



Cletus Ferdinand Heyd

November 3, 1941 - July 16, 2019

Cletus Ferdinand Heyd, 77, passed away peacefully at home on July 16, 2019. Born on November 3rd, 1941, in New Orleans, LA. Married to Anita Fagan Heyd for 53 years. Survived by children Rodney Steven Heyd (Kristin Sohn) of Tucson, AZ, Kenneth David Heyd (Bree Robbins) of Gilbert, AZ, Richard Allan Heyd (Laura Petschl) of Seattle, WA, and Deborah Kay Heyd of New Orleans, LA, and grandchildren Logan David Heyd, Aubrey Annabelle Heyd, Ellie Kathleen Heyd, and Harper Ann Heyd. Preceded in death by mother Alma Ethel Miller & father Cletus Frederick Heyd, Sr, sister Marie Heyd Kubnick and grandson Gavin Blake Heyd.

Clete started his shenanigans at a young age in New Orleans “guarding” cooling beignets in the windows of local bakeries. He was also good at finding “missing” stop signs on the side of Metairie Road. Later in life, Clete was passionate about preventing scurvy, handing his new daughter in law a lime during his son’s wedding ceremony (you can never be too careful). He enjoyed a good Mardi Gras parade, and was willing to risk bodily harm to catch a shoe thrown from a float. He was also an avid watcher of the show “Steinfeld,” (Yes, we know it’s Seinfeld!) and always left everyone wanting more.

Anita and Clete’s loving 53 year marriage began with a meeting at the Woolworth lunch counter, followed by their first date at the Jefferson Downs Racetrack where they both won big! Married on June 4th, 1966, they cast their fate to the wind. Clete’s career with F. W. Woolworth, Woolco, and finally Ross Dress for Less, took Cletus and Anita west to finally settle in Mesa, AZ, where they resided for 46 years and raised their family.

Clete was a proud father and doting grandfather. He was a kind and gentle soul, who could always be counted on to diffuse difficult situations with his dry humor. He was a good and decent man who loved his family and was very proud of his children and the adults they grew into. He loved camping and fishing with his children, especially in the

White Mountains of Arizona and Rocky Point, Mexico. Passing on the cultural traditions of his childhood such as fishing, crabbing, crawfishing, or just skipping rocks was very important to Clete. All his children benefited greatly from his experiences and his wisdom and were always excited to learn from him. He is missed so very much.

Cemetery

San Tan Memorial Gardens

22425 E. Cloud Rd.

Queen Creek, AZ, 85142

Events

JUL **Viewing** 11:00AM

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Meldrum Mortuary

52 N Macdonald, Mesa, AZ, US, 85201

JUL **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd.



July 22 at 11:29 PM



“ Shelia & Delbert Chumley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd.



Shelia & Delbert Chumley - July 22 at 08:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd.



July 22 at 04:32 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd.



July 22 at 03:47 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd.



July 22 at 02:48 PM



“ Heyd Cousins: Ed, Norman, Ray, George, Phil purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd.



Heyd Cousins: Ed, Norman, Ray, George, Phil - July 22 at 12:15 PM



“ Diane and Richard Angelico purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd.



Diane and Richard Angelico - July 22 at 10:18 AM



“ Anita and family, I am so saddened to hear of the passing of your dear husband and father. Anita, you have been such a good internet friend, and loved you sharing your pics and experiences of what you and Cletus were up to. May you have peace and comfort. Love you, friend.

Mary M Evans - July 22 at 01:42 AM



“ I’m so sorry, Anita. My heart aches with yours. I trust the memories of your sweet marriage comfort you well.

Beverly Kirkland - July 21 at 11:24 PM



“ My memories of Cletus are of having my parents wrangle all of us Heyd children in the car each Sunday to go visit our cousins Cletus and Marie and our Aunt and Uncle. Hard to believe it’s been so many years ago! RIP

Ray Heyd - July 21 at 04:33 PM



“ It was my privilege to have known Clete. He was a man of integrity, humor, and kindness. My thoughts are with his family. Beverly Raskin

beverly raskin - July 21 at 12:37 PM



“ Beverly Raskin lit a candle in memory of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd



beverly raskin - July 21 at 12:28 PM



“ Rebecca Cooper lit a candle in memory of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd



Rebecca Cooper - July 20 at 06:48 PM



“ Dear Anita, Rod, Ken, Debbie and Rich.

We were so saddened to learn of the passing of Cletus. He was fun to be around with his stories and wisdom.

Please accept our sincere sympathy.

Bob and Marilyn Sohn.

Robert Nd Marilyn Sohn - July 20 at 02:24 PM



“ Jerry and Brenda Douglas purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd.



Jerry and Brenda Douglas - July 20 at 11:50 AM



“ I am privileged, I belong to a group of folks that call Clete, boss, mentor and friend. Clete had a quiet wisdom. If you just leaned in and listened, his patience and guidance would get you on the right path. I have known Clete for 45 years. I will always carry a high level of gratitude and admiration to the man that had a big impact on so many lives. Thank you and God Bless.

Jerry Douglas

Jerry Douglas - July 20 at 11:19 AM



“ I worked for Clete when I transferred with Ross Stores from Los Angeles California in 1990 at 43rd & Peoria . He was a great leader,teacher, and was instrumental in my future development growth with Ross until his retirement. He was a great tender man, caring and genuine. He influenced a lot of us in our careers. RIP Clete

Bill Ames



Bill Ames - July 20 at 10:40 AM



“ I’m not very good at expressing myself. There are no words to express how I feel. I knew Clete for many years. Worked for him 3 different times. That alone should say how much I liked, admired and respected him.
“When a close friend unexpectedly leaves us, a piece of our heart is forever broken.”

Glenda McKenzie - July 19 at 09:52 PM



“ Meldrum Mortuary lit a candle in memory of Cletus Ferdinand Heyd



Meldrum Mortuary - July 19 at 11:47 AM