



## Cletis L. Boyer

February 8, 1937 - June 4, 2007

Former Major League third baseman who played for the Yankees and Braves, Cletis L. Boyer age 70 of Buford died Monday, June 4, 2007. A memorial service will be held 11 A.M. Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Shadowbrook Baptist Church, 4187 Suwanee Dam Road, Suwanee, GA with Rev. Bobby Linkous and Bobby Richardson conducting the service. Mr. Boyer is survived by daughters and sons-in-law- Valerie and Todd Gladden, of Suwanee; Stephanie Boyer, of Jasper; Colette and Jeff Parker, of Flowery Branch; Jerran Boyer, of Florida; Sons- Mickey Boyer, of Buford; Brett Boyer, of Florida. 11 surviving sibling of 14, 10 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren also survive. The family will receive friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Cletis L. Boyer's name to The American Cancer Society, Gwinnett County Unit, 6500 Sugarloaf Parkway Suite 260, Duluth, Georgia 30097. Arrangements by Tapp/Tim Stewart Funeral Home and Crematory, 201 Morningside Drive, Buford, Georgia 30518. 770-945-9345 Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shadowbrook Baptist Church  
4187 Suwanee Dam Road  
Suwanee, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cletis L. Boyer*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Clete had one of the most generous hearts I have ever known. He was a charmer and his smile would light up a room. His love of the game and the stories he told will be remembered by all who knew him. I will cherish many fond memories of him. My heart goes out to Mickey and all the family.##imported-begin##Gillian Greer (Jill)##imported-end##*

June 24, 2007 at 08:51 PM



“ *Clete, you have a special place in my life and heart. You were my manager in my only real game as a professional baseball player (I pitched the 8th inning in an exhibition game for your Bradenton team of the startup Senior League in Florida in 1989). You were class all the way, both on and off the field. My only actual compensation for those two weeks was your meal money envelope (when the GM forgot to leave my envelope, Clete offered his to me--minus, he said, the \$5 already taken out for a six-pack--telling me he'd get it staightened out). Clete, the next beer is for you..to a great player, a GREAT third baseman, and an even better GREAT person. We will all miss you but cherish our wonderful memories. You brightened up alot of lives. I look forward to someday pitching to you on that cornfield Field of Dreams. May God bless you.##imported-begin##Larry Livingston##imported-end##*

June 24, 2007 at 08:01 AM



“ Mickey, my heart goes out to you. You're in my prayers. Your Dad will certainly be missed. I'm sure he's in heaven with all the greats talking about the good ole days. In case you don't remember me, we met in California at the Oakland Coliseum, back in the Billy Ball days. I'd love to catch up with you. It' been a long time. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sheila (missgoolcharan@yahoo.com / 2812 theresa lane san jose, ca 95124 / 408-712-1192).##imported-begin##Sheila Smith Goolcharan##imported-end##

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June 23, 2007 at 11:21 PM



“ Well, what can you say about a man that would stop and give you the time of day , any day.....  
He was a very likeable veteran ballplayer unlike most current and older ballplayers , this guy signed a baseball for everyone in my neighborhood for nothing , thats right NOTHING.....  
God Bless you Clete RIP.....##imported-begin##Stephen Carrodus##imported-end##

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June 18, 2007 at 02:05 PM



“ To the Boyer family,  
Clete was surely a larger-than-life personality, and we feel privileged  
and  
honoured to have enjoyed so many great  
times. All the wonderful memories that you brought into our lives will  
never leave us. They live on.  
All who knew Clete know we have lost  
someone very special, and he will be sorely missed.  
We know he is enjoying many great games (and the apres-game  
revelry)  
with many of the other greats of "The  
Game. FONDLY, JOHN AND FRAN FELIX.##imported-  
begin##Frances and John Felix##imported-end##

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June 15, 2007 at 12:36 PM



“ This message is for Stephanie Boyer:

*Stephanie, I do not know if you remember me, and I was just talking about you with my husband, when I decided to google you, and then found out that your sweet pappa passed away last week. I am so sorry Stephanie. You and I were childhood friends in Teaneck , NJ, when you lived down the street from me (on Taft Rd), and my twin sister, Emily. WE used to take your dad's signature and sell it to boys who came to the door!!! I think you and I were only in the 4th or 5th grade at the time. Mickey Mantel lived up the road away, i believe. I thought about you during my growing up years, and prayed for you, and wondered what happened in your life. I live in Santa Barbara, CA, and have two grown sons now... I would love it if you saw this email and could let me know how you are doing. It is in God's hands. I thought your dad was great, and so handsome and young and full of life, back in the early 60's. My dad is 85 but my sweet mom passed away at 59 years old. I know the pain of losing a parent. I wish you only the best Stephanie. You were a fun friend and we had so many laughs together. Take care and blessings to you.*

*Elyse Reitzin*

*(805) 966-0099*

*beausboss2@aol.com###imported-begin##Elyse (Rossler)*

*Reitzin##imported-end##*

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June 14, 2007 at 09:37 PM



“Clete, I met you at Fantasy Camp and you took a liking to me. I was grateful. You recognized that I knew a great deal about baseball and you took me under your wing. You were proud to play in the Majors and especially for the Yankees. You were even prouder that you were able to be a teacher. You taught me not only about baseball but about life and made me see the game from a different perspective--through your eyes. You taught me about life, class, and respect. You once said "you're a Yankee--act like one!" I'm going to miss having you at my home whenever you came to NJ--whether you stayed for a card show or just passing through to go to Coopertown. You were always welcome. You have left us way too soon but I know you were tired. Like baseball you gave life more than 100%. Stay safe with God and may you Rest in Peace. I miss you! Joey Lioi###imported-begin###Joe Lioi###imported-end###

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June 14, 2007 at 06:01 PM



“I saw both the personal and the "business of baseball" side of Clete Boyer. Despite the tough facade, he appreciated what opportunities he had been provided through playing baseball, especially with the Yankees. He would stop and talk to people, sharing stories of the game. I think he enjoyed telling the stories as much as the people who were hearing them.

He told stories about great friendships from years gone by. I hope the Boyer family takes comfort in the fact that now they are together again making new stories.###imported-begin###Lisa Vasil###imported-end###

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June 14, 2007 at 08:38 AM

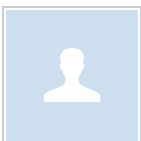


“ Many great thoughts and memories come back when I think about the " ALBA ACROBAT". People can argue all they want but Clete Boyer was without a doubt the greatest glove man in the history of baseball plus an all around great guy who will be truly missed. When people talk or think baseball you have to add the name Boyer with it. Clete had a great respect for the game and was a great teacher of baseball. He made Derek Jeter what he is today plus several other players.  
Thanks for the memories and most of all being the type of person you were.  
" MAY YOU FOREVER REST IN GOD'S HANDS . "

*Ted Brown*  
*tmbrown@4state.com*  
*PO BOX 791*  
*Joplin, Missouri*  
*64802*  
*417-622-9454###imported-begin###Ted Brown###imported-end##*

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June 14, 2007 at 07:58 AM



“ WE WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS OF YOUR FATHER AND WE ALWAYS ENJOYED BEING IN HIS COMPANY.HE USE TO TELL US SOME GREAT STORIES ABOUT THE OLD DAYS WITH THE YANKEES.NOT SEEING HIM AGAIN IN HIS USUAL PLACES,WILL LEAVE A BIG VOID WITH US.GOD BLESS AND REST IN PEACE BROTHER.###imported-begin###Herbie & Dottie Buck###imported-end##

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June 12, 2007 at 07:58 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to Mickey and all the family##imported-begin##Dalton and Trey Broussard##imported-end##

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June 12, 2007 at 05:01 PM



“ To the Boyer Family: My deepest and heartfelt condolences on your loss. Clete was a great guy. Along with being a major league ball player he was a major league man. I'll always remember him as I saw him last, a class act. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Tommo Haubert##imported-end##

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June 12, 2007 at 10:55 AM



“ Dear Boyer Family,

*My prayers and thoughts are with you. I is great to know that he loved the game of baseball and was a sincere ambassador to the game. He will be missed by all. My uncle Roy Means always spoke highly of Clete.*

