



Clay Martin Brown

December 16, 1961 - February 23, 2012

Clay left us unexpectedly at his home in Carpinteria on February 23, 2012. He was born on December 16, 1961 in Santa Monica to Paul and Nancy Habel Brown; their youngest of four sons. In 1968 the family moved to Carpinteria from the family home in Brentwood, Los Angeles. Clay was an exemplary student. Following graduation from Carpinteria High School in 1979 he studied a year in Germany at Gottingen University. He subsequently graduated from UCSB Magna Cum Laude with dual Bachelor's degrees in Spanish and German. He taught at Carpinteria, San Marcos and Buena Ventura High Schools and SBCC Adult Ed classes. Clay ultimately began his profession as a full time interpreter and owner of his own interpreting service where he mainly worked with the medical community. In 1998 Clay married Gloria Jimenez of Carpinteria, which was a joyful union as children of both families had been friends since childhood. Soon Clay and Gloria had two precious and adored sons- Max, now ten and Elliot, now eight. Clay was pre-deceased by his father, Paul and is survived by his mother, Nancy of Carpinteria, dearest Max, Elliot, and their mother Gloria, and his brothers, Peter Brown of Orangevale, Ca. , Nicholas Katsenis (Anita) of Marina Del Rey, and Christopher Brown (Pam) of Santa Barbara. Clay will also be missed by his aunt Daphne Spencer, his cousins William and Catherine Spencer of Los Angeles, and all his nieces and nephews. A memorial mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Carpinteria at Linden and El Carro Ln. on Monday, March 5th at 10am. Any donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, P.O.

box 50, Memphis TN 38101-9929.

Cemetery Details

Carpinteria Cemetery

1501 Cravens Lane
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
1532 Linden Ave.
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Tribute Wall

KK

“ Clay, it has been more than eight years since you left and I think of you often. You are in our hearts as vividly as you were on that windy afternoon our families spent time together on the beach, the boys running in the sand. I can only hope that finally, you know what a vital part of the world you were. We miss you.

Kim Kasabian - June 19, 2020 at 02:40 AM

MS

“ I only just now learned of Clay's untimely passing, via a random search on the internet to find out what he was up to these days, nearly 30 years after I met him. I also met Clay in Germany, during my junior year abroad in Goettingen, and got to know him through my housemate, whom he was dating at the time. We later met up in his home town of Carpinteria, and kept in touch through mutual friends for a year or two after I graduated. The Clay I knew was the same Clay described below - warm, friendly, good-natured. So sorry to learn that he has left this world far too soon - my condolences to his family and friends.

Marleen Sacks - November 26, 2014 at 05:00 PM

Mario Prats

“ I met Clay in August 1988 when I went to Goettingen as an exchange student from UC Berkeley. He was my assigned mentor and he was also dating a German theology student who lived in my dorm, so I got to see him quite often that summer and through the fall before he left Germany. I have never forgotten his kindness and his help while I was adapting to my new environment. It is a testament to his nature how I still remember him after all these years even though we did not stay in touch. My heartfelt sympathy goes to his family and loved ones.

-Mario Prats

Mario Prats - July 08, 2014 at 01:16 PM

MP

“ The family of Clay Brown would like to thank each and every one of you who responded to the news of Clay's sudden passing with such truly heartfelt expressions of sympathy, prayers and offers of help. There are no words to describe how much comfort and strength your kind thoughtfulness has given us at this sad time.

Written by Nancy Brown - Clay's Mom

Marty Peck - March 06, 2012 at 09:30 PM

GL

“ Gene And Barbara Lozier lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Gene and Barbara Lozier - March 05, 2012 at 03:05 PM

DG

“ *David Glidden lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown*



David Glidden - March 03, 2012 at 10:15 AM

BB

“ *Clay, how happy I was to give you a hug only days ago and to catch up. You had not been to our office in awhile to interpret. It was so great to catch up on our kids and family. Little did I know it would be our last hug. I will miss you. No day shall erase you from the memory of time. My love goes out to your family. Barbara Bailey*



Barbara Bailey - March 01, 2012 at 11:10 PM

TB

“ *Tamara Bolding sent a virtual gift in memory of Clay Martin Brown*



Tamara Bolding - March 01, 2012 at 09:38 PM

TB

Clay was my property manager and had also become my friend only four short months ago. He always acted with professionalism, class, kindness, and warmth. The unexpected end of his life grieves and saddens my heart. I miss him and extend my sincere condolences to his mother, the family, and to his sons that he always spoke so fondly and tenderly of, Max and Elliot. One of my last memories of him is him with his boys playfully teasing each other in the hallway of his house. He had a very gentle and kind spirit that is deeply missed.

