



Joseph Clay DeMercurio

April 23, 1961 - November 30, 2015

Joseph Clay DeMercurio went home to be with the Lord on November 30th, 2015. He was 54 years old.

Born in San Jose, CA, he was a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend to many. As a teenager, he attended Central Valley High School and excelled in leadership and sports, including Basketball, Cross-Country and Track, holding numerous records for many years. Clay was a long time resident of Central Valley, CA, before residing in Hornbrook, CA during his later years. He was a master glass sculptor and an enthusiast of the creative arts. A man of generous heart, he has finished the race well. Clay is survived by father Joseph, mother Maureen, brothers Cal and Ben, nephews CJ, Donald, Joshua and Isaac and niece, Kaytie.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m. at Little Country Church in Redding, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders. <http://events.doctorswithoutborders.org/campaign/ClayD>.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I knew Clay in high school. He was a very dedicated individual in everything he did. He treated everyone fairly and was respected by everyone. We were on the basketball and track team together. Clay once missed a practice because he needed to help a friend who was having some family problems at home. I can't remember all the details. Missing practice was very unlike Clay but everyone knew it must have been for good cause. Subsequently, the coach disqualified from playing in the next game. This is the team rule that everyone agreed to before the season started. All of us knew this and we were not surprised the coach did this. Clay accepted the punishment without any resistance. However, in the case the entire team stood up the coach and said if " Clay can't play then we won't play either". Thanks how much everyone loved Clay. Clay did play in that game and scored 10 points. ... Jeff Gasik...

Jeff Gasik - January 08, 2016 at 12:42 AM

SL

“ Clay was so much fun and could always make us laugh. He was very caring and loving . We met Clay at the ranch and his wonderful parents 14 years ago. We work with him in the kitchen at the ranch he loved to cook and hang out after all the work was done. He was always making sure my family was OK and taken care of especially my mom . We loved Clay very much and his mom and Dad and we will miss him greatly.

Sondra Lauderback - December 12, 2015 at 10:48 AM

MS

“ Dear DeMercurio Family, I am truly saddened by the loss of your beloved Clay. I see Maureen quite frequently, and we always end up talking about Clay....he was my first boyfriend, grades 6-7. He would write me the sweetest notes and poems. He was such a gentleman, even as a young man. He truly had a loving heart and soul. He will be sorely missed by many. But, God called him home early to do a more important job somewhere else. My sincerest condolences,
Michelle Stark

Michelle Stark - December 07, 2015 at 12:40 PM

KL

“ Mr. And Mrs. Demercurio, Cal, Ben, and your families:

Firstly, I was so very sorry to hear the news that Clay had passed. He was the best of us and a true leader in our class. He was loved by fellow students, teachers, and his community.

When I think back on our childhood, I think of how he was already on his way to becoming honorable leader and gentleman. His smile and kind heart was a welcome in a time when other teens were not as tactful. He was a classic gentleman. Mr. And Mrs. Demercurio, thank you, you raised him well.

Living in the south is great but it's times like these I wish I were still a Cali girl. I hope you know my heart us with you.

I pray that God help you through this horrific time. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers.

Kristi (Barlow) LeMmond
Oklahoma



Kristi (Barlow) LeMmond - December 06, 2015 at 05:55 PM

SC

“ I went to school with Clay for many years. He was very cute and popular all throughout our school years. I remember him being a very good basketball player despite not being as tall as the rest of the team. God bless him and may he rest in peace. He is with our Lord now and He will take very good care of him. My deepest condolences to the family.

Susie Canfield - December 06, 2015 at 01:31 AM