*Don Means (Joplin, Mo.)##imported-begin##Don Means##imported-end##*

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June 12, 2007 at 10:02 AM



“ My late husband, Jim Jarmin, was a catcher on the Purcell ball team and was a teammate of Clete. We were three years older and had a car. I can remember when we played out of town we would pick Clete, Joe Cook and another teammate up and take them to games when they played out of town because they didn't have a car and Jim did. We did have good times at those ball games. Also my mother, Rosie (Thomas) Harry was a friend of Mable. I too, was born in Cossville, MO. My condolences goes out to the entire Boyer family. Love to all, Rosalee Jarmin##imported-begin##Rosalee (Harry) Jarmin##imported-end##

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June 11, 2007 at 04:17 PM



“ Thank you for allowing me to express my sincere sympathy to the Boyer family. Clete was my childhood hero. While my friends' rooms were decorated with "Davy Jones" pictures, mine was adorned with a large poster of Clete Boyer! I listened to all of the games on a small transistor radio in my room. When I was 12 years old, my brother-in-law, Frank Stevenson, purchased tickets to a Braves game, and took our family....mainly, I have come to understand....so I could "catch a glimpse" of Clete on the field in real life! Thanks to Franky and Clete, the day turned out to be my best childhood memory ever! We arrived at our field level seats just minutes before the game, and Franky told me to run to the Braves dugout area as fast as I could! When I made it to the fence, Clete was so close, I could almost reach out and touch him! Alas, a rather arrogant usher told me I was "too late", and to go back to my seat. I gave up hope for an autographed program, but called out to Clete that he was my favorite baseball player! I will NEVER FORGET what happened next!!!! My hero gave the usher a "disapproving look", reached out for my program, winked at me, and signed the autograph I had dreamed of for so long! My brother-in-law caught the entire scene on his binoculars, and was almost as excited as I was! !!!! The next year, when I was 13, Clete brought his basketball team, "Clete Boyer's All Stars", to my hometown of Anderson, SC. This time, I somehow managed to sit in the bleachers right beside the team! Clete patiently posed for numerous pictures I took from a camera borrowed from my sister and Franky. I still treasure those blurry photos! Finally...autograph time came at the end of the game! (Which Clete's team won, of course!!!) Clete was sporting a "new look"...a rather spiffy moustache! When I told him I liked his moustache, Clete grinned and replied, "Wanna touch it?" Believe me...it's a wonder I didn't faint right then and there! I didn't wash my hand for days, and the memory still brings a smile to my face, 37 years later!!! Clete was more than a magician at third base...he was a man who appreciated, respected, and loved his fans! Baseball has lost a truly great man. My sincere condolences to the Boyer family, as well as all of Clete's fans. Clete, thanks for the memories!!! Judy W. Peters, 104 Wiltshire Ct., Devonshire

*Subdivision, Anderson, SC, 29621##imported-begin##Judy W. Peters##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2007 at 03:04 PM



*“ PANSY and family: Know that all of us are with you and your family, and are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Terrie Burton##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2007 at 11:04 AM



*“ Clete's presence will be dearly missed at Yankee Camp. His willingness to spend 3 hours of story telling with me after my first ever day of camp in 1994 set the stage for 16 more camp experiences.##imported-begin##Steve Coles##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2007 at 08:19 AM



*“ Dear Family of Clete,  
My father was Robby Robinson I don't know if you all remember me but Clete and Terry were very good friends of our family. We are sorry for your loss and we will see you at the memorial.  
Patsy and Betty Jo Robinson##imported-begin##patsy robinson Froy##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2007 at 06:50 PM



“ *Mr. Boyer came to one of our games in Cooperstown New York during Hall of Fame week at Cooperstown Dreams Park and signed autographs for our whole team and our families. Thanks for being such a kind baseball player and person.##imported-begin##Massapequa International Little League Baseball Team##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2007 at 05:52 PM



“ *Bodetta, We are so sorry about the loss of your dad. You and your entire family are in our hearts and prayers. Love ya sweetie. The Hudson Family##imported-begin##Lorrie Rogers##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2007 at 05:01 PM



“ *So sorry to here about Cletis, I never got to know him personally, but my Grand Father was a catcher, and played ball with him at Baxter Springs, Ks. I feel as if I had known him as all I heard about while growing up was the Boyer Boy's, Cletis, Ken, and Cloyd Boyer. Bill Reeves Columbus, Kansas 66725##imported-begin##Bill Reeves##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2007 at 08:06 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Uncle Clete. Our prayers are with the family. Mom really loved Clete allot and is very sad. She will miss him.*

