



Robert Brian Clark

July 15, 1983 - December 7, 2016

Visitation for ROBERT BRIAN CLARK (33), of Bessemer, AL, will be held at Gardendale Funeral Home in Gardendale, AL on Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 11 am to 1pm with the funeral service to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Phil Cronin of Gardendale First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will immediately follow at New Hope #2 Cemetery in Holly Pond, AL. Gardendale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Brian passed away on December 7, 2016.

He was born on July 15, 1983 in Birmingham, AL to Connie Easterwood Clark and Joseph Charles Clark III (Karen). Brian attended Minor High School before enlisting in The United States Marine Corp in 2005. He valiantly served in both Iraq and Afganistan from 2005-2011.

He was a member of Hillview Baptist Church in Forestdale, AL his entire life. Brian loved to fish and as most folks knew, he would stop at any creek or pond he could find.

Survivors include: Two brothers Timothy Joseph Clark (Jaime), Jeffrey Michael Clark; Uncle Michael Clark (Nancy); Aunts, Mary Helen Newton (Stephen), Glenda E. Bryan (Don), Ida Easterwood, Shelia Hassenfuss (Ted), Nieces; Payton Clark, Berklee Clark, Nephews; Taylor Curtis, Ethan Clark and a host of loving cousins and friends. Brian is preceded in death by his grandparents, L.D. and Betty Nell Easterwood and Joe Charles and Mary

Helen Clark.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Raissa lit a candle in memory of Robert Clark*



Raissa - April 30, 2024 at 04:06 PM

DE

“ *Deb lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Deb - July 08, 2022 at 05:35 PM

SH

“ *Sorry for your loss, to the family and friends. I just saw the episode on Catfish. They were a cute couple and were sad to see that it didn't work out but sometimes its like that. But still, I'm sorry for your loss.*



Shyanne H - April 08, 2022 at 01:07 PM

JV

“ When I was in early teens Brian and Derek were My best friends.... after we lost Derek Brian was always there for me I could call him at any hour.... we lost touch late teens.... I never knew he was in catfish ... I met him at church... I just remember him ALWAYS being there if you needed to talk. He would make time!!!!



Jenna V. - November 10, 2020 at 12:52 PM

AM

He died december 15th 2016 in a freak accident while on his motor cycle/ bike. Ive been in tears this week thinking about him. He was so funny bit he had ptsd from his 4 deployments he was a real American hero...alllll his corporals lance corporal and privates underhim loomed up to him with neverending admiration and the trust in him to bring them home safely. "We all love you and really miss you Brian". RIP

Amber - December 17, 2020 at 02:56 AM

AC

“ My condolences to this mans family ❤️ I loved Brian on Catfish season 2...his personality and genuine heart was very memorable. And as a Marine Veteran's wife; I thank him for his selfless service. Rest easy 🙏

Amy Cabell - August 21, 2020 at 04:26 PM

TA

Rip Brian ... Semper Fi ... brother

Tabgraves - August 25, 2020 at 04:58 PM

KO

“ Rest in peace Brian and be happy wherever you are. I remember a lot about you.

Kory - August 02, 2020 at 04:34 PM

YH

“ I want to also say if a young man can touch people in a good way from them watching him on tv once, that's saying a lot for him. Again my heart broke

Yvonne hammons - May 19, 2020 at 09:44 PM

YH

“ Yvonne Hammons lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark



Yvonne hammons - May 19, 2020 at 09:41 PM

YH

“ I just seen where this young man passed. Yes I seen him on tv n fell in love with him. He was so cute. And nice. And in just that show I felt that he was a real good man. It broke my heart today because they showed it again n then I seen he had passed. Yrs later from his passing I want to say to the family how sorry I am. He was very impressive. God bless you all

Yvonne hammons - May 19, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ I was watching Catfish on Hulu and they dedicated season 6th 4th episode to him. I remembered that show. His entire family was wholesome and I loved the way they lived and how kind he was to the show's cast, the girl he was talking with, even to the family's pets. It's clear heaven gained an angel. RIP.

Dani Orion-Gallagher - April 25, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ I watched the episode of Catfish that featured Brian, and he and his story touched my heart. I could see what a wonderful soul he was. Words can't express how deeply sorry I am for his family to have lost him way too soon. My prayers are with you all. God bless you Brian, and thank you for your service.

