



## Clay Allen Blanchard

November 19, 1953 - November 11, 2012

Clay Allen Blanchard, 58, of Cadillac passed away Sunday, November 11, 2012 in Grand Rapids. He was born November 19, 1953 in Cadillac to Thelma VanderHoof Blanchard and Dale Blanchard.

Clay graduated from Cadillac High School in 1971 and from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in 1975. He worked for Amoco Production Company in Traverse City and Kalkaska, Great Lakes Fasteners in Cadillac, Wilson Supply Co. and National Oil Well Varco in Kalkaska.

He cherished spending time with his family, especially his new grandson, Kenny and many great nieces and nephews. He loved living in Cadillac and all of the great outdoor activities that the area offered. In his retirement Clay enjoyed watching the sun rises and sun sets over Lake Mitchell. He enjoyed watching and playing basketball and especially hunting and fishing. He was loved and his presence will be greatly missed.

On August 14, 1976 in Cadillac he married the former Sheryl Gregg and she survives him along with their sons, Sam (Elizabeth) Blanchard of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan and Andy Blanchard (fiancée Katie) of Northville, Michigan; grandson, Kenneth Blanchard; sister, Penny Stange; step- brother, James (Sarah) Blanchard; aunts, June Danhoff and Elna Holmquist; nieces and nephews: Trent (Kimberly) Stange, Jason (Heidi) Stange, Andrea (Matt)

Luegge, Heather (Corey) Wiggins, Ben Fellows, Carrie Keelean, Sara (Matt) Manthey, Travis (Mandy) Gregg, Gretchen Klein, Tracy Gregg, Chris Gregg, Erin Gregg, Amy (Chad) Phillips, Chad (Shay) Ellis, Christian Clark, Ashley Clark and Amanda (Evan) Godfrey; mother and father-in-law, Bernadean and Kenneth Gregg; sisters-in-law, Judy Fellows, Carolyn (Bob) Davidson and brothers-in-law, David (Linda) Gregg and Doug (Tami) Gregg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his aunts, Fern Lake and Beulah Powell and uncles Jack VanderHoof and Jerry Danhoff.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 am Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac with Reverend Tom Ball, Pastor Allen McCreedy and Parish Assistant Judy Coffey officiating. Friends may meet the family Friday November 30, 2012 from 4-7pm at the church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Cadillac Area Community Foundation, c/o Clay Blanchard Memorial Scholarship Fund. Arrangements were made by Peterson Funeral Home of Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Sheryl--I was so sorry to hear of Clay's passing. I have some understanding of what it feels like when it happens so unexpectedly. Call if you want to talk. Know you are in my thought and prayers.* ”

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**Marlene McGiness** - December 15, 2012 at 10:41 AM

JR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you , Sheryl and your family through this very difficult time.* ”

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**Joni Knippenberg Rosencrants** - December 02, 2012 at 07:30 PM

DG

“ *Our deepest sympathy.* ”

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**DeWayne & Kathleen Gregg** - November 28, 2012 at 07:05 PM

HB

“ *So very sad to hear of Clay's passing...* ”

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**Herb and Mickey Burns** - November 24, 2012 at 08:24 PM

BF

“ *So sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.* ”

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**boeve family** - November 24, 2012 at 07:06 PM

JB

“ *Sheryl, Sam, and Andy, We are very sorry to hear this news. Clay was a wonderful person and our hearts go out to you.* ”

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**John and Kathy Bunnell** - November 22, 2012 at 12:05 PM

CR

“ My dear American family, I feel so sorry that Clay passed away so young. I will never forget the way he welcomed me in his family twenty years ago. All my thoughts will be with you on December 1st.

*Love from your French daughter / sister.*

*Christelle*

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**Christelle Roux** - November 22, 2012 at 11:24 AM

BF

“ Sheryl, My heart feels your pain. This is so familiar to me. The 21st will be 6 years ago that I lost John, suddenly to a heart attack. He was 53. Even though we have not seen each other in a while, I am sure that you are the same little girl I grew up with. Will see you on the 30th. Thinking of you each day. The Marsh girls

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**Barbie( Marsh ) Felsk** - November 19, 2012 at 03:23 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear about Clay. Our family is thinking of you. He will be greatly missed.

