



## Joe Adolphus Clayton III

July 12, 1934 - September 13, 2017

Joe A. Clayton, III, was born in Artesia, New Mexico, in 1934, and passed away on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Joe graduated from Oklahoma A&M. He retired from the U.S. Department of Forestry and from the State of Tennessee as assistant state forester. After retiring he developed the Country Cove Christmas Tree Farm in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Joe is survived by his wife Portia; daughter Danielle Clayton of the home; son Patrick Clayton; daughter Tracey Clayton; stepsons Russell Ross, and Jeff Jackson; aunt Tommie Burnett; niece Debbie Hardesty (Jay); several grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Portia and family,  
Mickey and I have such nice memories of visits with Joe through the  
years.  
He was so kind to come to the funeral in Georgia when Ellen,  
Mickey's sister,  
died. Love and prayers to you from the Wardlaws.  
Ruth Wardlaw*

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**Ruth Wardlaw** - October 01, 2017 at 08:10 PM