Kat Lengle - April 18, 2020 at 08:12 PM

MY

“ Mya lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark



Mya - April 18, 2020 at 04:15 PM

MY

“ I Remember When We would always hang out..love u bro..i'll miss u

Mya - April 18, 2020 at 04:15 PM

CV

“ I am very sorry, God comfort you and keep your memory always alive

Corina Valido - April 14, 2020 at 12:27 PM

KB

“ God Bless You. Thank you for your service.



Kathryn Baldivia - August 22, 2019 at 04:14 AM

ED

Thank you for your service. I just found out that he died and I'm crying like a baby. God Bless you.

Erma Duvall - April 18, 2020 at 10:09 PM

NL

“ *Nacole Lovejoy lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Nacole Lovejoy - July 31, 2019 at 07:01 PM

DN

“ *RIP and Thank You for your Service. Gone too soon but you are probably Dancing in Heaven.*



Donna Nickens - March 05, 2019 at 09:44 PM

 Danila Siani

“ *Danila Siani lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Danila Siani - February 15, 2019 at 01:22 PM

KJ

“ *Catfish fan from Australia who saw your episode and thought your were a great catch, so sad to see you’re no longer with us. 😭*



Kelly Jayne - November 27, 2018 at 08:03 PM

RA

“ *This is quite belated, but still fresh in my mind. I remember when we went to buy your GMC, I had been trying to talk you into it for months, we went to every car yard in the area, sat in every GMC and test drove atleast one from each place, this is when I realised just how extra you truly are. I remember all the voices and pretending like you were on a Walky talky, anything to make me laugh or smile. I also remember when you took me gun shopping and taught me how to shoot, it’s probably one of my fondest memories of you. Always thinking of you, I’m thankful for all our memories*



rachel - June 07, 2018 at 12:34 AM

JV



Jenna V. - November 10, 2020 at 12:55 PM

TM

“ *Teara McClelland lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Teara McClelland - September 25, 2017 at 12:13 AM

Karen
Barber
Gardner

“ *Karen Barber Gardner lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Karen Barber Gardner - August 21, 2017 at 03:59 PM

TH

“ *Tanja Heath lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Tanja Heath - May 03, 2017 at 05:05 PM

JE

“ *I was cleaning my home today and had Catfish the tv show on in the background. For whatever the reason, I got drawn in to the episode that featured Brian. Long story short, I felt so sorry for him. My stepfather fought in Vietnam and also suffered from PTSD. When I did a Google search to find out how he was doing, I was saddened to see articles that he had passed. I was saddened by the news. I am so sorry for your loss and I pray that his family is doing okay. I thank him for his service. May he RIP amongst the angels.*

Jenn - April 27, 2017 at 12:23 PM

ST

Like some others that have left a comment here, I was watching his Catfish episode, went to Google to see what happened, and found the very unfortunate articles on his passing. My heart broke for him during his episode, as my father lost his leg in Vietnam after stepping on a landmine, and still suffers to this day from PTSD, although he tries to hide it. I was shocked to see "Brian" was taken in a bike accident. Please accept my deepest sympathies, and all my hugs and prayers for his family and friends. I hope he was able to eventually find love and happiness. Xoxoxo

Stephanie - May 02, 2017 at 03:39 PM

SS

My thoughts and prayers go out to Brian's family and friends. I've seen the episode of Catfish where Brian was featured. Being a military vet suffering with PTSD this particular episode touched me deeply. I have been catfished many times and I could relate to Brian. I recorded the second airing of that episode. I was watching the show on TV today and I saw a Memorial tribute to Brian so I researched to find out what happened. I was devastated to read what happened to him. I pray that he find love in Heaven. He deserves to spend eternity with an Angel. Thank you for your service Brian!! Fly with Angels!!

Sherry S - June 24, 2017 at 03:26 PM

ZS

May you rest in peace.

Zuni Silverwolf - August 23, 2017 at 08:06 PM

TE

Rip h brian...thank you for serving our country as a hero...one love always...blessings to your family.

