



Clayton Robert "Claybird" Stief

December 7, 2018

Clayton Robert "Claybird" Stief, 27, of Lancaster, PA, succumbed to his addiction on Friday, December 7, 2018 at his residence. Clayton was born in Lancaster, PA, son of Michael W. Stief, Millersville, PA and Tracy Dettrey-Myers, Lancaster, PA.

He graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School in 2010 and attended Millersville University. He worked at Lancaster Dispensing Company as a cook, as well as Commonwealth on Queen, and the Rabbit and Dragonfly Coffee Shop.

"Claybird" had a passion for music, playing drums in various local bands and he also gave lessons. Clayton was very outgoing, enjoying his family and friends, and was considered a free spirit. He was very intelligent, charming, strong willed, open minded, and will be remembered for his opinions as he usually had the facts to back up his thoughts. At one time, he played basketball for local Catholic leagues. He was baptized Catholic.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Tracy Dettrey Myers, wife of Rodney W. Myers, Lancaster, PA; his father and stepmother, Michael W. Stief, husband of Elizabeth Stief, Millersville, PA; a sister, Bryn C. Stief, Lancaster; two brothers, Austin L.E. Stief, companion of Ycheiri Jazmin, Lancaster, PA and Tristan R. Thomas, Lancaster, PA; stepsister, Jazzmen Newman,

Coatesville, PA; stepbrother, Desmond W. Myers; maternal grandparents Robert F., husband of Cheryn L. Dettrey, New Providence, PA; stepgrandmother, Barbara A. Burkhart, Strasburg, PA, niece, Milan L. Stief, Lancaster, PA, and a host of extended family members including aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Clayton H. and Ernestine Stief, and an uncle, Dennis Madonna.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Clayton's Funeral Service at The Groff Family Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange St., (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.), Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with The Rev. Jason Perkowski officiating. Private interment will be at the convenience of the family. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. until the time of the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Clayton Robert "Claybird" Stief

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ 8.21.21

I learned of Clayton's passing last night at the Neighbors Fund gathering and am heartbroken and shocked. Tracy, I'm deeply sorry for your loss. Clay had such a beautiful spirit. He was a loyal & trusted friend to my daughter Ava (aka Ashley), especially during tough times at Lincoln Middle School.

Rest In Peace Clay 🙏

fran - August 21, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ Clayton was a great friend from the start. I had no where to live and he gladly gave me his room for a week to live while he slept on the couch. This was 3 months ago... The crazy thing is that. Clayton and I had just met through the music scene here in Lancaster and when he'd heard I needed help and was immediatley willing to put me up for a week turning down money for himself and telling me just to give it to Ron his roommate. Anyways, Clayton helped me get on my feet enough to rent my own place and even performed with his band Fair Wages at the event thrown to raise money for Mental Health og America in memory of our friend J.P. who passed as well from this treacherous addiction. Ive crossed paths with so many good people and Clay will stand at the top of that list. Despite someones short comings in life we should all learn to focus on the positive attributes.

Gregory Grieves - December 13, 2018 at 11:26 PM

AL

“ I really wanted to share this last night but I was full of tears and very afraid to speak. I was fortunate enough to meet Clayton's mom and hug her but there were so many people waiting to hug her and pay their respects so I didn't want to hold her up and I really wanted to share this with his whole family. I am sorry I couldn't do so in person. Your son, brother, nephew, grandson, family member... he really helped save my life. We met in treatment and were attached at the hip from day 1. I am from Philadelphia, i had no friends or family in Lancaster and he convinced me to move out here for my recovery. I felt so afraid and alone. I had never been in treatment let alone moved far away from home to start a new life but Clayton made me feel not so afraid and certainly not so alone. When we left treatment, we were inseparable for quite some time. I kept texting his phone knowing he was still in treatment just dying for him to get out. He took me everywhere with him, showed me all around the city, took me to meetings, walked me home every night, introduced me to every one of his friends - within and outside of AA, he was a shoulder to lean on, someone I shed many tears with, someone who saw my vulnerability and made himself just as vulnerable to me, and someone i shared very intimate details of my life with and vice versa. We were brutally honest with each other and we were just alike, two super opinionated, open minded peas in a pod. We talked so often and deeply about our spiritual beliefs and the afterlife and i wish he could tell me what its like. I hope we were right and one day i find him well on the other side. He convinced me that Lancaster was my home now. Eventually, we needed to part ways because of some personal matters between the two of us but I remained very fond of him and when i saw him, i smiled. Now here I am, 2 and 1/2 years later, still sober and still living in Lancaster county and it is without a shred of doubt in my mind that if i had never met Clayton, this would not be the case. I live a beautiful and amazing life today. I have genuine friendships, loving relationships with my family, and i am in school to become a nurse. I would have none of that if it weren't for my first genuine, real, loving, sober relationship that i had had in almost 8 years which is the one I had with Clayton. Thank you for raising such a kind, loving, honest,

