



Christian "Chris" H. Cleland

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Christian H. (Chris) Cleland passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010. A native and life resident of Waldheim, he was born February 14, 1920 to the late John Edward and Rosa Dutsch Cleland.

The beloved husband of Lilia Aracely Centes Cleland, he is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Cleland Branch and his granddaughter, Anna Grace Branch. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Rosa C. Fauntleroy and Hazel C. Fauntleroy; four brothers: Leo C., Sr. John E., Jr., Herbert and Ellis R. Cleland.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend funeral services at 11:30 AM on Friday, June 11, 2010 at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave., Covington, LA 70433.

Visiting hours will begin Friday at 9:30 AM.

Interment at the Cleland Cemetery will immediately follow services.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of St. Tammany, 4410 Highway 22 Mandeville, LA 70471.



Tribute Wall

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 21 at 6:52 AM



Christy Harrington Descant posted:

Ms. Chely and Cynthia, I wanted to express to you both my deepest sympathy. I remember Mr. Chris the most when he was working on the pond in the back field and coming to pick blackberries on y'all property. He will be greatly missed by myself and the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Love you both very much, Christy Harrington Descant

June 12 at 8:48 AM



James & Cheryl Pellerin posted:

SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I WILL REMEMBER OUR MAILBOX CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. CHRIS AND WAVES FROM ACROSS THE ROAD.

June 12 at 6:09 AM



Yoly Centes posted:

En momentos como éste, es bueno recordar...El tiempo nunca nos separará de aquellos que viven en nuestro corazón. Nunca perderemos a los que amamos, a los que nos sentimos unidos y cuyas sonrisas viven en nuestro corazón. Que el Señor les fortalezca.

June 11 at 6:43 PM



Beth Vinyard posted:

Boxcar Willie...that is one of my memories of Mr. Chris. He had one tape of Boxcar Willie that he listened to over and over again in his old truck. I remember his smile...that wink and a nudge on the arm when he was telling you a story. I have known Mr. Chris nearly my entire life. He called me "The Fighter" because I wasn't the type of kid who opened up to people easily...but he never seemed offended by my standoffishness. He would just smile and tell me about one of the horses or something that he had done as a young man. I am going to miss him and I hope he knew that "The Fighter" always loved him...

June 11 at 5:14 PM



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JR

Jerri E. Rogers posted:

I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

June 11 at 5:55 AM

LB

Lili Bonilla posted:

I am deeply sorry for your loss. Uncle Chris was a wonderful man, and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God will give you the strength to get through this.

June 10 at 6:38 PM

IM

Ivey Martin posted:

Technically, Chris and I are cousins. However, in reality, he was so much more. He was a best friend, a mentor, and even a surrogate father. The skill sets that I possess today are largely due to what Chris taught me—how to repair a tractor, how to build a dump truck, even how to keep his old dozer going. In his own quiet way, he passed on his unique philosophies and practical knowledge that an independent man needs to know. I will forever be in his debt. I only hope to honor his life by passing on his knowledge to the next generation—Shane, Terry, Ray, Daniel—and, in time, Dalton, Logan, Owen, Evan and Aaron. I LOVED him and I will never forget him.

June 10 at 6:09 PM

DP

Dawn Lenel Powell posted:

Uncle Chris, you will be sooo sadly missed!! Your were so peaceful and caring to us kids growing up! Unbelievable that you were here 90 years. Aunt Shelley, may God be with you during this time. You are an awesome lady!!! Cynthia, everyday is a blessing and I know you know that well. Help Grace remember him as she grows! I wished I could make it tomorrow to the funeral but I am at a school. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. We love you guys!!

June 10 at 4:35 PM

AB

Alejandra Y Mario Bonilla posted:

Nuestras mas sinceras condolencias por tan sensible pérdida. Le rogamos a Dios nuestro señor que les de resignación y fortaleza en este momento tan dificil. Estamos con ustedes compartiendo su dolor. Alejandra y Mario

June 10 at 2:58 PM



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LS

Lynn Sebastian posted:

Heart and prayers are with you at this time. I will miss Chris' generosity and kindness towards others.

June 10 at 6:52 AM

LH

Laura Herdliska posted:

My God's spirit be with you, Cynthia, and AnnaGrace in this time of sadness. Psalms 67:1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us. Love, Laura

June 10 at 4:49 AM

BS

Brian Sebastian posted:

Thankyou Mr.Chris, for all the help you gave me when I first got here with my Wife and two kids. Thanks for the tips on raising Chickens, Pigs, Cows and Goats. Thanks for pulling my truck out of the hole in the back acres the night I was watching the comet, instead of where I was driving. Thanks for all the great stories you told about life in the '30s '40s and '50s. I'm sure they were all true, even if they weren't, I still believe them. Thanks for pulling the still-born calf from my Heifer and saving here life. You knew how upset I was about the calf, and I appreciate the grave and marker you placed for it. (unlike certain other neighbors who would have grabbed the charcoal and barbecue). Thanks for the thousands of beers we shared (mostly mine). Thanks for being a friend Mr Chris.

June 10 at 4:21 AM

SB

Shelly J. Branch posted:

Praying for you all. Will miss the gentleness of Chris's spirit.

June 9 at 6:03 PM

MF

Macee F. posted:

Anna Grace, I know that you will miss your "Grumpy" so much. The pictures we just looked at were so cute of yall eating ice cream and having a mardi gras parade. I can't believe your Grumpy could pick up a horse! He's so strong! We pray for y'all every night and will pray extra, extra tonight. I'm making you a spectacular and fancy card tonight, too.

June 9 at 2:52 PM



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