



## John Charles Clayton

November 10, 1947 - July 31, 2022

John Clayton, age 74, passed away on July 31, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Vernon, Texas on November 10, 1947, and moved with his family as a little boy to Bakersfield, California. As a teenager and young adult, he moved to Southern California, where he met and married his wife, Linda, on February 19, 1966. John and Linda had two children, Kimberly and Christopher, and were married for 51 years until Linda passed away unexpectedly in 2017.

In 1979, John and his family moved to Yreka, where he opened and operated Clayton Tire Center for 35 years. John loved cars and anything automotive. He spent much of his life buying, repairing, and selling cars as both a hobby and a way to supplement income as a young family man. In the 1980s, John took up stock car racing and spent several years racing the "76" car. He also enjoyed snowmobiling.

John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. In his later years, he enjoyed attending his grandchildren's school and sporting events. He also loved fishing and spending time with friends at his cabin on Shasta Lake. John had a sweet, caring and humorous personality. He was a kind, hardworking man with an amazing ability to "crack you up" under even the most serious of circumstances. He will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his daughter Kimberly Muir and her husband Scott of Chico, his son Christopher Clayton and his wife Erin of Yreka, his grandchildren RJ Muir of Chico, Cole and Camille Clayton of Yreka, and his brothers Harry Dean Yates of Bakersfield and James Clayton of La Grange, Wyoming.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Madrone Hospice, Inc. ([madronehospice.org](http://madronehospice.org)), at 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ John you will be missed

John Foster - August 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My sincere condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏

Marsha Farley - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Love yah John, you were a great boss, great husband, father, and great friend, we had some great times and alot of laughs at Rain Rock our own little rat pack 😊 You, Denny and I. Rip buddy. 🙏

Donny Bottoms - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ John has been special to the Herfindahl family for decades as a friend, a trusted salesman, and a role model. He will forever hold a special place in our heart. Our condolences to the family.

David Herfindahl - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Chris, I am so so very sorry for your loss. John was one of the sweetest, nicest and funniest guys ever. You and your family will be in my prayers 🙏❤️

June Bray Madden - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Chris so sorry for your loss. May he RIP

Leanne K Gangler - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Chris and family, I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Lorie Friedman Rainey** - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Rip John. You were so good to me ,and my friend. Condolences*

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**John Kennedy** - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *So sorry to see this. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.*

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**Debbie Clark Goar** - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Very sad loss to all who knew wonderful John. ❤️*

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**Charlene Broce** - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *So saddened to hear of this loss. John was definitely one to be remembered and I can remember his smile when I would pop into Clayton Tire to say hello. Chris my heart goes out to you and the rest of your family. Hugs from the Herf family!*

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**Leslie Herfindahl** - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Our deepest sympathies on the loss of John. We will never forget his many acts of kindness when Jeff was coaching and in dealing with him at the tire store. One of the finest men we have known. Jeff/Kathleen Hendryx*

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**Kathleen Hendryx** - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ He was a super nice man. RIP.

Delores Jean Barton - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ He always took good care of me and my trk

Donna Kleaver Thompson - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Deepest condolences to all of John's loving family and many friends... always loved chatting with both John and Linda!! Thoughts and prayers for you all 🙏😊💙

Susana J. Fox-Sponsler - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Condolences to his family 💔

Laurie Greenwood Helsley - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Nice guy !

Brett Nystrom - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My thoughts and condolences to the Claytons.

Stephanie Alta Cordell - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for John's family.

Vel Singewald - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear this. Prayers for his family. 🙏🙏❤️

Janet Shaw - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We are so sorry❤️ He was a wonderful man to my Dad&Mom! He will be missed 💕🙏💕

Janine Ling Kimball - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We will miss you, Sir. God bless

Jeanna Marie - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ RIP John. Another good one gone.

Jerry Lemos - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Rest In Peace John❤️ one of the best arguments Rick and I ever had was when Rick ran into John racing and I just knew he was hurt. Love to the Family❤️

Mary M DeAvilla - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Rest in peace John, prayers to your family my friend.

Dean Nelson - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Prayers and condolences to all the family. ❤️

Liz Hockaday - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Such a good businessman and even better person. RIP John!*

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**Jeff Kutzer** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

YE

“ *Such a kind soul*

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**Yvonna Ensele** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Such an amazing man.*

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**Alesha Foster** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *This is sad news. John was such a nice guy. My condolences to his family and friends.*

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**Tom Cook** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *To the Clayton family thinking of you in this hard time. John was a good friend and my favorite tire man. RIP John*

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**Joe Suter** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *RIP John... the neighborhood will miss you.*

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**Jackie Roy Churchill** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *So sad to*

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**Vel Singewald** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ So sad to read this. He was a big part of my growing up. Always so kind and I'll miss his hugs when I would see him. Sending my condolences to his family.

Jennie Goar Gardner - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for John Charles Clayton - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Nati Quinn Wenderoth lit a candle in memory of John Charles Clayton



Nati Quinn Wenderoth - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Years ago when John owned the tire store and had a tow truck he helped a young couple, with children, who had a blow out of a tire on their vehicle at night. They didn't have a spare and not enough money to get a new tire. John towed the vehicle in and gave them a new tire, and didn't charge them a dime. I have never forgotten that, and will always remember John as an honest, good man. I know John is with his Lord and Savior and I'm sure He said, "job well done good and faithful servant." Rod Solano

Rod Solano - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *You will be greatly missed*

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**Lisa Davis** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GM

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**Ginger Dennis Moyles** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I'm so sorry to here this, your mom and dad were amazing people, thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

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**Stacey Brooks** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *He will be missed. My condolence to the family*

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**Patricia Marcelle Embury** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *He was a very nice man. RIP*

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**Linda Keno** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *John was a great guy, so sorry to hear this news of his passing. My thoughts and condolences to Chris and the entire Clayton family*

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**Corey Middleton** - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM