



Edwin Clay Chandler

July 11, 1949 - May 1, 2025

Edwin "Clay" Chandler, of Centerville, Tennessee, was the kind of man who made everyone feel welcome. With a gentle smile, strong handshake, and a heart full of kindness, he lived a life rooted in family, faith and love. On May 1, 2025, Clay left this earthly life at the age of 75. He was born in Only, Tennessee, on July 11, 1949, to the late Bennie Wade and Willie Mary Bates Chandler.

In addition to his parents, Clay is preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Jennifer Diane Chandler, whose memory he carried with him always, brothers Kenneth Chandler, Carter Chandler, Lehman Chandler and Glenn Chandler. Clay is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of fifty-six years, Linda Chandler of Centerville, Tennessee; sister Jane (John) Gilbert of Centerville, Tennessee, sister Freda Simmerly of Dickson, Tennessee and sister-in-law, Diane (Phillip) Coates of Centerville, Tennessee.

Through the years Clay held positions at Discount Tire – owned by Leonard and Billy Bates, Turney Center and later retired from Universal Fasteners as a maintenance foreman. As a devoted Mason and lifelong member of the Centerville Masonic Lodge #618, Clay was honored to serve as Master twice, dedicating himself to the values of brotherhood and community during his leadership. His commitment to service, continued throughout his life as he faithfully served as a deacon at the Fairfield Church of Christ in Centerville.

Clay was a passionate fisherman and a member of the Centerville Bass Club. He loved organizing fish fries for his church, family, and friends, and was always eager to lend a hand in supporting community benefits. Fishing was one of the simple joys that meant the most to him. Just as meaningful were the many trips he shared with his wife, Linda. Together, they traveled across the country, sightseeing, and reconnecting with old friends. They had a special love for Branson, Colorado, returning there several times over the years with his sister-in-law and her husband, Diane and Phillip Coates. When they were home, Clay found comfort in woodworking. He attended many craft shows over the years and his work was admired and enjoyed by people from all over.

Clay had one last cherished memory – his nephew, Brad, took him fishing on the Wednesday before he passed. It was a day filled with peace, laughter, and the strong bond they shared. Whether by the water or on the road, Clay found happiness in the moments spent doing what he loved, with the people he loved most.

McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville, Tennessee is honored to be serving the Chandler Family during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Oakmont Cemetery

995 Old State Rte 50
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Masonic Service

MAY 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
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Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SA

“ Steve A Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Steve A Atkinson - May 08, 2025 at 05:17 PM

MC

“ Maelynn Campbell lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Maelynn Campbell - May 08, 2025 at 01:51 PM

SD

“ I was very sorry to find out today. Clay was always caring and giving, had a kind heart, loved his family very much. Prayers for all the family. May God give you comfort during this difficult time.



Sue Durham - May 07, 2025 at 07:05 PM

RR

“ Ray Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Ray Ragsdale - May 06, 2025 at 05:32 PM

PG

“ *Patty Gossett lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Patty Gossett - May 06, 2025 at 11:20 AM

JS

“ *John & Kathy Scott lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



John & Kathy Scott - May 05, 2025 at 07:38 PM

MM

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers! So sorry for your loss! Love y'all - Josh & Marny Mullins & boys*



Marny Mullins - May 05, 2025 at 07:29 PM

AR

“ *So sorry Linda. Praying for you and your family.*



Andrea Redd - May 05, 2025 at 06:01 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Connie Bowen - May 05, 2025 at 03:15 PM

MH

“ *I am so sorry, Linda. Clay was a good man. We graduated together in 1967. Prayers for the family. May God give them comfort and peace.*



Marilyn Horner - May 05, 2025 at 02:40 PM

SR

“ *Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. I hope all the love you and Clay shared and your fun adventures will help ease your broken heart*



Sharon Rochelle - May 05, 2025 at 01:13 PM

HT

God bless clay,may he walk with God,God bless family & friends during this time broken hearts,,always a friend

Howard Talley - May 05, 2025 at 06:41 PM

RK

Clay was a good friend.

Ricky King - May 09, 2025 at 08:11 PM

RB

“ Our condolences to you, Linda, and all his family.

Robert and Bobbie.♥ - May 05, 2025 at 07:33 AM

MG

Linda, I am so sorry to hear that Clay went to our Lord. My heart breaks for you and your family. I Love You ♥

Myra George - May 05, 2025 at 01:31 PM

KF

“ Kilpatrick Family lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Kilpatrick Family - May 04, 2025 at 10:41 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Ronald Gammons - May 04, 2025 at 10:01 PM

RG

“ Linda, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of Clay's family. I wished I knew what to say to comfort you, but I do know that God knows.
With all our love, Barry and Rhonda (Red) Gossett



Rhonda Gossett - May 04, 2025 at 09:43 PM

RK

“ *Ricky King lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Ricky King - May 04, 2025 at 09:41 PM

RM

“ *Roy and Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Roy and Sharon McCoy - May 04, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JE

“ *So very sorry to hear of this sudden loss.
Clay was such a talented and pleasant man.
We love our wooden bench he made.
Our Sympathy to Linda and this good family.
Chug and Johnnie Ruth Elrod*



Johnnie Ruth Elrod - May 04, 2025 at 04:38 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Sanders Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Sheila Sanders Chance - May 04, 2025 at 01:57 PM

VM

“ Clay and Linda were are best man and maid of honor on our wedding day June 28, 1986. Our memories of Clay will live in our hearts and we will truly miss him. 💕

Valerie McCoy - May 04, 2025 at 11:59 AM

BJ

“ Belinda D Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Belinda D Jenkins - May 04, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Carole Loveless lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Carole Loveless - May 04, 2025 at 08:36 AM

LH

“ Loretta Chessor Harrington lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Loretta Chessor Harrington - May 04, 2025 at 07:58 AM

SC

“ Shirley Coates lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Shirley Coates - May 04, 2025 at 07:40 AM

CS

“ Charlotte M Staggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Charlotte M Staggs - May 04, 2025 at 05:16 AM

LM

“ Lisa Talley McCullough lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Lisa Talley McCullough - May 03, 2025 at 09:21 PM

RH

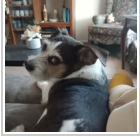
“ We are thinking of u.

