



# Clayton Price Haight

May 25, 1951 - October 2, 2023

Funeral Service Zoom Link:

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Clayton Price Haight, age 72, passed away on October 2, 2023, in Draper Utah, of causes incident to age. He was born May 25, 1951, in Price, Utah to Chauncy Price Haight and Gayle Alice Baker Haight, whom have both preceded him in death.

He was raised in a dedicated Army family and spent his childhood in Germany, Greece, and many military posts in the US. He graduated high school in Fairfax, Virginia, then began his college education at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

He interrupted his studies at BYU to follow in his father's footsteps and serve his country. In 1970, he volunteered for service in Vietnam. He attended Warrant Officer Candidate (WOC) school at Ft. Wolters, TX, then flight school at Ft. Rucker, AL, where he learned to fly Huey helicopters. He forged a connection with the sky that never dimmed. He became a decorated Army

helicopter pilot and served a combat tour of duty flying combat assault missions while assigned to the 158th Aviation Battalion (the Ghost Riders) and 101st Airborne Division from 1971-72. He returned home shortly before the war ended and went back to college earning his bachelor's degree, that he put to work in a successful career in business management in the Utah Valley area. During that time, he also served for 30 years in the Utah National Guard Attack Helicopter Unit headquartered at Camp Williams, becoming the unit's primary safety test pilot for all their different aircraft, and eventually retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4).

He is survived by his two children from his first marriage with Kathie Higgins Haight: Lindsey Holt (Greg Holt), and Regan Haight; and his two children from his second marriage with Linda Beckman: Cody Haight and Cheney Haight (Amy Haight). He has 5 grandchildren: Avery, Maycee, and Gavin Holt (Lindsey Holt), and Chloe and Aiden Kobayashi (Regan Haight).

He is the oldest of five children and survived by: Shauna Rae Haight Dougherty (Francis Dougherty); David Baker Haight (Bonnie Haight); Matthew James Haight (Lisa Haight); and Steven Paul Haight (Laurie Haight). He loved his family very much and was extremely proud of all the accomplishments of his parents, siblings, children, and nieces and nephews.

He dedicated his life to both his military and civilian careers, as well as his children. He enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and after years of service and mandatory travel, he appreciated the comfort of his home and hometown. He enjoyed going to the gym and easily made friends with the regulars there. He loved making ladies smile everywhere he went and was known for pulling a Dove or York peppermint chocolate out of his gym bag to give it to someone unsuspecting, just to see them smile. There are many phrases, quotes, and jokes that he is known for, most not appropriate for this space, but above all else, he was genuine, unique and unapologetic about

who he was. Those who knew him loved him. Clayton will be missed and always remembered.

Funeral services will be held on October 13, 2023, at 12:00 PM at Camp Williams, Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park. A graveside service will follow right after the service with full military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams

17111 S. Camp Williams Road  
Bluffdale, UT 84065

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams  
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*Service in chapel on west side of cemetery.*

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Plz Linda or Shauna or David or Matt or Steven send me an email so I can know the circumstances of Clayton's death. I knew him for over 50 years and better than maybe anyone else. I don't want to bring up sensitive memories but I really need to know why and how he died. Plz help me move on from this tragedy. All will be held in strict and reverence confidence Plz help me get over this since I found out several days ago and feel guilty I didn't touch base with him before he passed. I'll see him soon on the other side. I just need to know the facts whatever they are-they will die with me. Thank you for your trust and consideration. --One of Clay's greatest admirers and truest friends-Scott Smith. drsmsmithod@gmail.com

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**Scott Smith** - March 07, 2024 at 10:11 PM

SS

“ I was so sad to learn of Clay's passing I hadn't talked to him for some time but just had a feeling to reach out today only to find he had passed. He was a man among men. I met him at BYU and found our families both knew each other back in Va. When we went home for spring break we hooked up and hit it off again and waited for the draft. He ended up with 28th and I was 9. His b-day was 5/25/51 and mine 5/28/51. We were destined to be great friends. Neither of us wanted to be drafted to be 2 yr grunts so we both enlisted for four years on the buddy plan thinking we would be together for at least 6 months but from Richmond they shipped Clay to Ga and me to So Carolina. Didn't see him for a year. He ended up in flight school which he loved and Military Intelligence for me not so much. Before we went in we hitchhiked across the country from Va to L.A. and back visiting everyone we knew from school and more then went in. I could write a book about those 199 rides he logged in on his backpack. Clay made everyone proud his dad an Army artillery Col and a little brother an Army Ranger. Clayton was definitely ARMY STRONG! He was always proud of his perfect teeth and carried his toothbrush ALWAYS. I loved the guy and still do. He called me Scottish or Scooter. I know I'll see him soon on the other side. God bless his family every one.

