



James D. Clary

September 26, 1934 - January 20, 2019

Jim "Pa" Clary, 84, of Anna, passed away suddenly the morning of Sunday, January 20, 2019 at home.

Jim was born September 26, 1934 in Rosiclare, the son of Frank Perry and Edna Marie (Ginger) Clary. He married Sue Jones on December 6, 1957.

He worked for 39 years in the insurance business in Anna. Jim enjoyed coon hunting, bird hunting, fishing and camping. He loved being surrounded by children especially his own grandchildren. Jim would write his own poems which he often shared with Sue. He attended Jonesboro First Baptist Church and Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Anyone could see Jim basically enjoyed "life."

Jim is survived by his wife, Sue Clary of Anna; children, Mark Clary of Anna, Melinda Clary of Jonesboro, Todd Clary of Anna; grandchildren, Megan (Miles) Coyle of Tampa, FL, Kaci (Cory) Medley of Benton, KY, Samantha Clary of Jonesboro; great-grandchildren, Keagan Hammer of Tampa, FL, Brentley Coyle and Lilliana Coyle both of Tampa, FL, Mason James Medley and Khloe Rian Medley both of Benton, KY; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Virginia (Ronald) Webb of Cypress; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Sgt. Brian Matthew

Romines; sister, Jackie English; father and mother-in-law, Lester and Chloe Jones.

The visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Funeral services will be at 1:30 PM at the funeral home with Bro. Perry Williams and Bro. Doug Bridgeman officiating. Casual attire will be appreciated by Jim and his family. Interment will follow in Anna City Cemetery with Military Honors accorded by the Carroll P. Foster Post 3455 and local Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Anna Cemetery

E Davie St
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-4083

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *James D. Clary*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dear Sue, Mark and Melinda,
May the grief you feel now soon be outweighed by memories of joy,
laughter, and unconditional love.
Hugs, Zari Kalo*

Zari Kalo - January 29, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ *We are so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He and Sue visited
us frequently several years ago. We simply thought they were the
greatest and always will continue to remember them as a wonderful
couple. Will keep you in our prayers, Pamela Walker Reuscher and
June Walker from Goreville, IL. God bless all of you.*

Pamela Reuscher - January 26, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ *As I child, I didn't have many people that had a great impact on my
life. Jim was one of the few. It was a great honor to attend his
services today and to know that he had such a large impact on
many lives. I always looked up to Jim and Sue. Listening to Sue
play the piano today gave me a flashback to my childhood and the
many memories I was privileged enough to have of Jim. Many times
I had to battle with a friend to sit by Jim during Sunday service. To
his family, I'm sorry for your loss. Please know that Jim's life helped
alter the paths that many children go down. His positive attitude and
willingness to help every kid is comparable to none.*

Robert - January 23, 2019 at 04:27 PM

DC

“ Sue, Melinda, and Mark-
So saddened to hear of Jim's passing.
You were so sweet and kind to our family at our time of sorrow.
he leaves behind a legacy rich in faith, family, and love.
Heaven just got a whole lot brighter.
Love,
Debra J. Crowell
Christopher Crowell

Debra Crowell - January 23, 2019 at 03:47 PM

DF

“ Oh no. I just now this minute saw Jim's obituary. We had no idea. I am so very sorry and we would have been there if we would have known. I feel so badly. You guys have always been such angels in our life and we love you all so very much. You guys have known such sadness and I am so sorry about this sadness. Such a fine man. Please forgive us for not being there... it makes me so sad.

Carolyn, Diana and Ariana

Diana Fuller-Moutell - January 23, 2019 at 02:36 PM

CC

“ This news is heartbreaking. Jim was an amazing man. I have known him a majority of my life and have great memories of him. Every Sunday he would pick us up for church and always had bubble gum waiting with him. I know he was asked a couple of times to wait until after church to give it out. Sue I am so sorry for your loss.

Catrina Craft - January 22, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Clary.*



January 22, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Sue and Family, Praying for Peace and comfort as you all go through this hard time. Just remember and share all your wonderful happy times.*

Phyllis Mosley Myers

Phyllis Myers - January 22, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *Melinda and Mark and family, sorry to hear of your loss of your Dear Father. He got his wings the same day as our Dear Mother. Praying for all during this most difficult of times. In our hearts and memories forever.*

Pamela Young-Laspina - January 22, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Melinda, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your dad was a wonderful guy. Randy & Suzy Pullum*

Suzy Pullum - January 22, 2019 at 10:18 AM

DK

“ R.I.P. Jim. I worked with Jim at Whitney Ins. & Accounting years ago for over 10 years. What a remarkable gentleman. My deepest sympathy to Sue and his family.



Darlene Khan - January 22, 2019 at 10:04 AM

A(

“ Growing up, my sisters and I attended The First Church Of God in Anna il and that is where i first met Jim and his wonderful wife Sue. They may not realize it but they are a part of my fondest memories as a child. Sundays were my favorite day. Our little church had so many wonderful kind hearted people that attended and they treated all of us children as if we were their own. We would go to their homes and at times, stay the night. Jim would pick up the kids in the church van and after every Sunday service, he would take us through McDonalds to get ice cream before driving us home. He was such a great person and I feel honored that I was able to be a part of his life, even if only for a short while! May he rest in peace.....