Tamara Bolding - March 01, 2012 at 09:40 PM

MB

thanks for that and the tooth brush from: max and elliot

Max Brown - May 23, 2012 at 07:52 PM

CP

“ *Craig Paulsen lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown*



Craig Paulsen - March 01, 2012 at 11:52 AM

LC

“ *Lynnette Coster lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown*



Lynnette Coster - March 01, 2012 at 11:51 AM

MD

“ *Marla France Daglis lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown*



Marla France Daglis - March 01, 2012 at 11:30 AM



“ *Clay, greeted me with a "How the heck are ya?" When we saw each other. Sadly, it has been years since I've seen my friend. "Uncle Clay". A small group of friends that hung out together in our young adult lives had nick names.... his was 'Uncle Clay'. Clay had that always on smile.... and in return one would always smile back at him.*

I'll cherish the memories he left behind. His fun outlook on life, his old 50's car to the Volvos he choose to drive. I would call , to invite him, the day of a BBQ gathering at the Olivas house and he would show up.... with that smile on his face. There are so many more memories of our Clay. A movie could be made on his life.

Clay...if in heaven you can read this, Know my friend... I'm learning German. Do you remember when I ask you to help me learn... it was less then 9 months ago on the phone. Now my friend... I live in Germany. With my soon to be wife. Clay... I have a son I wanted you to meet him.... Tonight I will raise a glass of my best wine, a toast. A toast to you and your amazing life, all the memories you left me with. To you... Uncle Clay.

I miss you...

Paul

March 01, 2012 at 03:47 AM

MB

if this is paul brown then i am clays son max to make contact please call me at 805 451 1150

Max Brown - May 23, 2012 at 07:55 PM

TT

Clay, I'm so sorry to hear of your passing. You've always held such a bright light in my heart. I love you like a brother. I noticed your birth date is the same as my son's. Clay, my heart is with your family. I'll carry my sweet memories of your goofiness with me the rest of my life. You were always the shining star. So much love to all of your family. RIP, little brother (in law).

Terri K Anderson Turner - September 22, 2020 at 05:34 AM

PO

“ Paul Olivas lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Paul Olivas - March 01, 2012 at 03:18 AM

MC

“ Marlene Symonds Cordero lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Marlene Symonds Cordero - February 29, 2012 at 11:22 PM



“ You will be missed, my friend.



February 29, 2012 at 11:12 PM

SL

“ Sue Labadie lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Sue Labadie - February 29, 2012 at 09:06 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



February 29, 2012 at 09:05 PM

RH

“ Renee Harris-Swickard sent a virtual gift in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Renee Harris-Swickard - February 29, 2012 at 08:39 PM

RH

“ Renee Harris-Swickard lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Renee Harris-Swickard - February 29, 2012 at 08:37 PM

SM

“ Shirley-Frances Walski McEntire lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Shirley-Frances Walski McEntire - February 29, 2012 at 08:27 PM



“ Michael Hickey lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Michael Hickey - February 29, 2012 at 08:24 PM



“ Michael Hickey sent a virtual gift in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Michael Hickey - February 29, 2012 at 08:21 PM

SD

“ Susan Damron lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Susan Damron - February 29, 2012 at 08:11 PM



“ *Cristina Martin lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown*



Cristina Martin - February 29, 2012 at 08:10 PM



“ *I want to express my sincere condolences to the entire family. He will be missed. It has been years since I have seen him but i remember his big smile and great personality. God Bless and keep you all strong at this difficult time.*
Sincerely,
Cristina Carreno Martin

Cristina Martin - February 29, 2012 at 07:58 PM



“ *John Chufar lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown*



John Chufar - February 29, 2012 at 07:21 PM



Condolences to the Brown family - many fond memories, my thoughts & prayers are with all of you. John Chufar

John Chufar - February 29, 2012 at 07:27 PM

MC

“ Dear Nancy, Peter, Nick and Chris.. I am so sorry for the loss of Clay.. saw him 2 yrs ago when I was in Carp. and met his sons.. I was just so shocked, I remember all the fun we had together as neighbors. My condolences and prayers are with your family.. I truly feel very sad today..

Love and Sympathy

Marlene Symonds Cordero

Marlene Symonds Cordero - February 29, 2012 at 02:12 PM

TE

“ Clay. He was a friend of mine and although our marriages and life kept us apart he was never far from my heart. I can say I deeply loved him as a friend and remember the humor and wit he had that no one can seem to match. He often floored me with his comments, remarks and outbursts as he usually did. I just hope I brought him the same laughter he brought to me. I am very sorry for your loss as we all lost an exceptional human being. The month of February will never be the same. I miss him, my friend.

Trina (Olivas) Emami - February 29, 2012 at 01:37 PM

TE

“ Trina (Olivas) Emami lit a candle in memory of Clay Martin Brown



Trina (Olivas) Emami - February 29, 2012 at 01:21 PM



Sorry to hear of his passing. He was a nice guy. I will pray for his sons.

frank methmann - March 01, 2012 at 12:48 AM