Tina eorman - September 05, 2017 at 12:04 PM



Rest in paradise Brian keep showing your beautiful smile. Thank you for your service I pray your family has comfort and peace on your upcoming Heavenly Birthday . God Bless

Jacque Knebel - October 28, 2017 at 07:23 AM



RIP

Shae Crowe - January 26, 2019 at 02:13 AM



I know this is super late, I am so sorry for ur families loss, I am too watching the catfish episode just now, for the first time and looked up to see how this game ended up and was sad to see if his passing!! I hope over the years the family and friends have found healing....thank you for ur service!! Rest in Paradise Soldier!!!

Consuelita Cora - September 13, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Mirry lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Mirry - April 06, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *The sky has gained the brightest star*



Megyn Greenlaw - April 04, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ *Brittani Mullen lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Brittani Mullen - March 23, 2017 at 09:38 PM

TY

“ Tyson lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark



Tyson - March 23, 2017 at 09:18 PM

PA

“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time. He is an angel now and watching you all from heaven



Patty - March 23, 2017 at 03:49 PM

ME

“ Melissa lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark



melissa - March 23, 2017 at 02:18 PM



“ Melissa Dickhausen lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark



Melissa Dickhausen - March 23, 2017 at 01:22 PM

RI

“ *Ris lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Ris - March 23, 2017 at 08:41 AM

UN

“ *What a sweet catfish show with this person. Condolances to the family.*

unknown - March 23, 2017 at 06:32 AM

SH

“ *Shan lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Shan - March 23, 2017 at 02:12 AM

SH

Such a beautiful smile and a beautiful young man that any mother and father would be proud of. The rest of us may have only gotten to see his story for a brief moment, but his genuine, gentle sweetness and humility showed through. I'm so so very sorry for the loss of this young man and we are all very grateful for his service.

Shan - March 23, 2017 at 02:15 AM

CB

“ Remember seeing him on tv, Anyone would of been lucky to of crossed paths with this young man. Gone way to soon! RIP Brian! God Speed



Cheri Berry - March 23, 2017 at 12:50 AM

ES

“ I just saw that Robert passed. My condolences to his family. He had such a kind heart. It might not be much but his light touched many ppl when he shared his life on the show catfish. Sending prayers for you all



Elizabeth Spinnato - March 23, 2017 at 12:05 AM

DK

“ Denise Koehler lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark




Denise Koehler - March 23, 2017 at 12:01 AM

BE

“ I watched his Catfish episode and was touched by him. I am so sorry and send sincere condolences to his family and friends!

Beverly - March 22, 2017 at 10:19 PM

 Jessie
Teague

“ I seen the original airing of Brian's episode of catfish and I felt for him with the whole gas station incident and his relationship not working out. He seemed like such a sweet true guy and was definitely a true hero. I am thankful for his service. I just seen at the end of the new episode the in memory of and immediately began to cry. I am so sorry for yalls loss. Your entire family seems so wonderful. I will keep yall in my prayers. God bless!



Jessie Teague - March 22, 2017 at 10:11 PM

 Gwendoly
Johnson

“ Condolences to the family.



Gwendolyn Johnson - March 22, 2017 at 09:24 PM

 Peggy
Linaras

“ Robert, I too, saw you on t.v. You seemed like a wonderful guy and I was shocked to learn of your passing upon watching tonight's episode of catfish 🙁🙁🙁
My heart, love, and prayers are with all those whose lives you touched. May you fly high with the angels and your memory live eternal!!!!!! Love from Michigan. God bless you!!!

Peggy Linaras - March 22, 2017 at 08:42 PM

DE

“ I was just watching Catfish then at the end it said In Memory of... Broke my heart because I remember his episode and I was looking at him like wow he's so handsome... what a smile... what a gentleman... My condolences to your family

DeShawna - March 22, 2017 at 08:22 PM

AT

“ omg I just found out I'm so sorry I loved him

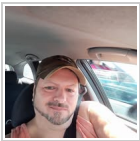
amy tumbleson - March 22, 2017 at 08:06 PM

KV

“ Kamara Villalobos lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark



Kamara Villalobos - March 17, 2017 at 02:42 AM



“ Ronald Davenport lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark



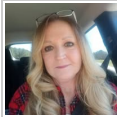
Ronald Davenport - March 08, 2017 at 04:14 PM

PA

“ *I'm just watching catfish I'm from the uk and this story has touched me. All my condolences to all his family x paula x*



paula - February 27, 2017 at 07:15 AM



Such a sad heartfelt story. My thoughts will be with his family and friends. May he rest in the arms of God and find all the love and happiness that he truly deserves.

