



## Clayton James Berg

November 3, 1921 - April 11, 2024

Berg, Clayton James, age 102, of Cambridge MN, formally of Coon Rapids, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2024, surrounded by family. Clayton was born November 3, 1921, in Thief River Falls MN.

Before entering the military, Clayton was employed by Consolidated Aircraft in California as an inspector. After joining the military, he married the love of his life, Beulah (Bea) Dyrud of Newfolden MN in May 1944.

After flight school, Clayton was deployed to England as a B-24 Bomber pilot of the aircraft named "Rugged but Right". After flying 35 missions over Germany, he was able to come home. He continued his military career in the Air Force Reserve for 22 years and retired as Lt. Colonel. He was a lifetime American Legion member.

Clayton spent most of his productive years working tirelessly with friends in a startup company from the ground up into a leader in the industry. Raygo, Inc was a road paving equipment company which is now know as Caterpillar Paving Products.

Clayton was married to his beautiful wife, Bea, for 62 years before she passed away in 2006. They spent their summers in Nisswa on Roy Lake. In the winter they enjoyed Sun City West in Arizona.

He loved spending quality time with family, friends, and being on the dance floor. He was an avid die-cast car and airplane collector. He was so proud of the museum in his home.

Clayton was so devoted and loving to his children, John(Linda), Terry(Janelle), Wendy(Terry) Kleinsasser, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild.

Once again Clayton found love with Marianne Soderholm. She was a kind and loving lady who brought joy into his life. Together they declared their relationship to God and family in a ceremony of love in 2010.

People were always drawn to his remarkable stories, advice, knowledge, curious nature, and charming blue eyes. He touched many hearts with generosity and non-judgmental personality. He called everyone he met his friend.

Clayton was a very proud man. A military acronym best describes who he was - CAVU... Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited.

Thank you to GracePointe Crossing's staff and residents for their love and respect for Clayton. They took such good care of him.

A memorial service to honor his life and military service will take place on Monday, April 29, 2024, 11:00am at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Avenue NE Minneapolis. Luncheon to follow the service and graveside ceremony.

Visitation will be one hour before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be referred to The Champ Foundation in honor of Clayton's Great Granddaughter Mila or to Veteran Resource and Enrichment Center in St. Cloud.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Graveside Service

APR 29. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
2600 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Reception

APR 29. 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel Community Room  
2600 19th Avenue Northeast  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Clayton James Berg in memory of Clayton James Berg



Washburn-McReavy - April 25, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Clayton James Berg.



April 26, 2024 at 11:36 PM



“ From Independent Locomotive Service planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clayton James Berg.

From Independent Locomotive Service - April 26, 2024 at 11:36 PM

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“ *Uncle Clayton and Aunt Bea made so many wonderful memories for us at the lake in Niswaw. Loved our yearly visits and the annual champagne toasts to celebrate our anniversary. Special, special people. Will be missed, but all those memories keep us smiling. Love & Hugs, Steve & Linda*



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**Steve & Linda** - April 23, 2024 at 12:03 PM