



## SFC Clayton Young

August 29, 1970 - July 16, 2025

In Loving Memory of SFC Clayton Young

United States Army (Ret.)

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With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Clayton Young, a beloved husband, father, soldier, and friend, who left this world far too soon after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 54 years old.

Clayton proudly served his country with honor and dedication for 24 years in the United States Army. A true warrior, he completed seven combat deployments and exemplified the spirit of a protector—always putting others before himself, both on and off the battlefield. Clayton was born and raised in Savannah, GA. After enlisting in the United States Army he traveled and lived in many places. He retired out of Fort Bragg, NC. After meeting the love of his life, Kristi, he moved to Nashville, TN in 2021.

More than a soldier, Clayton was a man of great strength and even greater heart. He loved deeply and lived fully. His greatest pride was his family. Known for his quick wit and infectious laughter, Clayton had a rare gift for lifting spirits. He could make anyone laugh, even in the hardest of times, and his warm smile left a lasting impression on all who knew him. Clayton Young leaves behind a legacy of service, love, and resilience that will continue to

inspire all who were blessed to know him.

He is survived by his wife, Kristi Keith-Young; daughters, Keyaira Young & Michaela Young; son, Ethan Young; step-daughter, Shante' Johnson; Grandsons, Zotrion Simmons, Jermaine Simmons, & Zamir Shakur Simmons; step-father, Sam Wilson, Sr.; brothers, Melvin Young, Marvin Young, & Sammie Wilson, Jr.; sisters, Thrina Young & Tanetre Young; A host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, & nephews, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Luvenia Fields Wilson.

A celebration of life and military honors will be held at a later date. Rest easy, warrior. Your mission is complete. We'll carry your love and laughter with us always.

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Stacey M. Williams lit a candle in memory of SFC Clayton Young



Stacey M. Williams - August 01, 2025 at 10:44 PM

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*My deepest sympathy to my brothers Marvin and Melvin. My deepest sympathy to the rest of your siblings and your stepfather too. My condolences and heart felt sorrow to Clayton's wife, children and grandchildren. Clayton is with the Lord and I pray all of you receive comfort in knowing that. God bless you all.*

Stacey M. Williams - August 01, 2025 at 10:50 PM

MJ

“ Mack C Smith Jr lit a candle in memory of SFC Clayton Young



Mack C Smith Jr - July 20, 2025 at 07:45 PM

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“ It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet Clayton briefly. We have enjoyed your life together through your posts and offer all in this blended family our sincerest condolences ❤️. RIP loyal warrior, Thankyou for your service, we love you ❤️

Carl and Martha Coppola - July 20, 2025 at 10:20 AM

KK

“ Clayton, you are the love of my life. ❤️ I will cherish our memories forever. Thank you for loving me & my daughter. 💕💕



Kristi Keith-Young - July 20, 2025 at 06:50 AM

MW

Clayton was a kind and friendly classmate. I can never ever remember him saying a harsh word to anyone. We will miss him on this side. Rest well Bulldog!

Mary Merritt Williams - July 21, 2025 at 04:39 PM

KK

“ Father’s Day 2025 @ Texas Roadhouse.



Kristi Keith-Young - July 20, 2025 at 06:46 AM

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Love this family ❤️❤️

Carl and Martha Coppola - July 20, 2025 at 10:22 AM

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“ Shirley Fields (Auntie, Mom’s Sis)Smith lit a candle in memory of SFC Clayton Young



Shirley Fields (Auntie, Mom’s Sis)Smith - July 19, 2025 at 10:02 AM