*Rick Webb##imported-begin##Rick Webb##imported-end##*

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June 09, 2007 at 08:17 PM



“ Great man, Great Brave, he will be missed.##imported-begin##John Halvarson##imported-end##

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June 09, 2007 at 11:36 AM



“ To the Boyer family - please accept my sympathy. I knew Clete when I was a young man and he played for the Braves. He was a thoughtful and generous friend.  
Eddie Waggoner##imported-begin##Eddie Waggoner##imported-end##

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June 09, 2007 at 10:42 AM



“ To my "Long Gone" lover and companion, I will always love, cherish and miss you tenderly. Hopefully, we'll see each other again someday. Take care my friend, may you be looking down on us from above and watch over your loving family.##imported-begin##Dixie Lee Boxx##imported-end##

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June 09, 2007 at 09:12 AM



“ I met Clete several years ago in Myrtle Beach. We enjoyed a few drinks and laughs. I still have the photo we took with him sticking his tongue out. Real genuine guy who will be missed. My condolences to his family and friends.##imported-begin##Joseph Cardinale##imported-end##

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June 08, 2007 at 11:52 PM



“ My wife and I are very saddened by your loss. We knew Clete through the Heroes in Pinstripes Yankee fantasy baseball camp. I loved to sit and listen to him talk about defense. We'll all miss Clete.

Will Corbitt  
1609 East Fifth Street  
Greenville, NC 27858###imported-begin##Will Corbitt##imported-end##

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June 08, 2007 at 06:55 PM



“ Clete was a great ballplayer and special team mate that always went out of his way to help when needed, he had that tough exterior but a great person to his friends and you were glad he was on your side .Clete will always be remembered as a true Yankee . God bless all the boyer family###imported-begin##Steve Whitaker##imported-end##

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June 08, 2007 at 02:57 PM



“ Clete, you were a good friend to my Grandfather, ED McGinnis, I was only 5 when he passed but your name and the ball you and Roger signed always brought back memories of good times with granddad. I know your family will miss you very much. May you rest in peace and your family find some comfort thru knowing that you are up in heaven with old friends.###imported-begin##Jamie Lowy##imported-end##

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June 08, 2007 at 02:19 PM



“ I met Clete Boyer through T&A Vinnie a few weeks ago. A great guy to talk baseball with and would autograph whatever I asked him to do. To his family friends and whoever played or watched a baseball game -a great loss.##imported-begin##Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame Marty Adler##imported-end##

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June 08, 2007 at 04:20 AM



“ my sincere condolences to the Boyer family.  
thank you Clete,for a life time of fond memories##imported-begin##robert f corrado##imported-end##

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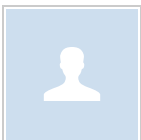
June 07, 2007 at 09:58 PM



“ to the family  
My condolences on your loss. I met and knew Clete from Heroes in Pinstripes and he will be missed.  
  
David Newman##imported-begin##David Newman##imported-end##

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June 07, 2007 at 05:23 PM



“ May you rest in Peace##imported-begin##Paul Mascarella##imported-end##

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June 07, 2007 at 03:48 PM



“ *He was a role model for me growing up and a lifetime hero.*

*He was special. The world won't see the likes of him again. I was so lucky to have listened to his actions in the World Series games in the 50's on the radio and then later, to have watched him play on T.V.*

*There was no Major League Baseball to go see in California when I was a kid. There was only T.V. and for me, it was only that one special Yankee team...and that infield..and Clete holding it down so gracefully at that "hot corner".*

*Thanks, Clete.*

*I'll miss you. We all will. But only for a little while. I'll be coming along some day to watch you play again.*

*With everlasting love and admiration for a life "Well-done".*

*Your fan, always,*

*Tom Motter##imported-begin##Tom Motter##imported-end##*

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June 07, 2007 at 03:04 PM



“ My sympathies to all in the Boyer and Yankee and HIP families. I truly admired Clete as a player, especially as I played third base myself up though Babe Ruth League years. My family and I had the great fortune to meet Clete in the summer of '05 and thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking (at some length) with him. While I'll be unable to come to Georgia for the service, my thoughts, prayers and best wishes will be with all those who are touched by this loss. God's speed.##imported-begin##Richard Segarra##imported-end##

