



Daniel Clayton Perry

June 24, 1967 - April 26, 2022

Daniel Clayton (Clay) Perry, 54, of Newnan Georgia, passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2022. His passing was sudden and unexpected. He was born and spent his entire life in Coweta County.

Clay spent his professional career of thirty-six years working in the textile, printing and, most recently, the fabrication and machining industries as an office, payroll, and HR manager. He was highly respected for his talents and work ethic.

While his career was important to him, Clay will be most fondly remembered for the beautiful artwork he created at Crickhollow Studios. An accomplished wood carver and sculptor, his walking sticks, magic wands, Christmas ornaments and various sculptures were sold and shipped all over the world. His work was well-known locally and abroad and was featured in many local art shows and folk-art markets.

His talents as a carver and sculptor were matched only by his talents as a writer and consummate storyteller. Clay developed a large and varied following on the web for his blogs, artwork, and his social media commentary. He was known to be brash, opinionated, grumpy, and cantankerous, but always a devout advocate of Truth and Personal Liberty. He loved his home, his family, and his country and spared nothing in defending them. He had little time or patience for ignorance, arrogance, or stupidity but he always had a keen eye open on the world and a sharp tongue to match it. He was never afraid to speak his mind.

Clay was also an unmatched grill master who never tired of finding new foods to cook in new ways with only an open fire and his talents to guide him. His family harbors a long tradition of outdoor cooking.

A dedicated father to two sons, Clay's family always came first in his life. He was devoted to maintaining his family legacy and instilling in his children the simple core values that had always guided his life as a True Southern Gentleman.

A private ceremony has already been held for the close family. A Celebration of Life for Clay will be announced later this summer and all friends and relations will be notified in due time.

He is survived by his wife Julie and his sons Patrick (Alisa) and James. He is also survived by his brothers David (Pam) and Stuart (Rachel) as well as his sister Alyson Putnam (Ray). He leaves behind also his brother-in-law Jim Fairfield and sister-in-law Janice Hill (Dave). As well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles, too many to be listed here.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Clay is deeply loved and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, his wife has requested that friends and relations post stories, memories, and pictures to his social media outlets.

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Comments



“ My husband and I moved back to Newnan from California and bought a house on Quarry Rd., Newnan in 2008. Somewhere around 2010 Clay just happen to stop by he had seen me as he had passed a few times and just wondered if I lived there now. I was glad to see him I had not seen him in many years so we stood out by the gang talking talking about people that we haven't seen the ones we still kept up with went down the driveway came a couple of my draft horses and of course that sparked a whole Nother conversation. I was glad to show them off. After all they were my pride and joy they were my job and my career which also meant that I pulled out my very best which was the Freesian name Celtic Journey. She was about half the size of the rest of my drafts yet larger then any standard size. I know we had her a few years but the bond between the two of us was that something that cannot be undone. It's like I have had her my entire life. I showed Clay a few of her tricks. Before he left he asked me if I had any pictures of the two of us together I told him I had a few but they weren't really good you know mamas are always the one to take the pictures never have the pictures taken of. He asked me to dig up some good pictures of her or the two of us and email them to him. Well I didn't question it just kind of thought he was going to stick it on Facebook. Which was fine by me. It took me a day or two but I found a couple of pictures they were just out of journey and I emailed them to him didn't take anything else about it a few weeks later I came home to find the bag tied to the gate. As I got out to open the gate for curiosity was up and before I open the gate I open the bag to see what was there. He had drawn a beautiful picture perfect journey from one of the photos that I had sent to him. I've never been worn much for tattoos and I always said if I had a tattoo it would be a journey but I wanted it done before something happened to her rather than after so that would be anything morbid to it. It just so happened that next summer I had taken the girls I wanna vacation one of those that well well just go where we get to. We found ourselves in Orlando right in the midst of a big basketball expo. The girls wanted their nose pierced I had three holes in my ears and that was enough so I decided the pull The drawing of journey up from my emails and have placed in Orlando put it on my shoulder. In school Clay and I didn't pass very often but when we did we acted like clowns. I told him to bring his boys by the house and I would like a ride any other horses and if he would give me a heads up enough for me to have supper cooked or picked up and we would have supper together. And it seemed that we just always had something going on either him and his family or me and mine so that never happened. We were talk about how Newnan had changed and all the things that we missed about it entire childhood. I lost one childhood friend one week to a rare form of lung cancer. Almost 2 weeks later I lost another friend which was just a week ago. Me and play and talk back-and-forth about how his company had shut down I was trying to talk him into retiring he said no he didn't do that he would be totally lost. I just laughed At him. And the next morning I got the news that clay was gone. I have lost 14 friends from childhood In the last 10 months. I'm so tired of this. I pray that God is it his families pain and anguish. I know God has a plan it's not for a Sasquatch maybe it's not even for Us to ask what it is. Clay will be greatly missed. Much love to his family. XOXO John & Regina (White) Litz, Audrey Hayes & the Funny Farm.



C Regina White-Litz - May 02 at 02:58 AM



“ RIP Clay . You will be missed.
Robin Barron Mann



Robin Mann - May 01 at 10:24 PM



“ **Sherry Sullivan** lit a candle in memory of Daniel Clayton Perry



Sherry Sullivan - May 01 at 08:11 AM



“ So sorry Julie. My love to you and the boys.

Sherry Sullivan - May 01 at 08:13 AM



“ Patricia Ponder lit a candle in memory of Daniel Clayton Perry



Patricia Ponder - April 30 at 09:14 PM



“ Clay was always a good friend over all these years me and my wife had just seen and spoken with him at spraberrys couple weeks ago this is very sudden and sad you will be truly missed brother see ya again one day

Tim gresham - April 30 at 06:55 PM