



## Clay McKinzie

April 11, 1959 - September 15, 2021

Clay Chantel McKinzie was born in Indiana to Lois Ann McKinzie and SJ McKinzie. Clay loved doing yard work, washing cars, and being of great help to everyone. Clay loved his only child, William Eugene Vest along with his nieces and nephews. He was known as "The Favorite Uncle" by them.

He is survived by the "love of his life", Lisa McKinzie; one child, William Eugene Vest; two grandchildren, A'Miyah Nicole Vest and Amor Terese Vest; brothers, Ernest Petty (Connie), Keith McKinzie, Cartier McKinzie (Tanya) and one sister, Keena Allison (Jerry), along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Clay's most well-known saying was "Built like a truck smooth like a Caddy... that's why they call me BIG DADDY". God saw that you were getting tired and has called his good and faithful servant from labor to reward.

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clay McKinzie*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - September 20, 2021 at 11:48 AM

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*My Condolences goes out to Keena, Cartier, and your families. I am so sorry for your loss of your brother(Clay). I wish peace and comfort to both you and your loved ones as you go through this journey of mourning and healing. You are in my thoughts during this difficult time. Only those who are lucky enough to have a brother can understand the bond between them and the pain of losing them. I know words seem so trivial compared to the pain you are feeling, I am truly sorry.*

*Love Ann*

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**Ann Smith** - September 22, 2021 at 10:49 AM

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*To The McKenzie Family  
Please except my condolences on the lost of Clay ,He was also my brother as you all were my family. we go back to 1973 in Italy, those were such good memories that we will always have, Even though today is dark the sun will come out in the morning. May God keep and bless each and everyone. I love and miss you all.*

*Dennis Barber*

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**Dennis Barber** - September 22, 2021 at 07:30 PM



*To the McKinzie family May God continue to whole you with his powerful arms 🙏 To be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD 🙏😊*

**Jarnold Arnold** - September 22, 2021 at 09:29 PM

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*Tribute to the love of my life.*

*Clay, I thank God for blessing me with you! I'm so thankful for the love, life and laughter we shared. Thank you for the memories we shared since 1983. I enjoyed the 26 mile marathon we ran together, laughing and talking all the way to the finish line. Thank you for being the sweetest part of my life You ran your race with dignity and grace, enduring life's turbulence along the way. Thank you Dear Heavenly Father for always watching over us and helping Clay to finish strong then blessing him into Your presence. Clay always remember, "I love you more than anything!"*

**Lisa D** - September 23, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clay McKinzie.*



September 22, 2021 at 09:50 PM

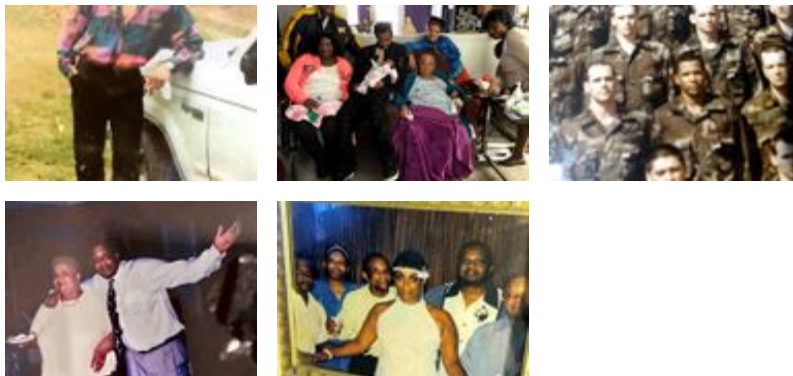
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“ Clay was one of my closest friends during my late teens, back on Leighton Barracks in Würzburg, Germany. We had a small posse of friends that damn near lived in the gym! If it wasn't playing ball at the gym, going to a movie on base or going to an AYA dance or club, then you could find us all hanging out in his maids room! This was a place of legend, I tell ya, haha! over the years I had to keep tracking Clay down cause he kept moving - but it wasn't too difficult as I could reach out to his lovely sister Keena, or his basketball star brother Cartier! Clay had to deal with a lot of health issues these past years, but he stayed tough and was well looked after by his life partner, Lisa. I'm very sad that I didn't get the chance to see him in person, since reconnecting with him. I'm happy and comforted by the knowledge that he is sharing in the joy of being reunited with Mac and Lois, his parents (and many others that had passed before him). We'll have more laughs together one day, I'm sure! My love to all that knew and loved Clay. ❤️🙏

Greg Manwaring - September 22, 2021 at 07:53 PM



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