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**Leslie Lake Bliss** - November 18, 2012 at 10:09 AM

AH

“ Our hearts have been very heavy since hearing about Clay. " Uncle Clay" was a very special man to our entire family, especially our girls. One of my favorite memories is Clay coming over and inviting the girls for breakfast. They would make pancakes together and promise not to tell mommy that they put chocolate chips in the batter. We will be keeping the entire Blanchard family in our prayers.

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**Aaron and Stephanie Hicks** - November 17, 2012 at 10:58 AM

RF

“ Sheryl and Family, we are very sorry to hear of Clay's passing. He was one of the good ones. His job now is to watch out for Aunt Thelma and Fern. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Robert & Sue Lake & family - November 16, 2012 at 09:20 AM

RL

“ We are so sad. Our hearts go out to you all.

Rose Anne Lake-Paulino - November 15, 2012 at 09:34 PM

AL

“ My Uncle Clay was the kindest, most gentle and loving man. He always had a great story and knew exactly how to make me feel special. My husband and especially our children miss our Uncle so very much. May God give us all strength to get through this together.

Andrea and Matt Luegge - November 15, 2012 at 04:54 PM

AG

“ Our thoughts are with you.

anders, melinda, devin and drake garner - November 15, 2012 at 12:39 PM

KP

“ To Andy and family -our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are very sorry for your loss and will be thinking of you.

Kevin Schneider and Hannah Powers - November 15, 2012 at 10:47 AM

DH

“ Our deepest condolences to you, Sheryl and your family. May God Bless you with strength and wonderful memories of Clay.

Diane and Randy Hamilton - November 14, 2012 at 11:31 PM

KP

“ Sam & Andy,  
Sending you my deepest sympathies and prayers for your family during this very difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you...

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**Keri Powell** - November 14, 2012 at 07:51 PM

RM

“ To Sheryl and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Your family has been a gift to many of us and we grieve with you this sudden loss.

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**Roxanne Maddox (nee Morrill)** - November 14, 2012 at 02:33 PM

DC

“ Sheryl..there are no real words to express our sympathy for you and your family in this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Peace be with you.

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**Dave-Buzz & Mary Clark** - November 14, 2012 at 12:51 PM

PS

“ Sheryl and family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you. Clay was a great guy and will sorely missed.

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**Patrick Sheridan** - November 14, 2012 at 08:47 AM

BF

“ Sheryl, our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Bob & Kris Stanhope and family** - November 14, 2012 at 07:46 AM

SB

“ Dear Sheryl,  
We are so very sorry to hear about Clay. We'  
ll keep you in our prayers.  
With deeepst sympathy,  
Shari & Gary

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**Shari & Gary Bednarick** - November 13, 2012 at 09:52 PM

MJ

“ With deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you at  
this difficult time.

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**Matt J+ñger** - November 13, 2012 at 09:42 PM

UR

“ We simply wish to extend our condolences to the family.

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**Ursula Lennon & Petronilla Rickabty** - November 13, 2012 at 08:35 PM

JK

“ Sheryl and family-  
Our hearts are aching for you at Clay'  
s sudden passing. You are in our prayers. May God'  
s peace surround you.

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**Jeff and Janice Krum** - November 13, 2012 at 07:56 PM

JL

“ Friend , classmate and very fine man. Beloved husband and father  
will be sadly missed. Our prayers and thoughts to the family at this  
difficult time.

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**Jerry & Diane Leavell** - November 13, 2012 at 06:20 PM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. I went to school with Clay. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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**Annie {Olmstead} Burmania** - November 13, 2012 at 03:32 PM

DM

“ A great family to have to endure someone taken so soon. A great man and father, qualities always seen and forever carried on in Sam and Andy. Thoughts and prayers with you all.

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**Dr. Joe Myers** - November 13, 2012 at 02:56 PM

JA

“ Clay was the best friend and neighbor you could ask for. His gentleness and humour was evident in everything he did. God bless Sheryl and the boys, he will be sorely missed.

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**Jan and David Archer** - November 13, 2012 at 10:23 AM

DI

“ We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

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**David Powell, Renae Powell, Shelley Powell Tucker, Gary Powell II** - November 13, 2012 at 10:13 AM

HT

“ Sheryl and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Clay's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

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**Heather, Eli and Tori** - November 13, 2012 at 09:09 AM

SB

“ *With our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Blanchard Family.*

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**Sandy and Michael Bengelink** - November 13, 2012 at 07:05 AM