Ruby & Rex Horner - May 03, 2025 at 08:31 PM

RS

“ We are so sorry of the death of Clay Chandler.

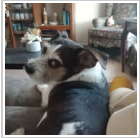
Regina & Martha Shelton - May 03, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ Rita Howell Heckford lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Rita Howell Heckford - May 03, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ Rita Howell Heckford sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Rita Howell Heckford - May 03, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ Clay and myself worked for Mastercraft trailer Inc,that was beside Levis.In 1972 he was the work leader on side walls.But i have known Clay all my life.Sorry for your loss.



Wayne & Martha Qualls - May 03, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ Mark and Tina Truett lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Mark and Tina Truett - May 03, 2025 at 04:29 PM

MF

“ *Mark and Melissa Filson lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Mark and Melissa Filson - May 03, 2025 at 02:32 PM

RT

“ *Rhonda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Rhonda Taylor - May 03, 2025 at 01:34 PM

LD

“ *So sorry to hear this! Prayers for sweet Linda and his family! A good man gone way too soon! Hugs to Linda !* 📿📿📿📿📿📿📿📿



Laura DeLong - May 03, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *James Arthur (Tank) & Dana Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



James Arthur (Tank) & Dana Atkinson - May 03, 2025 at 10:30 AM

FW

“ Felicia Wilbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Felicia Wilbanks - May 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM

WL

“ Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster - May 03, 2025 at 09:35 AM

PM

“ Penny Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



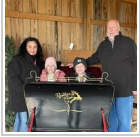
Penny Mayberry - May 03, 2025 at 08:55 AM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Michael Bates - May 03, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Sandi Westover - May 03, 2025 at 08:31 AM

SB

“ *Shawna Bowman lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Shawna Bowman - May 03, 2025 at 05:42 AM

NB

“ *Sorry to hear about brother Clay*



Nathan Bates - May 03, 2025 at 05:23 AM

SH

“ *Sherrie Talley lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Sherrie Talley - May 03, 2025 at 01:07 AM

VI

“ Prayers for all family comfort. 🙏



Virginia - May 03, 2025 at 12:20 AM

ML

“ Ms Gerry Loveless lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Ms Gerry Loveless - May 02, 2025 at 11:22 PM

MM

“ I will miss you Clay, such a good Christian friend. So happy I have a few things in my kitchen you made. Rest in peace.



Margaret Martin - May 02, 2025 at 11:21 PM

RS

“ Renee Shepard sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Renee Shepard - May 02, 2025 at 10:16 PM

KS

“ *Kim skelton lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Kim skelton - May 02, 2025 at 10:09 PM

SR

“ *Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. Clay was a good man, and you two were the perfect couple. Prayers for comfort* 🥰🙏



Sharon Rochelle - May 02, 2025 at 09:58 PM

MG

“ *I will always cherish the little wooden duck he made and gave me. Prayers for comfort for Linda and all his family.* 🙏🙏



marilyn gilliam - May 02, 2025 at 09:54 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Breece sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Kathy Breece - May 02, 2025 at 09:41 PM

JG

“ *John & Wanda Givens lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



John & Wanda Givens - May 02, 2025 at 09:21 PM

SG

“ *Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Stanley & Judy Gordon - May 02, 2025 at 08:48 PM

KO

“ *Kyle Orman lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Kyle Orman - May 02, 2025 at 08:37 PM

RW

“ *Randall and Christy Wells lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Randall and Christy Wells - May 02, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ Teresa Carroll sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Teresa Carroll - May 02, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ Teresa Carroll lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Teresa Carroll - May 02, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ Tammy Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Tammy Jenkins - May 02, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



Cheeva McClearen - May 02, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SB

“ *scott bates lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



scott bates - May 02, 2025 at 08:27 PM

SL

“ *Suzy Lancaster sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Suzy Lancaster - May 02, 2025 at 08:24 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Duff sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Debbie Duff - May 02, 2025 at 08:19 PM

RB

“ *Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Randall-Sandra Barber - May 02, 2025 at 08:15 PM

BM

“ Clay was a great guy and friend. Thoughts & prayers for Linda!



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - May 02, 2025 at 08:05 PM

JW

“ Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Janet Wright - May 02, 2025 at 07:41 PM

JB

“ janice breece lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler



janice breece - May 02, 2025 at 06:29 PM

KB

“ Karen Bowen sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Chandler



Karen Bowen - May 02, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JW

“ *I'm so sorry to see this Linda your and my prayers. Clay was a good man .I will allways remember the fish fries at Church .It was a wonderful time to get together.*



Joyce Williams - May 02, 2025 at 05:25 PM

ES

“ *Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Edwin Chandler*



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - May 02, 2025 at 05:11 PM