



## Stephen Leon Clay

September 5, 1961 - June 27, 2023

Stephen Leon Clay, 61, of Newnan, GA passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born September 5, 1961 in Cornwall, NY.

Stephen grew up primarily in Newburgh, NY. He graduated from Valley Central HS in Montgomery, NY in 1979. Stephen was a 1982 graduate of Orange County Community College in Middletown, NY. He devoted many years to Delta Airlines, retiring after 34 years. He then transitioned to King & Spalding in 2022.

Steve is the loving husband of Melanie Phillips Clay for 34 wonderful years. He is the proud father of Bryan Stephen Clay and Mikaela Noel (Hank) White, and the very proud "Pappy" to Silas.

Steve is survived by his mother Marie Amato (Joe) Cochran; his sisters, Cindy (Glen) Sherwood, and Corinne (Michael) Aselin. He is also survived by 5 nieces and 3 nephews as well as 3 great-nieces and 3 great-nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Leon Clay and nephew, Trey Phillips.

The service will be Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA, with Terry Glenn Phillips, Jr. officiating. The family will receive friends starting at 12:00 PM until service

time. Burial to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, 96 Jefferson Street, Newnan, GA.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253- 4580

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Leon Clay*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 03, 2023 at 10:27 AM

MH

*I'm truly sorry for your loss I remember Steve very well he had a great sense of humor and Steve was just so nice from heart I send my condolences Melissa Monroe 🙏🙏*

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**Melissa Monroe Hillegas** - July 06, 2023 at 09:31 AM

TT

*So sad to hear this news. Back in the day Steve had loads of good friends. I pray for his family and friends now. Rest in peace... 🙏❤️🙏*

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**Toni Taverna** - July 06, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Stephen Leon Clay*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 01, 2023 at 02:54 PM

JH

*I am so saddened to learn of Steve's passing. I worked with him for many years at Delta. Steve was not only knowledgeable, organized and professional, but one of the kindest people I've ever known. Always calm, patient and positive. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Praying for your peace and comfort.*

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**Jan Hadaway** - July 02, 2023 at 11:22 AM

NP

*I'm saddened, sending prayers to the family...Stephen was so easy to work with and will be truly missed but not forgotten. Take peace in knowing our Heavenly Father assures us that we will see each other again. Please except my condolences.*

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**Natalia Packer** - July 02, 2023 at 09:59 PM

CA

“ 1 file added to the album Steve



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**Corinne Aselin** - July 10, 2023 at 04:57 PM

JH

“ *I thank God that I met Steve early on when I was at Delta. I used to say that Steve knew his job at Delta better than anyone else knew their jobs. I'm grateful that he trained me in several positions. Steve was a patient and intelligent teacher. He was a great friend. We discussed many topics over the 30 years we worked together. I always valued his advice. It was always sound. I'll always cherish having him in my life. ~J.R. Henderson*

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**J.R. Henderson** - July 03, 2023 at 10:57 AM

MM

“ Steve, it was great working with you at Delta. You were lead on the Project and when you passed the tasks to me (to work off-hours), you would walk to my desk, lean in and give your warm warning - "don't mess it up!". That became our inside joke. Nope, Steve, I still won't mess it up!! You were always cool. Rest in peace, Brother. You will be missed.

...Myke M.

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**Myke Marshall** - July 03, 2023 at 08:06 AM

AA

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of my nephew Stephen. I will forever hold dear so many fond memories of that little boy with a mischievous smile who later became a loving family man.

*My prayers of comfort go out to all friends and family who loved him.*

*Stephen, you will always be in my heart.*

*Find Rest Now,*

*Love Aunt Arlene*

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**Arlene Amato** - July 02, 2023 at 03:39 PM

KB

“ I worked with Steve at Delta and Steve was one of the nicest people I have ever worked with. He never seemed to get upset when asked a question....no matter how trivial the question was. He was so easy to work with..

He just seemed to know everything about the Network....he will be missed. I am still in shock over this, finding the right words escapes me at the moment.

I am so truly sorry to his family for the loss, no one can ever replace him. Give yourselves all the time you need to grieve. You are in my thoughts and prayers....

