



# Terry James Clément

May 5, 1934 - July 5, 2019

Terry James Clément passed away July 5th in his residence. Terry was born May 5th, 1934 the 6th of 9 children for Laurent and Ada Clément. A Mass of Christian Burial for Terry James Clément, 85 of Evangeline, LA will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Evangeline, LA on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 11:30 AM with Father Paul LaFleur officiating. Burial will follow St. Joseph Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends will be held Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Monday, July 8, 2019 from 9:00 AM with a Rosary recited at 10:00 AM and continuing until his Christian Mass at 11:30 AM.

Terry fell in love with French Music at a very early age and in 1949 formed his first band, Terry Clément and his Rhythmic Five with brother Purvis and brother-in-law Ronnie Goodreau. He would go on to form the Tune Tones and finally; when younger brother Grant was old enough to join, he formed The Clément Brothers band.

In 1952 Terry and Purvis were riding in a pickup truck to a show in Holly Beach when they decided they were going to make a record, the two of them played around with some catchy tunes and lyrics and the following week "Diggy Liggy Lo" was recorded in Crowley. They continued to play music around the country and in 1993 they were inducted into the Louisiana Hall of Fame and presented the "Prix De Pionnier" award in 2002 by the Cajun French Music Association.

Terry received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from LSU in 1957 and was an avid LSU fan. You could often spot him on a Saturday Night at LSU stadium proudly wearing his custom-made Tiger "Fur" sport coat cheering on his "Little" Tigers.

Terry retired from the United States Department of Agriculture in 1989 after 32 years of service as a Soil Conservationist, often traveling to foreign countries to assist in developing their agricultural programs. He was recognized by the USDA for his outstanding performance above and beyond his assigned duties with a Meritorious Service Award in 1977.

Terry was an avid horticulturist and enjoyed tending to his garden and many fruit trees. He also spent many hours in his wood shop creating a variety of wooden toys and furniture for friends and family.

Terry was a man of deep faith and moral values that he lived out in his daily life. He

demonstrated kindness, love, mercy and benevolence to anyone he met. He truly would care for the least of these. Terry was devoted to his children and instilled his values and work ethic in them. He was deeply proud of his family and his family heritage, and passed this down to his children. Not many days went by without him bringing up stories to his children, of his Grandfather, Jules. He preserved his legacy and passed this passion to his family.

He was president of the Jules Clement Corporation and fought to preserve the rightful legacy of Evangeline being the birthplace of Louisiana oil. He spent uncountable days digging in the old oil field adding to his collection of bottles and artifacts, a task his children weren't too fond of in the Louisiana heat, but all proud of his family legacy.

Left to cherish his memories are: son Jules Clay (Sharon); daughters Anissa (Larry), Lisa Mullett (Matt) and Angela LeJeune (Kyle); brother Grant (Diane) and sister Carita Goodreau (Ronnie); grandchildren Bradley, Abby, Jack, Madison, and Bennet; plus, a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents Laurent and Ada; sisters Audrey, Melba, Thelma (Tilly), and Cecile; brothers Hubert Sr., and Purvis.

Pallbearers are Matt Mullett, Jules Clay Clement, Bradley Clement, Donnie Clement, Andre Clement, Larry Goodwin and Jack Goodwin. Honorary pallbearers are Grant Clement and Ronnie Goodreau.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery/Evangeline

1400 Old Evangeline Hwy  
Evangeline, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Matthews and Son Funeral Home - Jennings  
511 N. Cutting Ave.  
Jennings, LA 70546

## Rosary

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Matthews and Son Funeral Home - Jennings  
511 N. Cutting Ave.  
Jennings, LA 70546

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 8. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
1400 Old Evangeline Hwy  
Evangeline, LA 70537

# Tribute Wall



“ *Je remets mes hommages à toute la famille Clément. J'ai particulièrement côtoyé Terry que j'appréciais beaucoup pour sa force d'âme, aussi Hubert, mon grand ami avec qui j'ai eu le plaisir d'aller pêcher dans le golf du Mexique et Purvis, le roi du violon qui nous faisait tous rire. Que leur âme repose en paix.  
Jean-Pierre Eppe (qui avait fait les photos de la pochette d'un vinyle)*

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**Jean-pierre Eppe** - February 05, 2021 at 01:29 PM

BC

“ *Clay , I was sorry to hear of the loss of your Father, my thoughts and prayers are with you guys . May God's love and strength sustain you during this time. Love in Christ  
Betty Cryer*

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**Betty Cryer** - July 09, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Terry James Clement.*



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July 08, 2019 at 09:58 AM

BE

“ *To the Clement Family,  
My deepest sympathies for the loss of an extraordinary man. I admire the way he lived his life and the light he brought to others. May cherished memories bring you moments of comfort.  
The Eady Family*

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**Becky Eady** - July 08, 2019 at 09:27 AM

CD

“ *Dear Clement Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you say goodbye to a wonderful man. His life was well lived and his contributions were many.  
Condolences. Cyd Doverspike Family*

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**Cyd Doverspike** - July 08, 2019 at 08:37 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Terry James Clement.*



July 07, 2019 at 08:42 PM

RT

“ *My condolences to Clay and the Clement family. May your loving memories bring you comfort during this sad time. I am sorry for your loss and pray for your healing.*

Renee Tokarczyk - July 07, 2019 at 08:30 PM

DM

“ *My condolences to the surviving Clement Family. You all had a great and talented Dad. He is gone to a better place, but may your cherished memories of him never leave you. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Doug Miller - July 07, 2019 at 05:50 PM

AP

“ *Anna Poole lit a candle in memory of Terry James Clement*



Anna Poole - July 07, 2019 at 03:21 PM

MC

“ *R.I.P. Terry - you always made us smile and dance - prayers for comfort and peace for family*

Marshall & Carol Cyr - July 07, 2019 at 10:35 AM

“ Nessie, T-tie and Angie,

*RIP dear Uncle Terry. He was always, always so nice to me. I smile at all my childhood memories of him. I can still see him coming into your house after work (5:00) with his black lunch box saying, “Well, hel-looo there, Khelli!!” Always the same greeting. And us teasing him for whatever reason ... “Tarry Clay-more” We would laugh so hard at that, but I still don’t know why?! It was fun laughing though. Poor Uncle Terry, I haven’t seen him in years.*

*Some of the best times of my childhood were spent at your house just hanging out . Your house was the fun house, mainly because Aunt Sharon and Uncle Terry “let us do”. (Except for Mass at 8:00, that was non-negotiable) It was so fun for us to all stay up late, eat popcorn and watch Drac-u-la movies with him, going to Aunt Audrey’s on Friday nights, listening to the Clement Brothers “play music” in your living room, his love for “the French people”, his love for the Catholic Church and missions, how his vegetable garden always put everyone else’s to shame, him sitting on the couch eating popcorn watching LSU football, seeing him on the tractor cutting grass daily, and his wood working skills! The man was so talented! Y’all always had the coolest baby furniture for your dolls, the man could make anything! Those were the good ole days for me ...*

*May God Bless you and bring you Peace. He is certainly in a better place now.  
Love y’all!*

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**Khelli Comeaux** - July 07, 2019 at 09:53 AM