Cathy Attaway Key - March 22, 2017 at 08:12 PM

SH

“ *Never met (from the UK) but your story shown on catfish, which I only saw today touched my heart. I'm sure the sky has gained a new bright star. RIP Brian x*

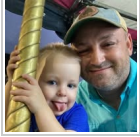
stacey Hardy - February 05, 2017 at 01:01 PM

 Sara Sunrise

“ *Sara Sunrise lit a candle in memory of Robert Brian Clark*



Sara Sunrise - January 09, 2017 at 08:18 AM



“ Although I haven't seen him in years, Brian and I had a wonderful friendship in junior high at Bottenfield. We went fishing, camping and had all sorts of outdoor adventures. He was such a warm spirit and true friend. He will be missed dearly.

Christian Spain - December 22, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ Many childhood days with Brian and chase Rogers in the neighborhood in hillcrest.....those were the best memories of him and chase both. You'll both always be deeply missed .

Lauren Hudson - December 21, 2016 at 12:53 PM



“ You were beautiful inside and out! Thank you Brian for serving our country! Praying for the family during this difficult time!

Katie Haskett - December 20, 2016 at 09:47 PM



“ Everything about Brian was uplifting and came from love. He helped motivate me during my worst times. I will always cherish the days we shared. His stories were always my favorite and he would randomly quote scriptures which was amazing! He holds a special place in my heart. ❤️❤️

Natalie Gwin - December 20, 2016 at 11:56 AM

DH

“ Brian was full of life. He became an instant friend and insisted that we go fishing - something I had not done in years. That trip to the stream that next day was better than a fancy vacation and reminded me how to enjoy the simple things in life. He also reminded me to thank God for these blessings of life, like the simple opportunity to wade into some water and catch some fish.

David Hester - December 20, 2016 at 10:53 AM

 Tristan
Brewer

“ *Hunting and fishing*

Tristan Brewer - December 20, 2016 at 08:18 AM

RH

“ *I have such fond memories of Brian, who I have known since childhood. We attended church together, youth trips at HBC, and often played in our grandparents backyards. I was so proud when I heard Brian went into the military because I know he felt a sense of duty and patriotism. Bryan, I will be praying for you as you step into eternity. I will also be praying for Ms. Connie and your brothers and your whole family.*

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

*Rachel McCaleb Hartsell
Rmhartsell@gmail.com*

Rachel McCaleb Hartsell - December 11, 2016 at 12:55 PM

LD

So sorry to the family your son was awesome although I don't know him personally I have some friends in Cullman Ala. where the Catfish episode aired I know he's your Angel and, watching over you his smile, was beautiful, and it was, obvious he was a, good man and honorable too prayers to Brian's, family .

Lori Dawadi - May 05, 2017 at 08:40 AM

TW

*“ to Brian's family, please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. I was Brian's Company Commander during his 2007 deployment to Iraq. He was highly regarded by his fellow Marines and superiors for his sincere compassion and teamwork. Know that he will always have a special place in our hearts. Semper Fidelis.
Tommy Warren*

Thomas Warren - December 10, 2016 at 10:41 PM

CB

*“ Brian has such a sweet soul, but only the closest family and friends that knew him a long time realized how deeply he loved everybody. He was reluctant to reveal that part of himself to many people. I knew Brian since he was about 9-10 years old and I always told his mom that his eyes were like the eyes of the actor, Omar Sharif. It hurts my heart that he is no longer with us, but I will always hold on to the memory of how special he made me feel as a friend of his mom. Connie, I will be praying for your recovery of this devastating episode in your journey. Only God is the answer for your strength.
Cindy Adcock Barry.*



Cindy Adcock Barry - December 09, 2016 at 08:39 PM

SG

*I admired him through....(🐟-fish) , he was honest and a man with great integrity RIP
I salute you*

Sharon G - March 24, 2017 at 06:56 PM