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**Scott Smith** - March 02, 2024 at 10:41 PM

GA

“ I am very sad at Clayton's passing. He was a very good friend of mine in flight school. He drove a VW Bug and was called "Click" (mostly by his family) I think his father was an Air Force Officer. I have many fond memories of us driving back and forth to Panama City Fl. in his bug. Many memories....(Gary amatrudo) gamatrudo930@gmail.com



**Gary Amatrudo** - January 06, 2024 at 08:52 PM

BH

“ One of many great flights thru Camp Williams with Clayton at the controls. You are missed.



**Brad Hutchings (Baby Hutch)** - October 13, 2023 at 02:56 PM

RH

*Thank you for this!*

**Regan Haight** - October 14, 2023 at 02:30 PM

SC

*Thank you for sharing!*

**Susan Chesnut** - October 14, 2023 at 06:17 PM

BH

*There are 2 other videos on my YouTube page that he is the pilot in.*

**Brad Hutchings** - October 14, 2023 at 07:23 PM

RH

*Brad, what's the name of your YouTube page*

**Regan Haight** - October 15, 2023 at 12:26 PM

BH

*Here is the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lr3n3tcd5qk>*

**Brad Hutchings** - October 15, 2023 at 05:26 PM

BH

*And the other one. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2aheI4XJDM>*

**Brad Hutchings** - October 15, 2023 at 05:27 PM

LW

*Thank you for sharing 🙏*

**Lynette Walker** - October 18, 2023 at 12:22 PM

SR

“ *Clayton was always a wonderful (favorite) Uncle for my kids - he lived only a few blocks from us and the kids would frequently go to his house for Popsicles or otter-pops. When my two oldest were toddlers he would pick them up with one hand and stick them (face first) on the ceiling :-D*

*To me personally - from first time I saw him in his flight suite after guard duty - he was always 'larger than life'*

*I'm blessed to have met this incredible man.*

**stephen p reiser** - October 13, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ There is not enough space here for me to cover how I felt about Clayton. I cannot express my gratitude for all the times spent flying and talking with him. He taught me so much. I Always looked forward to seeing him and taking an aircraft out. I'll never forget the big smile and how he would grab me and say “Well Shane looks like we cheated death again” His call sign was “Heathen” and he lived up to it. I will miss my “Big Brother”. Rest in Peace Clayton, Shane

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**Shane Goodman** - October 13, 2023 at 10:13 AM

BM

“ Clayton was one of the first copter pilots that I first met when I join the 163rd ACR. Clayton was one of the "notibles" and most sought after to fly with. The Scout Platoon was especially unique when Clayton was on duty and flying his favorite Helo... the OH-6 Cayuse. He flew that airframe like it was a sports car. I am very grateful and honored to have known him and that he knew me as a friend and fellow brother in arms. God be with you til we meet again, my friend.... Bill Moody

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**Bill Moody** - October 13, 2023 at 09:06 AM

AB

“ Clayton was a great pilot and I always enjoyed flying with him. Our trip to Bozeman Montana for an air show was the most memorable. Clayton will truly be missed.

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**Alan Baldy** - October 12, 2023 at 10:24 PM

TC

“ My condolences. He was a very talented Army Aviator and always made the Scout missions more fun as he is enjoyable to be with. Scouts out!

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**Todd Cloward** - October 12, 2023 at 10:18 PM

TH

“ Clayton was a great pilot and I considered him a good friend. I always enjoyed running Starwars Gulch with him in control. I will miss him as well as many others will.

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**Travis Heywood** - October 12, 2023 at 09:58 PM