



Marcus Clay

May 9, 1987 - February 17, 2026

Staff Sgt. Marcus Loman Clay, 38, passed away on February 17, 2026, in Toccoa, Georgia. Born May 9, 1987, to Dennis and Lynda Clay, he was a beloved son, brother, father, uncle, and friend to many.

Marcus was a graduate of Loganville High School (Class of 2005) where he was a member of the varsity wrestling team. He became a firefighter for the Walton County Fire Rescue Department before enlisting in the military. He completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, eventually earned a promotion to staff sergeant, and went on to become a decorated war veteran. Marcus served as an infantryman and paratrooper in the U.S. Army from 2010 to 2018 in Afghanistan, Germany, and Korea during the Global War on Terrorism. He participated in training exercises with NATO. Marcus was wounded in Afghanistan and received a Purple Heart among other medals and citations during his time of service. He also earned his bachelor's degree while in the military.

After retiring from the armed forces, he worked in construction in Florida and Georgia. Marcus was a motorcycle enthusiast and rode with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association under the road name "Cassius." He also enjoyed weightlifting and exercise, camping, fishing, mechanics, travelling, cooking, spending time with family, and meeting new people.

He was saved in 1998 and baptized into the membership of Loganville Baptist Church in 1999 and professed a love for Jesus throughout his life.

Marcus had a heart for service and always gave of himself. While he didn't lay down his life on the field of battle, he nevertheless made many sacrifices for his country and loved ones. His passing was sudden and will leave a hole in many hearts.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Lynda Clay, grandparents Lyle Lynch, Lewis and Betty Clay, and brother-in-law Jared McGee. He is survived by his son Curtis Clay, father Dennis Clay, sisters and brother-in-law April & David Moon and Lauren McGee, brothers and sister-in-law David & Megan Clay and Andrew Clay, grandmother Helen Lynch, nephews and nieces Annie Moon, Lucas Moon, Caleb McGee, Chloe McGee, Kadence Clay, and Drayden Clay, as well as uncles, aunts, cousins, and many friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Loganville. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 11:00 am in the Loganville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home with Rev. Stacy Myers officiating. Interment with full military honors to follow at Haynes Creek Cemetery in Loganville.

The family wants to thank everyone for their love, support, and prayers during this time. Your kindness has meant more than words can express.

Cemetery Details

Haynes Creek Cemetery

3995 Rosebud Road
Loganville, GA 30052

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA 30052
(770) 466-1544

Funeral Service

FEB 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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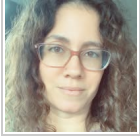
Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marcus Clay*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - February 23 at 12:28 PM



“ If I ever heard a song that reminded me of Marcus, it's this one.

I Was Alive

Song by Beartooth · 2023

*Not gonna be on my deathbed
Knowing I'll be buried in regret
Thinkin' 'bout the things I never did
While I'm taking my last breath
No need to fear the end
'Cause I'll know I didn't just live
When I die, I'll know I didn't just live
I was alive, I'll know I didn't just live
Not gonna be on my deathbed
Wondering why I was always scared
To say those words I never said
To the ones I loved while I was there
When I die, I'll know I didn't just live
I was alive, I'll know I didn't just live
I was a person that you were proud of
Took chances, didn't doubt 'em
No need to fear the end
'Cause I'll know I didn't just live
I was alive
When I die, I'll know I didn't just live
I was a person that you were proud of
Took chances, didn't doubt 'em
No need to fear the end
'Cause I'll know I didn't just live
I was alive*

Cassie Baughman - March 24 at 06:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Marcus Clay.*



February 24 at 02:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marcus Clay.

February 24 at 02:17 PM



“ *Toby Sexton Tire purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marcus Clay.*



Toby Sexton Tire - February 24 at 12:47 PM



“ *Toby Sexton Tire planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Clay.*

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“ *Mom Mom, A. Terry and Larkin Lee purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Marcus Clay.*



Mom Mom, A. Terry and Larkin Lee - February 23 at 09:31 PM

CB

“ Marcus-

my partner, my muscle, my best friend, and the love of my life... You always wondered how you would be remembered once you left this earth- we discussed these things often and it goes without saying that you are loved and respected by soo many.. not a day goes by without you sitting on my shoulder guiding me through of that Marcus-ism knowledge- if you know- you know.

We built a life together and raised our children together and it was not easy but some of the best times.. we may have been on a break for healing but our future held strong. Our kids will have soo much knowledge and experience in life because of you!

I know you fought daily to be present and wish I could have taken that away so you could just enjoy every moment but I will say you're the strongest human I have ever met! Physically was a duh but both mentally and spiritually! You always put everyone first and would help anyone you could! I always admired your soft caring love side hiding behind that Badass track of a body and serious look... but when you got to joking and playing and goofing around- that laugh and smile and little jig you always did was beyond contagious...

The way you loved kids and mentored so many people in the most calm and understanding way.. a true gift you have been to many of us..

I'm blessed and grateful for the years we had together and would do it all again. MARCASS for life! Until we meet again my love, please look over us and guide us from above! I am at peace knowing you are with your mom again because I know you have missed her soo much! Most honorable man true to his word and devoted partner and father to his son Curtis and my son Logan and daughter Rylee. They all had their own special bond with him and forever he will have a place in our hearts... I love you Marcus Clay! Keep drinking chocolate milk and working out! I'm proud of you baby, you fought like hell!

Cassidy Blood - February 23 at 08:30 PM

AM

“ Allison Adams Merritt lit a candle in memory of Marcus Clay



Allison Adams Merritt - February 23 at 01:11 PM

TL

“ David we here at Physio are keeping you & your family in our thoughts and prayers. Know that our hearts are with you all as you face this unexpected loss. Prayers for peace and comfort today and in the days to come. Much love to you all. Toni Lawrence & the Physio Team



Toni Lawrence - February 23 at 12:34 PM



“ 77 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - February 23 at 12:18 PM

TZ

“ Prayers for Marcus family. He left us way too soon. Rest in peace brother. Until Valhalla 🙏🙏🙏

Tom Zimmerly - February 22 at 01:03 PM

BJ

“ Sending healing prayers and this time. Our sincere condolences. We Love you! Donovan, Balinda, & Andrew Jones

Balinda Jones - February 22 at 12:24 AM

BF

“ Prayers for comfort for Marcus' family and friends. A great man who will be missed.



Bill Ferris - February 21 at 07:45 PM

SB

“ Sandra B.Chandler lit a candle in memory of Marcus Clay



Sandra B.Chandler - February 21 at 06:29 PM

DR

“ Prayers for the family!



Dianne Ray - February 21 at 02:04 PM