



Audrey Clayton

November 8, 1924 - June 25, 2009

Audrey Clayton of Wynne, devoted husband to Gloria Dawn, dedicated father to Jeff, Trent, and Brent, loving grandfather to Josh, Luke and Makala departed this life on Thursday, June 25th surrounded by his family and friends. He was 84. We mourn his passing and are grateful for his life.

He was born in 1924 in Rector, Arkansas to Elmer and Martha Clayton. He was the 2nd oldest son. Brothers were Carel, Alva (Slim), and Gene. Sisters were Eva, Alberta and Lucille. They moved to Wynne in 1933 first living on Union Ave and then in the Center Community. They farmed and cut timber. Audrey could build or fix anything. He was an extremely hard worker and did what he was best at: building farm equipment and doing repair work for the farmers of Cross County. He was in partnership with Guy Beene for 14 years in Clayton & Beene Manufacturing and Repair and then continued building land levelers, grain carts and irrigation pumps when he opened Clayton Manufacturing and Repair in 1973. He retired in 1992. He was respectfully known to many as "Mr. Audrey" who relied on his skill and talents.

Despite a Head of Household deferment Audrey volunteered to serve his country in WWII in February of 1944. After basic training at Ft. Hood, TX he landed on Omaha Beach approximately 30 days after the D-Day Invasion of France as a infantryman with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Division, 1st Army. He saw heavy combat in France, Belgium and Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, European Theater of Operations Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

We lovingly remember his compassion, kind nature, work ethic and love of God, family, friends and community. He was a member of Wynne Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Arkansas or American Alzheimer's Association, Slocum Cemetery or any charity of choice.

Visitation will be Sunday evening from 6 to 8 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home. Services will be Monday at 2 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home in Wynne with burial in Slocum Cemetery near Fair Oaks.

Tribute Wall

CE

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad was a very sweet man.
Take care of each other.

Cheryl Sefers Estes - July 03, 2009 at 02:16 PM

SM

“ To the family of Audrey, I was so sorry to hear of his passing. We
have to have faith that our Lord knows best. Your Mother and Dad
and my Mother and Dad are all together once again. Hope it is
comfort to you all that they were there to say,we've been waiting on
you. Take care Much Love and Prayers, Sherry Melton

Sherry Melton - June 29, 2009 at 10:25 AM

FS

“ Brent, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. I know what a faithful
and good son you have been to him. I'm thinking of you. Sincerely,
Faye Sefers

Faye Sefers - June 28, 2009 at 06:18 PM

DI

“ Brent I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You and your
family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

DiannaTucker - June 26, 2009 at 10:48 PM