



Clayton Francis Kowis

March 26, 1939 - January 18, 2023

Clayton Francis Kowis of New Waverly, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Clayton, also lovingly known as Dad, Pawpaw, and Uncle Clayton, was born in Baytown, Texas on March 26, 1939 to Frank and Barbara Kowis.

Clayton met the love of his life, Janice Krenek, in Houston on a blind date on New Year's Eve. They married on August 30, 1964 and celebrated over 58 loving years together. Clayton and Janice raised three sons while living in Houston, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Spring, Texas. In 2008, they settled in New Waverly on Clayton's parents' farm.

Clayton had a long and successful career in the food industry, working for Kraft and General Mills, among others. He finally retired for the fourth time at the young age of 76.

Clayton, a lifelong Catholic, actively served many years in the Knights of Columbus, and achieved the honor of Fourth Degree Knight. He always had a love of sports, whether it was coaching his sons' sports teams, or playing tennis and golf. As a proud graduate of Sam Houston State University, he loved cheering on his Bearkats. In his later years, he proudly participated in the MS 150 with two of his sons, riding a bicycle 180 miles over two days to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis. He was also extremely proud to be a lifelong blood donor.

Clayton and Janice (endearingly known as Pawpaw and Grandy) were especially blessed with nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

When the grandkids were young, Pawpaw and Grandy loved hosting a week-long summer camp every year at their home in the country. Clayton lived out his last years with Janice on the farm, taking care of the cattle and driving his tractor.

Clayton was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Barbara Herzog Kowis, and by brothers-in-law, Ron Riggs and Ben Ed Kloesel.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 58 years, Janice; sons Rodney Kowis and wife Linley of Spring, Texas, David Kowis and wife Lisa of Bryan, Texas, Gary Kowis and wife Cindy of Conroe, Texas; grandchildren Andrew Kowis, Jacob Courtney and wife Kirbie, Katy Weidner and husband Bobby, Lauren Aldridge and husband James, Kyle Kowis, Clay Kowis and wife Heather, Allison Kowis, Troy Harris, and Caitlin Kelley; great-grandchildren Luke Weidner, Felix Aldridge, Beckett Kowis, and Evelyynn Harris; sisters Velma Kloesel and Vera Riggs Jarzombek and husband Fabian; brother William Clarence Kowis and wife Estela; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Pallbearers are Gary Kowis, Clay Kowis, Andrew Kowis, Jacob Courtney, Kyle Kowis, Marcus Thalmann, Chance Thalmann, and Evan Lacks. Honorary pallbearers are Bobby Weidner, James Aldridge, Matthew Boone, and Troy Harris. Allison Kowis is the hospitality attendant.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 24, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 10129 FM 1097, Willis, Texas. A rosary will follow the visitation.

A funeral mass will be held Wednesday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 101 Elmore St., New Waverly, Texas. A graveside service at the St. Joseph Elmina Cemetery in New Waverly will follow.

Afterwards, all are welcome to attend a reception at the St. Joseph Church Hall.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Waverly, Knights of Columbus Council 5921 or St. Vincent De Paul Society (mailed to 201 Texas Grand Road, Box 35, Huntsville, TX 77340). Memorial

condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W
Willis, TX 77318

Rosary

JAN 24. 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W
Willis, TX 77318

Mass

JAN 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St Joseph's Church
101 Elmore St
New Waverly, TX 77358

Graveside Service

JAN 25. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Elmina Cemetery
New Waverly, TX 77358

RECEPTION

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St Joseph's Church
101 Elmore St
New Waverly, TX 77358

Tribute Wall



“ Clayton was a good man and friend. I met Clayton at church and later at KOC meetings. He always took time to talk to me. He will be missed by all.

Jim Holt - January 30, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



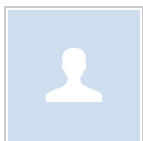
January 24, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ Mike and Jean (Herzog) Hensley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



Mike and Jean (Herzog) Hensley - January 24, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



January 24, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



January 24, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *The VanWagners purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



The VanWagners - January 24, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



January 24, 2023 at 07:56 AM



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



January 23, 2023 at 11:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



January 23, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



January 23, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



January 23, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



January 23, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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



January 23, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.*



January 22, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. One of my early memories is of being the flower girl at your wedding. I have many other fond memories of Clayton and was just talking to Maggie about a family reunion hosted by Clayton and Janice, where she was fishing in the pond. I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

Cynthia Herzog

Cynthia Elaine Herzog - January 22, 2023 at 12:09 PM



With loving condolences I write to let you and the family know how sorry I was to hear of your loss. I have just gone through 9 days of Covid after shots but missed booster. We will not be able to attend but will be praying for you and your family. I was 27 when my dad died of a heart attack and I remember those sad days well. Love and hugs to you all.

Love, Phyllis Jan Ballinger and girls.

Phyllis Jan Ballinger - January 22, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.*



January 21, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *My heart goes out to the family for their loss. Clayton will be dearly missed. I have Many memorable times with the family home in Baytown, Texas. Love & Prayers, Jackie & John Sedory*

Jackie sedory - January 21, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.*



January 21, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *I remember Clayton from our time together at St Joseph Catholic Church and School. He was a year or two younger than I. I believe his sister Velma and I were the same age. We are distant cousins as I think our mother, Elizabeth Kowis Selensky, was a second cousin to Clayton's dad, Frank Kowis. And I may remember wrong as I am 84 years old! I now have lived in Oklahoma City with my wife of 56 years, Carolyn, since about 1972. Fred M.Selensky.*

Fred Selensky - January 21, 2023 at 02:17 PM

AS

*I was a permanent fixture in my youth at his mom & dad's house in Baytown where he grew up. Clayton was on the go all the time he never shut up & he showed me if you have a bad sore on your arm or leg like he did he called the dog over to lick it & he said that would make it get well. "It's works". I so loved all the family & enjoyed my memories at the Kowis house (there's too many to mention).
I'm so sorry for each one in his family's for the loss of Clayton. I've never seen a happier man to have the Kowis farm in New Waverly to take over & keep the bloodline alive. Out of the 4 he was the only one who wanted to make that happen. A job well done. I love you cuz & I too will miss you so. My deepest sympathy to all his family's. Ann*

Ann (Burkett) Shiver - January 22, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



January 21, 2023 at 12:34 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Clayton Francis Kowis



M. Hyvl - January 21, 2023 at 11:58 AM

SK

“ Dear Janice, we are praying along with all who were privileged to know Clayton. He truly was an example of what it meant to live an honorable life for God and Family. We were blessed to witness the love that shone from the two of you as a couple. Sending love to you, and all of those who love Clayton. 🙏❤️

Sandy Krzes - January 21, 2023 at 08:23 AM

QP

“ Quintin & Jane Peikert purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.



Quintin & Jane Peikert - January 20, 2023 at 08:11 PM

LB

“ Dear Janice and family. I am very sad about the lose of Clayton from our sides here in earth. He was a very caring and friendly person always had a smile and twinkle in his eye. Love radiated from the two of you to those around you. Clayton will be missed by the whole community. The wonderful living faith you had on earth as a couple will continue to shine through your children and their children. Clayton will always be with each of you in a spiritual sense until the day we are all at home with Jesus in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you Janice and your family

Lorraine Belinowski - January 20, 2023 at 07:28 PM



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



January 20, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *The Saunders Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.*



The Saunders Family - January 20, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.*



January 20, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Mark Simmons lit a candle in memory of Clayton Francis Kowis*



Mark Simmons - January 20, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clayton Francis Kowis.*



January 20, 2023 at 05:03 PM