beautiful soul. I am forever indebted to him and to all of you should you ever need anything.

Alyssa - December 13, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Clayton Robert "Claybird" Stief.*



December 12, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clayton Robert "Claybird" Stief.*



December 12, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ *Tracey please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lisa Marie Ulmer Helm - December 12, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ I did not/do not know Clayton's family! However, I did know and visited his Grandparents, Bob & Cheryn Dettrey. Since I do The Dettrey Genealogy, I have been able to hear of Clay's life through them! It is a life cut short but what a life he did make with his time here.
My condolences to the Family!.

Christopher Dettrey - December 11, 2018 at 09:27 AM

MW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Clay was such a talented young man with a real passion for the drums. He always made me smile!

Mark Watson

Mark Watson - December 11, 2018 at 08:10 AM

ME

“ I went to school with Clay and was in the band with him. If anyone could make the entire room smile, it was Clay. He will be greatly missed.



Melissa - December 11, 2018 at 08:04 AM

AT

“ AMETEK TMS purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Clayton Robert "Claybird" Stief.



AMETEK TMS - December 10, 2018 at 07:03 PM



“ To Clay’s Family, this saddens my heart. I taught Clay and Bryn Ccd at St Anthony’s. I always remember Clay fondly. His quick wit and intellect made a lasting impression. May you find peace, Prayers



Ken Cramer - December 10, 2018 at 05:45 PM



Teresa Cramer

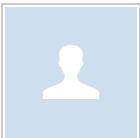
Ken Cramer - December 10, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clayton Robert "Claybird" Stief.



December 10, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clayton Robert "Claybird" Stief.



December 10, 2018 at 04:54 PM

HE

“ To Clay's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am the mother of Forrest; one of his friends since high school. Clay had a big heart, and an extreme gift of music. May you find peace and strength during this most difficult time. Heidi

Heidi - December 10, 2018 at 03:18 PM

TN

My heart goes out to you Tracy and your family. No words will take your grief away. Please know that I do understand and will help you in any way I can. I'm keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Tina

Tina Sulyok Nuss - December 12, 2018 at 12:47 AM

TP

“ To Clay's family- we are so sad to hear of his passing. Clay was a friend of Ethan's starting in middle school. Clay was a charming, outgoing young man who was always happy to see us, and we were always happy to see him. He was always so respectful to us, insisting on calling us Mrs. Pederson and Mr. Pederson. And he always made us laugh; not everyone has that gift. We will miss his beautiful smile.

Betsy, Chris and Ethan Pederson

The Pedersons - December 10, 2018 at 02:50 PM

TM

To The Family of Clayton: Our deepest condolences to each one of you . I didn't know Clayton but I know his Mother Tracy and Rodney. May God continue to you strength and peace of mind during this difficult time. I will continue to keep each one of you lifted in prayer ! God Bless! From Rodney's cousin: Theresa & Victor Mendez.

Theresa Mendez - December 10, 2018 at 09:46 PM

JA

“ Tracey, words can not begin to express my sorrow for your loss. I have a family member that struggles and it is such a difficult journey for the family as well as the person who struggles. You and your family are in my prayers today, and the next day and so on. I am so very sorry! Jacqueline "Seifried" Bilder

Jacqueline - December 10, 2018 at 12:14 PM