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June 07, 2007 at 02:24 PM



“ I watched Clete as a kid in the Bronx and was blessed to have him give me some pointers on the off days. I remember them to this day, hold the glove loose, stay low and loose, and don't think react. Because of Clete I practiced those every day and eventually played in the pros, although not for long. I got reacquainted with Clete at the Yankee camp. He said, you were that kid? You're an old man now! Clete loved baseball, playing and teaching and believe me he was no easy teacher. I will miss you Clete and your honesty. Steve##imported-begin##Steve Shillet##imported-end##

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June 07, 2007 at 01:58 PM



“ I'll always cherish our conversations at the HIP Fantasy Camp. The camp will never be the same without the you their Clete as an integral part of arguably the greatest Yankee or MLB infield. Congratulations because in life you have made everlasting mark in the world of sports and you will be remembered forever as a true New York Yankee and a winner. Rest now my friend, you done good.##imported-begin##Bob Bartels##imported-end##

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June 07, 2007 at 01:55 PM



“ *Mr Boyer will be missed so so much. I never had a ball player or a person do what he did for me and my company. He turned me on to so many other good people and players. The stories, laughs that had us in tears and his knowledge of baseball and things in life that he shared. May God bless him and his family. Mr. Boyer Thank you Thank you Thanks you###imported-begin##Vinnie##imported-end##*

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June 07, 2007 at 11:08 AM



“ *TO: MICKEY BOYER---I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I LOVED CLETE AND WILL BE AT THE SERVICES. PLEASE CALL ME AT 404-375-0950 OR 770-420-1855. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU. YOUR FRIEND KEN SANDERS###imported-begin##KEN SANDERS##imported-end##*

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June 07, 2007 at 09:51 AM



“ To the Boyer family please accept my condolences.  
Clete was my old roomie with the Yankees in 1959.  
He was a trusted and good friend of mine and will be missed.

I played with Clete in the minors--at Richmond.  
He still is the best 3rd baseman in baseball history that people didn't  
know about.

Clete, save me a place at your table.

Love you kiddo,

Eli Grba  
106 Fox Run  
Florence, Al. 35633##imported-begin##ELI GRBA##imported-  
end##

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June 07, 2007 at 09:42 AM



“ Anticipating Clete's 1st appearance at my store, I was excited to see  
the great Yankee 3rd baseman. I never dreamt someone of his  
experiences and stature would be so humble and generous to  
share the stories and time with me. The unforgettable stories and  
your joyful presence will be cherished. Thanks for being a  
friend.##imported-begin##Jesse Waldmann##imported-end##

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June 07, 2007 at 09:12 AM



“ Long time friend of Robert LoBianco. Lived in Brooklyn from 1950-2000. Seen Clete and the Yanks many times as a kid. The only Yankee I have a personalized autograph from, and will cherish it. My deepest sympathy, I am very sad.  
Alfred D'Orazio##imported-begin##Alfred D'Orazio##imported-end##

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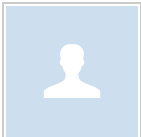
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“ to the Boyer Family- we spent time together in the 60's-70"s I often thought of your Mom and would like to hear from her. So many years have passed, but I remember all your faces as children. my sincere sympathy in the loss of your dad.##imported-begin##Janice (Stafford) Flegel##imported-end##

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June 07, 2007 at 07:24 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Boyer family. Growing up in the Bronx, going to games,I had to sit by 3rd base. I swore, at times, I thought he could fly, and when he did, I didn't want to miss him. He is in my prayers and thoughts, respectfully, Rich Mullen##imported-begin##Richard Mullen##imported-end##

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June 06, 2007 at 11:15 PM



“ *Clete was like a second father, and I will miss him. Beneath all that "crusty" exterior, he was one of the most generous people I knew and was a great friend.*

*Brenda*

*He always made me smile. Dinners at his house were the best times! Clete, I will miss you.*

*Missy##imported-begin##Brenda Johnson & Missy*

*Sweet##imported-end##*

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June 06, 2007 at 09:25 PM



“ *Clete, we'll miss you, and think of you with many fond and happy memories.*

*The Armini's##imported-begin##Ray Armini##imported-end##*

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June 06, 2007 at 02:01 PM