RIP Steve....you will never be out of everyone's thoughts and hearts.

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**Karen Brown** - July 02, 2023 at 02:26 PM

JR

“ Steve Clay - My mentor and my friend.

I will pray that Steve's soul receives that "great reward" in Heaven. I believe he is worthy. He was the best mentor at Delta I could've hoped for, at a time when I really needed one. He knew this, and went the extra mile for me. He cared about me in the same way he has cared about many others throughout the years. And he was not only a mentor, but an example of what an IT professional should be. Steve had a kind and loving heart and I will miss him. Melanie, Bryan, and Mikaela will remain in my prayers.

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**John Roche** - July 02, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *Memories - Peaceful Reflections Marker was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.*



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July 02, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Brother*

*You gave no one a last farewell,  
Nor ever said goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it  
and only God knows why.  
A million times we will miss you.  
A million times we will cry.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
you never would've died.  
In life, we love you dearly,  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts, you hold the place  
no one else can fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone,  
for part of us went with you, the day God took you home.  
We will meet again someday  
I know in a better place.  
Thank God he made you our brother.  
While you were here on earth.*

*Your loving sisters,  
Corinne and Cindy*

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**Corinne Aselin** - July 01, 2023 at 08:33 PM

CI

“ Steve, you were the best brother anyone could hope to be blessed with. You made us laugh, sometimes cry, but were always there for us. We love you so much and will miss you terribly. Steve save us a place on the other side, we will see you again. Your loving sisters, Corinne and Cindy

Cindy - July 01, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.



June 30, 2023 at 05:51 PM

BV

“ I am still in shock, as are many of us, over Steve's sudden departure. It's important for his family to understand how respected he was, not only for his technical wisdom and abilities but also as the stand-up guy he was. He was certainly more patient than many of us, and I know all who knew him truly appreciated Steve at work and outside of work. Rest in peace, my friend! You will absolutely be missed.

Bill Verdon - June 30, 2023 at 02:35 PM

GI

“ I am still in shock! I have known Steve for years, starting with our time at Delta and again with King & Spalding. Steve had reached out to me a little over a year ago, wanting me to be a reference for him for a particular interview, I told him better yet, apply for this job opening I have. It was a no brainer to bring Steve on board. His technical ability, tenacity, humor, quiet demeanor, dedication, determination, and wit will definitely be missed. I will personally miss our weekly meetings, where we discussed work for maybe 5 minutes, then caught up on family, friends, and reflected on our years at Delta. Steve was very proud of his family, especially his grandson. Rest in peace Steve.

Greg Pierce III - June 30, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.



June 30, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.



June 30, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Leon Clay.

June 30, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.



June 30, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Stephen I. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.



**Stephen I.** - June 30, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.



June 30, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Leon Clay.

June 30, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.*



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June 29, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Leon Clay.

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June 29, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.*



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June 29, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Love, Auntie Arlene purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.*



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**Love, Auntie Arlene** - June 29, 2023 at 12:27 PM

MA

“ I am saddened to hear this news and would like to extend my sincere condolences to Steve's family. I worked with Steve at Delta on several projects throughout the years, and he was always extremely knowledgeable and simply a pleasure to work with. May God grant each of you the comfort you need during this time of loss. God Bless!  
Mark Adcock

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**Mark Adcock** - June 29, 2023 at 11:25 AM

BH

So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I worked closely with Steve on wireless projects. I was a NW employee and Steve made the transition to DL very comfortable. I am grateful for all the help he provided in th transition.  
Bob Howard

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**Bob Howard** - June 29, 2023 at 01:02 PM

JF

I was honored to work with Steve in Security Engineering at Delta. He was one of the smartest engineers I know and answered technical questions with humbled charisma It was important to him that you understood his explanations of how things worked.

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**John Fuller** - June 29, 2023 at 03:44 PM

JG

“ We were saddened to hear of Steve's passing and wish your entire family our best wishes during this difficult time. God bless, John Giordano and Family

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**John Giordano** - June 29, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Leon Clay.* ”



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June 29, 2023 at 10:17 AM