



David Clayton

March 28, 1946 - November 7, 2025

David Clayton, 79, of Brentwood, TN, passed away on November 7, 2025.

David was the proud owner of Automatic Food Service, Inc. He was a graduate of Litton High School where he was football player and Senior President of the Class of '65. He was an avid golfer and a longtime member of the "Brentwood Golf Group," enjoying playing golf with his friends on the course for more than 35 years. He was also a dedicated member of the Ionic Masonic Lodge and the Al Menah Shrine Temple.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ryan Clayton, and brother, Jim Clayton.

David is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Mary Clayton; children, Randy (Stacey) Clayton, Davette (Wally) Bevan, Darryl Clayton, and Daniel (Kelly) Clayton; step-sons, Taylor (Lydia) Jocelyn and Brandon Jocelyn; grandchildren, Jacob Clayton, Tyler Clayton, Delaney Clayton, Cameron (Ashley) Jocelyn, and Shelby (Ryan) Lind; and great-grandchildren, Chandler Clayton, Amelia Clayton, and Lily Jocelyn.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 27, 2026 from 12:00 pm until Service time at 1:00 pm at Brentwood United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's

Association, Shriners Children's Hospital, or Brentwood United Methodist Church (<https://bumc.net/memorialgiving/>). Other Links listed below.

Alzheimer's Association: <https://www.alz.org>

Shriners Children's Hospital: <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/ways-to-give>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brentwood United Methodist Church
309 Franklin Rd.
Brentwood, TN 37027

Tribute Wall



“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of David. The whole family was so special to the Poston family when we first moved to America in 1980, and we have always been grateful for the kindness and friendship you showed us during that time.



I remember David as a true patriarch of the family, always positive, fun, loving, and such a joy to be around. I know it will be hard to think of him without smiling. I will never forget how all five of the Clayton kids lovingly called him “Deda” reflected the warmth and closeness of the Clayton Family.

You all, including David were instrumental and helping us acclimate to a new country and you were always there for us. Those memories are something that I will treasure and we will always hold David and all of you close to our hearts.

I can remember going out with Davette and David and selling Shriners papers-such simple times. That meant so much that he was so dedicated to the Shriners and all they represented.

I hope he is up in heaven having a toast with my mom and dad. I know they are all looking down on us smiling.

David will be greatly missed, but his kindness laughter and the love that he shared will never be forgotten with deepest sympathy and love,

Wendy Poston Shotwell and David.

Wendy Shotwell - March 26 at 07:44 PM

TF

“ *The Frazier Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Clayton.*

The Frazier Family - November 12, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Clayton.*



November 12, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Clayton.*



November 12, 2025 at 04:17 PM

PW

“ *I met David when I first moved to Nashville in the early sixties and we remained friends for all these years rip my friend*

phil waldran - November 11, 2025 at 05:23 PM

WH

“ Mary, you are such a precious lady who David loved with all his heart. I'm so sorry for your loss and for his family's loss. I will not be able to be at the service but I will be praying for God to hold you tightly as you go through your sorrow. Please keep coming to the Litton luncheons we feel you are a great blessing to our family. If you need anything contact Harry and he will help you reach me and I will glad to help you
Love to you and your family
Carolyn and Wes Hall

Wes &Carolyn Hall - November 11, 2025 at 04:46 PM

DT

My family & I lived across the street from each other when we were about 4 before we began Dan Mills school. We graduated from Litton High in '65 .David was a Fantastic friend!! He's the reason our Litton High group are still connected!!
I send my sympathy to David's family!! You have lost a jewel!!

Dianne Barr Towe - November 15, 2025 at 10:22 AM

AJ

“ Mary, Bill and I are so sorry to hear of David's death. We always enjoyed seeing you two at the Litton events. He will definitely be missed. I actually went to Jere Baxter Elementary

Anita Jacobs - November 11, 2025 at 01:38 PM

TE

“ Dear Mary and family, if there is a man in this world more kind and sincere than David, I have not met him yet. I feel fortunate that our paths often crossed. My sympathies to you and your family. - Tom Edwards, Crane Merchandising Systems (ret.)

Tom Edwards - November 11, 2025 at 11:49 AM

KE

“ *Katie Hall and Josh Emery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Clayton.*

Katie Hall and Josh Emery - November 11, 2025 at 11:01 AM

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“ *Katie Hall and Josh Emery purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David Clayton.*



Katie Hall and Josh Emery - November 11, 2025 at 11:01 AM

KB

“ *Kenneth and Denise Bettis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Clayton.*



Kenneth and Denise Bettis - November 10, 2025 at 07:54 PM