



## Clara Bell West Clay

March 25, 1930 - May 2, 2014

Clara Bell West Clay, 84, of Altavista went to her heavenly home on Friday, May 2, 2014 at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

She was born March 25, 1930 in Campbell County, a daughter of the late John Willard West and Ada Elizabeth Arthur West. She was a member of First Pentecostal Holiness Church, the Women's Ministry and enjoyed gardening. Clara was a retired employee of Burlington Industries-BGF.

She is survived by a son, Landon F. Clay and his wife Susan of Lynch Station; two daughters, Malree C. Dolan and her husband Wayne of Gretna and Dorinda C. Scruggs and her husband Howard of Hurt; one sister, Helen W. Shelton and her husband Clyde of Clinton, NC; one brother, Frank West and his wife, Susan of Winston-Salem, NC; ten grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Rosalee West of Altavista and three very special friends, Jan Bell, Joan Hagood and LaShawn Reynolds.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Belinda Darnell Clay and a brother, Rudolph West.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 5, 2014 at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Altavista by the Rev. Gary Shupe and Rev. Dennis Nichols with interment to follow in the First Pentecostal Holiness

Church cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1000 Broad St., Altavista, VA 24517.

# Cemetery Details

## First Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery

1279 Lynch Rd.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Pentecostal Holiness Church  
1000 Broad St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Funeral Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Pentecostal Holiness Church  
1000 Broad St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

NJ

“ NANCY JAMES

NANCY JAMES - May 10, 2014 at 06:52 PM

TS

“ Mawmaw,  
*I miss you so much, but I know you are healthy and happy up there with Jesus! I'm so happy for you! Your watering those pretty flowers and feeding your birds I'm sure! Every time I work in my flowers or cook, clean and hopefully one day raise my own babies I'll be thinking of you ! I hope I can do half as good of a job as you have done! Thanks for being the best Mawmaw there has ever been! I love you Mawmaw! Can't wait to hug and kiss you again soon!*  
Love, Tiff

Tiffany Scruggs - May 07, 2014 at 08:38 AM

JB

“ Malree and Dorinda, I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was always such a pleasant lady and she passed her sweet personality and smile to you girls. I know you will miss her terribly but also relieved knowing she is made whole again with the Lord. Thoughts and prayers are being sent to you. Jo Barnard



Jo Barnard - May 05, 2014 at 10:15 AM

EC

“ I know that this woman is having a reunion with her Daughter, her Mother and her Father..If there is anybody that had a place waiting in heaven Maw Maw did!

She Mothered many, many children.... She was not only a Mother, Sister, Daughter, Grandmother , she was probably the most caring woman I have ever met..

She taught me how to crochet, how to bake bread, and we had many, many fun times together. She will be watching down and I can assure you that she has met her Maker.

I am sure she is feeding the birds, and watering the flower garden in heaven, as we celebrate her life today and she is without pain and is being rewarded for all of her good deeds here on earth.

RIP Maw Maw Clay!

Love,  
Ellyn

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**Ellyn Cox** - May 05, 2014 at 06:26 AM

SI

“ Steve's Florist Inc. lit a candle in memory of Clara Bell West Clay



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**Steve's Florist inc.** - May 04, 2014 at 09:23 PM

SI

“ Steve's Florist Inc. lit a candle in memory of Clara Bell West Clay



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**Steve's Florist inc.** - May 04, 2014 at 09:22 PM

CW

“ *Carroll And Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of Clara Bell West Clay*



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**Carroll and Gwenda Willard** - May 04, 2014 at 08:14 PM

DD

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Clara. My entire family always loved Clara and had many memories of her in "North Altavista". Clara, May You Rest In Peace".  
Dennis DeLappe*

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**Dennis DeLappe** - May 04, 2014 at 03:02 PM

SW

“ *Susan West purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clara Bell West Clay .*



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**Susan West** - May 04, 2014 at 01:26 PM

J(

“ It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to my sweet grandmother Clara "Maw Maw Clay". She was a wonderful woman. Heart as big as the world. She loved everyone. I don't know of any enemies that she ever had. As one of her grandchildren, Maw Maw always instilled basic rules for a happy life.

1. Respect others.
2. Care for others.
3. Always be willing to help everyone.
4. Respect and love your parents.
5. Always wash your "little" hands.
6. Always be a plate cleaner.
7. Say the blessing and make sure to pray everyday.

As I move forward in my life I feel that many of the values she instilled in us I use. I think I not only got my red hair from her but I also got a piece of her heart.

When Maw Maw said she "loved you bunches" you better believe she meant it.

I am going to miss you Maw Maw but now I am so comforted to know that I have a beautiful and wonderful guardian angel watching over me. I might still need you to let me know when I'm messing up which I am sure you will do in only a way you would.

I love you and miss you already but I know you are happy and healthy and home where you have been preparing to go for 80 years.

Love your grandson

James

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**James Farmer (Grandson)** - May 04, 2014 at 09:54 AM

MC

Clara was my best friend when me and my son move next door to her on 8th street. She made us so welcome. I knew that it wasn't anything that she wouldn't do for you. I love you and miss you. I know you are happy now I am sad in my heart knowing you are with Jesus. Make me happy. Love your best friend Minnie Mae

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**minnie mae clark** - May 04, 2014 at 12:54 PM

VE

“ Share a memory of Clara Bell West Clay , or send a condolence to the family...So sorry for your loss.

*Valerie and Kenneth Eagle*

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**Valerie and Kenneth Eagle** - May 04, 2014 at 08:59 AM

AH

“ I love you Dorinda. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Many hugs and love to you.

*Angie Hutcherson  
Hurt, VA*

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**Angela Hutcherson** - May 04, 2014 at 08:49 AM

RV

“ So sorry to hear about Clara, but it is a comfort to know she is no longer in pain or suffering each day. May GOD grant you all peace and comfort during this time.



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**Robin Vaughan** - May 04, 2014 at 08:45 AM

PB

“ Patsy Bailey lit a candle in memory of Clara Bell West Clay



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**Patsy Bailey** - May 04, 2014 at 08:07 AM

MH

“ *Marlo Henderson lit a candle in memory of Clara Bell West Clay*



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**Marlo Henderson** - May 03, 2014 at 10:17 PM

CF

“ *Clara Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Clara Bell West Clay*



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**Clara Smith & Family** - May 03, 2014 at 09:10 PM

DS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss.*



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**Donald, Christie & Austin Shelton** - May 03, 2014 at 05:15 PM

DS

“ *Danny&Mary Singleton lit a candle in memory of Clara Bell West Clay*



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**Danny&Mary Singleton** - May 03, 2014 at 03:32 PM