Clay sustain you in your time of grief. Much love....*

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**Debby Sims Brasher** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Your kindness and good heart will shine forever. We will all miss your sense of humor and your strong will to do the right things in life. Mary Sue and your family, my heart goes out to you and my prayers will be with you. Liz

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**Liz Bridges Shaw** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Praying that God helps you through this time. Will miss Clay, he was a good man.

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**Kim Traylor** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Mary Sue and family I am deeply sorry to hear the loss of Clay. I know he will be so missed. Clay was always nothing but friendly and so kind to us. I know he was the love of your life Mary Sue. I pray the Lord will guide you all through this difficult time. And may God help you all to ease the pain I know you are all feeling. My love goes out to you Mary Sue. Gina

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**Gina Day** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Although it has been a while since I have seen Clay, I can remember back when I was about 5-6 years old always see his smiling face when he and my parents and friends would all get together and play volleyball! Mary Sue, please know that we are thinking about you and keeping you in our prayers. And that Heaven has but yet gotten another great angel up there, who is now watching over all of us. Sincerely, Mandy Tirado

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**Mandy (Clark) Tirado** - June 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Clay. My prayers are with you and may our Lord see you through this difficult time.

Chris Cavaliere - June 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Mary Sue, Josh, and Matt, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Greg York family - June 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Praying for you to receive God's comfort and thinking of you often.

Jan Decker - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Clay. Please know that I am praying for family and friends during this difficult time.

Karen Price - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Mary Sue and family,I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Clay. God will see you through if you just lean on him. Praying for you all.Debbie Holts & Family

Debbie Holts - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ With deepest and most heartfelt sympathy.

Patrick Huey & family; Laird Funeral Home - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM