



Mr. Rodney D. Clifton

September 8, 1948 - September 18, 2023

Rodney Dewitt Clifton, 75, of Minden, Texas, passed away at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas, on September 18, 2023, surrounded by loved ones.

Rodney was born in Rusk County on September 8, 1948, the son of Talmadge Dewitt and Billie Louise (Brooks) Clifton. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1967 and continued to Texas A&M. Postponing his studies, Rodney joined the United States Marine Corps to serve his country from 1969 to 1972.

While stationed there, Rodney married Brenda Jean Copeland on December 4, 1970, in Koolaupoko, Honolulu, Hawaii; they were married for 52 years. The couple eventually settled in Minden, Texas, where he grew up, and raised their family there.

Rodney worked as an operations systems technician for Eastman in Longview, Texas, for 41 years. He enjoyed gardening and reading. Rodney also actively served his church as a deacon at Minden Baptist Church since 1988. Additionally, he served as the sexton for the Zion Hill Cemetery for many years.

Rodney is survived by his wife, Brenda; daughter, Missy Cannon, and husband, Justin of Brachfield; son, David Clifton, and wife, Janet of Minden;

grandchildren, Reese Cannon, Peyton, Olivia, and Abigail Clifton; Uncle Preston Clifton, and wife, Lea of Pensacola, Florida, Aunt Evelyn Clifton of Ennis, Texas; brothers-in-law, Don Copeland, and wife, Becky of Kilgore, Robbie Copeland, and wife, Pam of Glenwood, Arkansas; nephews, Brandon Copeland of Kilgore, Sam Copeland and wife, Myra of Kilgore, Clay Copeland and wife, Callie of Seattle, Washington; nieces, Vanessa Copeland of Houma, Louisiana and Shannon Davidson, and husband, J.D., of Henderson; stepbrothers, David Griffith, and wife, Terri of Gilmer, Donnie Griffith, and wife, Deana of Henderson, Randy Griffith, and wife, Cheryle of Laneville, and a host of cousins, great nieces and nephews and friends.

Rodney is preceded in death by his father, mother, and step-father David Griffith; father-in-law George Copeland and mother-in-law, Jean (Fagg) Copeland; brother-in-law Lewis Copeland; grandparents, Jake Dewitt Clifton, Mittice (Matlock) Clifton, Charlie Brooks and Mae Elizabeth (Sparkman) Brooks; uncles, Charlie "Junior" Brooks, Pete Brooks, and Jake Clifton; and aunts, Erbal (Brooks) Edwards, Juanita (Clifton) Matlock, and Vera (Clifton) Sanders.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, at Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home Lobby. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 22, at Crawford A. Crim Chapel. Dr. Matthew G. Pitts of Minden Baptist Church will be officiating. Burial will follow the funeral at Zion Hill Cemetery. Lunch will follow the burial at Minden Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Michael Cates, Brandon Copeland, Sam Copeland, Chance Griffith, Clint Partin and Trapper Kessinger. Honorary Pallbearers will be Rodney Barbee, Justin Cannon, Danny Gage, Tony Moore, and Johnny Morris.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Minden Baptist Church, Zion Hill Cemetery, or The American Stroke Association. The family of Rodney Clifton wishes to thank his medical care team at Trinity Mother Frances, Matt Pitts, Josh Woolridge, and his church family at Minden Baptist Church.

Service for Mr. Clifton will be live streamed.

Words of comfort may be shared at www.crawfordacrim.com

Cemetery Details

Zion Hill Cemetery

CR 368

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

SEP 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



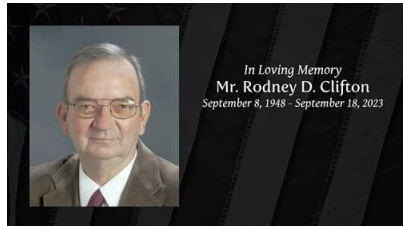
“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Rodney D. Clifton*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - September 22, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rodney D. Clifton*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - September 21, 2023 at 02:22 PM

BR

*This is a beautifully done tribute to Rod! His family was most important to him and these are great memories shared! A wonderful keepsake!!
Belinda Clifton Richardson*

Belinda Clifton Richardson - September 21, 2023 at 07:00 PM

JR

Such a sweet, sweet man. You will be missed by so many. Rest high on that mountain Mr. Clifton. Janie Roberts

Janie Roberts - September 22, 2023 at 04:34 PM

RB

*So sorry for your loss he always showed kindness and concern for me.
I will keep you all in my prayers*

Rubby Black - September 22, 2023 at 07:22 PM

SH

“ *Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of
Rodney Clifton*



Sue HENDERSON - September 25, 2023 at 03:41 PM

TD

“ *Tom and I are praying for you and your family
David, that God will strengthen and give then
peace only He can give!*



Tom Bobbie Sue Dumas - September 24, 2023 at 01:41 PM

TD

“ *Tom and I are praying for you and your family
David, that God will strengthen and give then
peace only He can give!*



Tom Bobbie Sue Dumas - September 24, 2023 at 01:40 PM

JW

“ *Janie Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Janie Wilkins - September 24, 2023 at 09:28 AM

DC

“ *David Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



David and Jan Crow - September 22, 2023 at 07:26 PM

KB

“ *Mr. Clifton was a very kind fella at Texas Eastman. We're so sorry to hear about his passing. Sincere prayers go out to family, in Jesus' precious name,
With deepest sympathy,
Keith & Donna Blanton
White Oak, TX*



Keith & Donna Blanton - September 22, 2023 at 03:43 PM

DB

“ *Damon Jill Bassett lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Damon & Jill Bassett - September 21, 2023 at 09:43 PM

TV

“ *Very sorry to hear that Rodney has passed away. Prayers for all of his family.
Rodney was a good man, and I am glad that I got to make his acquaintance when we car-pooled to Eastman back in the 1970s.*

Tom Vaughn - September 21, 2023 at 08:48 PM

TV

“ *Tom Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Tom Vaughn - September 21, 2023 at 08:46 PM

DC

“ *David Kathy Chapman lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



David & Kathy Chapman - September 21, 2023 at 06:58 PM

DC

“ *We are so sorry Brenda. And your girls and all of you for the passing of Mr. Clifton. Love and prayers.*

*David & Kathy Chapman
Travis & Heidi
Hope, Stetson & Rylan Ann*

David & Kathy Chapman - September 21, 2023 at 06:57 PM

CB

“ Colleen Burton lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton



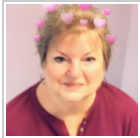
Colleen Burton - September 21, 2023 at 05:51 PM

OS

“ Owens Shop lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton



Owens Barber Shop - September 21, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to Brenda, Missy and David and their families. I was so saddened to learn of Roddy's passing. So many hearts are broken, I hope your many beautiful memories will ease your pain. God bless you all.



Wanda Weller - September 21, 2023 at 02:26 PM

BR

“ Brenda Richardson lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton



Brenda Akin Richardson - September 21, 2023 at 02:16 PM

GH

“ Rodney was a true Christian man. He was an excellent example for all of us professing to be Christians. I will miss him greatly. I do regret not getting more gardening advice from him. Rest in peace good soldier.

Gregory harris - September 21, 2023 at 12:36 PM

SJ

“ I always looked up to Rod. He was a man of integrity. Always kind and humble. Rest in Peace dear cousin.



Sharon Brooks Jones - September 21, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RC

“ Rest In Peace, Randy Cates



Randy Cates - September 21, 2023 at 11:37 AM

CM

“ Charles Amy Griffin Moore lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton



Charles & Amy Griffin Moore - September 21, 2023 at 11:07 AM

CK

“ *Cathy Kovschak lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Cathy Green Kovschak - September 21, 2023 at 09:24 AM

PE

“ *So sorry to hear of your family's loss. Will be praying for you, Brenda, and your sweet family....*



patricia Ewing - September 21, 2023 at 08:14 AM

MM

“ *Milton Sharla McGee lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Milton and Sharla McGee - September 21, 2023 at 06:41 AM

NR

“ *Nelwyn Richardson lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Nelwyn Richardson - September 20, 2023 at 09:02 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Carlile lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Patricia Carlile - September 20, 2023 at 08:43 PM

CR

“ *Claude Robinson lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Claude Dene Robinson - September 20, 2023 at 08:09 PM

JJ

“ *Jason Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Jason & Susan Jarrell - September 20, 2023 at 07:33 PM

JM

“ *Saw him at the recent class reunion... we had a nice long chat. It had been 50 years since I last saw him. We were in Cut and Shoot Texas and members of Paul Welch's wedding party.*

He was one of the kindest and most thoughtful men I had ever known.

Following seas Rodney.

SkipM.