April Pena (Sims) - January 22, 2019 at 07:32 AM

“ Our good friend and former neighbor, Jim Clary, enriched our lives as he did many others. He was a U.S. Marine "brother", and served his nation honorably. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather that also served his family honorably. His code of honor was honed by life experiences and a code where a man's word was his bond. His integrity was beyond reproach in both business and personal life. Jim was a man to be admired for a wide variety of interests. He had pride in his family, his property, and himself. His love of the outdoors included, fishing, hunting, dogs and dog training, gardening and sharing these passions, where appropriate with his wonderful son, Todd.

Jim set the example of perseverance when tackling any mental or physical task. He surrounded himself with a bevy of friends and was someone who would offer assistance to anyone in need. Life was not always easy for Jim, especially after the combat loss of his grandson, Brian and a number of close friends. He was able to work through a number of physical ailments that would sideline others. Jim was respected for his strength of purpose, religious orientation, moral standards, and honesty. He was never too busy to be a good and generous host. Our exchange of humorous "poems" on special occasions were always works of creative art and something to behold. We had many enjoyable conversations on a variety of subjects, and were moments to be remembered.

Jim will be missed by his family, especially, but also by those of us who knew and admired him. There was nothing artificial about him. What you saw was who he really was. No pretension, just straight talk and action. He was a patriotic American with a genuine belief in God and Country. His family can be very proud of Jim as they cherish memories of their time together. We too, can cherish those memories of our time with Jim. May God rest his soul. Semper fi.

The Hinkle Family,

Phil, Sharon, Loren, Brad, Barrett

Phil Hinkle - January 21, 2019 at 09:38 PM

KB

“ *Kenny And Diane Baker lit a candle in memory of James D. Clary*



Kenny and Diane Baker - January 21, 2019 at 08:41 PM

KB

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. You have always been part of our family at Luther's Chapel and to us personally.

Kenny and Diane Baker - January 21, 2019 at 08:43 PM

MH

“ *I am so sorry. Jim was always such a great person to know as I first met him thru insurance services at Bunny Bread. And later there were Melinda and her mother, Sue. My sincerest sympathy. It harder and harder to lose old friends and I hope never to forget them.*

Mildred Halterman - January 21, 2019 at 08:12 PM

RO

“ *I enjoyed visiting with Jim at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. Great man. Great family. REM*

Robert - January 21, 2019 at 08:00 PM

JP

“ *JEAN CLARY Pasqualine, JIM CLARY's first cousin, San Marcos, California. I love him and miss him. Prayers for His family in Anna.*

jean clary pasqualine - January 21, 2019 at 07:48 PM

DA

“ *Darcie lit a candle in memory of James D. Clary*



Darcie - January 21, 2019 at 07:36 PM

GM

“ *Simply a great man!!!!!!!!!!*

gene morgan - January 21, 2019 at 07:19 PM

BS

“ *Such a great man! Jim and Sue were a big part of my childhood and my church family. He will greatly be missed.*

Brandy Sims - January 21, 2019 at 07:06 PM

DE

“ *Dear Family & Friends of Jim Clary,
May every consolation and blessing be granted to each of you in
your deep sorrow.
My condolences and sincere sympathy,
David 'Herb' Estes*

David 'Herb' Estes - January 21, 2019 at 06:36 PM

JA

*Sheila and I will always remember the talks we shared with Jim about
heaven and other things
Our prayers for comfort to you Sue and your family during and after this
time. Love pastor Joe and Sheila*

Joe Aldridge - January 21, 2019 at 07:30 PM

KT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers our with Sue and family.
Love you all. Scott & Kay*



Kay Tapley - January 21, 2019 at 05:02 PM

FB

I am so sorry Mark and Melinda. Prayers for you and your family. May God bless you all through this sad times.

Frankie Blackman - January 21, 2019 at 06:32 PM

RL

Sue, we are very sad to find out Jim passed away. This is Ruth Larson a sister to Reba Adams a friend of you all. She loved you all and the Church you all attended there in Anna.

Ruth LARSON-Brasel

Reba ADAMS-Brasel

We are in Texas now and Reba misses her friends from Union Co., IL....

Ruth LARSON-Brasel - January 22, 2019 at 08:11 AM

CA

My thoughts and prayers are with Meilinda, Mark, Todd and Sue at this time. May your precious memories comfort you in this time of sorrow. Love and Prayers for the family.

Cheryl Anderson - January 22, 2019 at 10:54 AM

MJ

We had the pleasure of knowing Jim for a couple decades here at the office. He was always smiling and always positive. He and his family helped me tremendously when we lost our son in a duck hunting accident. Jim and his whole family are exemplary examples of how to live life and treat people. We always enjoy the sweets they surprise us with. Prayers for strength and peace. I can only imagine the reunion between he and his grandson. Marsha Johnston Scott City MO

Marsha Johnston - January 22, 2019 at 02:58 PM

MY

My wife and I are heartbroken to hear of Jim's passing. Jim and I grew up together in Hardin County and were high school classmates in Rosiclare. During those youthful years, I remember Jim as my happy, fun-loving cousin who was not above a little mischief from time to time. But more importantly I remember him as a loyal, goodhearted friend.

It was many years later after we had both left Hardin County, married, raised families and retired that we were able to reconnect during trips my wife and I made to southern Illinois. A visit with Jim, Sue and Todd was always a highlight of each of these trips. Our wives became acquainted and we shared stories of early married life, raising families, work years and so much more. These were happy, joyous visits for us. It was also during these visits that we saw a decent, positive individual who loved his family and country very much. These are the special memories of Jim that we will always hold in our hearts.

Sue, God bless you and Todd and please know that we love you and express our sincerest sympathy for the loss of this good man.

Martin and Edwina Young, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Martin Young - January 23, 2019 at 03:48 PM