James McNee (Skip) Miller - September 20, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Donna Aaron - September 20, 2023 at 07:05 PM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Brent Hale - September 20, 2023 at 06:08 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Jerry and Carol Phillips Harris - September 20, 2023 at 05:27 PM

AR

“ *Amy Rockey*



Amy A Rockey - September 20, 2023 at 03:13 PM

JR

“ *Janie Roberts lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Janie Roberts - September 20, 2023 at 02:47 PM

DK

“ *Debbie Gene kelsey lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Debbie and Gene kelsey - September 20, 2023 at 02:19 PM

DG

“ doyle nancy graham lit a candle in memory of
Rodney Clifton



doyle and nancy graham - September 20, 2023 at 01:11 PM

ML

“ Micki Lindsey lit a candle in memory of
Rodney Clifton



Micki Chapman Lindsey - September 20, 2023 at 12:34 PM

TC

“ Tony Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of
Rodney Clifton



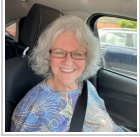
Tony & Anita Cavaliere - September 20, 2023 at 11:54 AM

TS

“ Tim Pam Smith lit a candle in memory of
Rodney Clifton



Tim & Pam Smith - September 20, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Mr Clifton was a kind soul. Brenda shared many stories about him and I know that your family will miss him greatly. My prayers of comfort are with you all. Stephanie*



Stephanie Osteen - September 20, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Ellie Glenn lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Ellie Glenn - September 20, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Rodney Angela Riley lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Rodney and Angela Riley - September 20, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Ray Elaine Harrell lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Ray and Elaine Harrell - September 20, 2023 at 10:08 AM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Jon Best - September 20, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Tonya Graham lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Tonya Graham - September 20, 2023 at 09:04 AM

JB

“ *Prayers*



Jane Brightwell - September 20, 2023 at 08:45 AM

KH

“ *Ken & Mollie Hale*



Ken Hale - September 20, 2023 at 08:37 AM

LG

“ *Linda Gooding lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Linda Gooding - September 20, 2023 at 08:22 AM

TM

“ *Praying for you and your family, Mr Rod was a great man, who will be missed.*

Tony and Carla Moore - September 20, 2023 at 07:53 AM

SN

“ *Heartfelt Condolences to his Family*



Sissy Neill - September 20, 2023 at 05:40 AM

BE

“ *A great man who stayed out of the spotlight but could always be found working faithfully for the good of all.
Greg and Bonnie Estes*

Bonnie Estes - September 20, 2023 at 12:28 AM

EA

“ Elisabeth Arnold lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton



Elisabeth Arnold - September 20, 2023 at 12:12 AM

SA

“ Mr. Clifton was a particularly nice person and a good man. Always enjoyed having his visit when he needed help with his Farmall Cub Tractor & Implements. He will be missed! Thoughts and Prayers for Mrs. Clifton, David and his Family. ~Sam Adams



Sam Adams - September 19, 2023 at 11:56 PM

CP

“ Courtney Patterson lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton



Courtney Patterson - September 19, 2023 at 11:36 PM

ML

“ Praying for your family



Margie lewis - September 19, 2023 at 10:59 PM

JW

“ *Missy, praying for you, Reese, and your sweet mama!*

Jennifer Warnell - September 19, 2023 at 10:59 PM

AH

“ *Amber Hancock lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Amber Hancock - September 19, 2023 at 10:57 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Ward lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Cathy Ward - September 19, 2023 at 09:12 PM

CC

“ *Chris Liz Buckner Cross lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Chris and Liz Buckner Cross - September 19, 2023 at 08:05 PM

BE

“ *Buddy Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Buddy & Dianne Everitt - September 19, 2023 at 08:04 PM

CG

“ *Great husband, good father and wonderful grandfather.*

Cheryl Gill - September 19, 2023 at 07:49 PM

AB

“ *Lloyd & Amy Brooks*



Amy Brooks - September 19, 2023 at 07:32 PM

PS

“ *So very sorry for y'all's loss of a wonderful precious man. Sending prayers for all the family and friends. We love y'all 🙏❤️🙏*



Paula Sparks - September 19, 2023 at 07:15 PM

MW

“ *Mark Kathy Wells lit a candle in memory of Rodney Clifton*



Mark and Kathy Wells - September 19, 2023 at 06:33 PM

PH

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Rodney was such a nice person.*



Patricia Hartman - September 19, 2023 at 05:41 PM

HF

“ *I'm so sorry!! Praying for all of you!! Love y'all!!*



Holli Bridges & family - September 19, 2023 at 05:33 PM

GC

Rodney was a good man. Sorry for your loss

George Conway - September 20, 2023 at 07:41 AM

JH

“ *Jeff Vicki Brooks Harper lit a candle in
memory of Rodney Clifton*



Jeff and Vicki Brooks Harper - September 19, 2023 at 05:03 PM