



Clayton L. Border

February 14, 1920 - September 7, 2012

Clayton L. Border, age 92, of Toledo, died Friday September 7, 2012 at his son's home in Springfield Township.

He was born February 14, 1920 on a farm north of Bascom, Ohio, the eldest son of Jason and Chloe (Haugh) Border. He was a Toledo resident for 46 years.

A 1937 graduate of Tiffin Columbian High School, Clayton earned his accounting degree from Tiffin University in 1939. He began his business career in Columbus, as an accountant for the State of Ohio. A year later he accepted an accounting position with the Army Air Corps at Wright Field (now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) in Dayton. Later, he transferred to the Army's Erie Proving Ground near Port Clinton.

Clayton married Thelma Johnston on January 4, 1942. He joined the US Army in November 1942 at Camp Perry, Ohio. Clayton served as a Staff Sergeant with the 195th General Hospital in France during World War II.

Returning from WWII, Clayton resumed his accounting duties at Erie Proving Ground. He was appointed Contracting Officer for Erie Army Depot and spent the remainder of his professional career in various Procurement/Contracting activities with the US Department of Defense in Washington, DC, Toledo, OH

and Detroit, MI.

He served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years at Trinity EUB Church in Fremont, Ohio.

In retirement, Clayton worked part-time for Hayes Travel Agency (Perrysburg) and enjoyed traveling in the US, Canada and Europe with his wife Thelma.

He is survived by two sons, Gary (Erica) of Bowling Green and David (Rebecca) of Springfield Township, two brothers, Nevin (Ardinell) of Willard and Dean (Barbara) of Newark, five grandchildren, Evan of San Jose, CA, Wesley of Maumee, Alyssa (Tony) Bottrell of Madison Heights, MI, Samuel of Springfield Township, Alan of Springfield Township and one great-granddaughter Madilyn Bottrell of Madison Heights, MI. Clayton was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma, on January 1, 2007, his sister, Thelma, and his brothers Dale and Don.

Family and close friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 South Reynolds Road on Tuesday September 11th from noon until the time of the service at 1:00 PM.

Contributions may be made to the UM Church of the Cross, 1806 Cass Road, Toledo, Ohio.

Please view and sign the guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ My Uncle Clayton Border , along with my Father, is the Finest gentleman I have ever known. Father to David & Gary, he & I visited for 4 years. We toured Toledo together, worshipped at his Methodist Church, stayed up late like College Chums, & made both our lives richer for the experience. I miss him every single day. - Michael McClary, Professor of Trumpet, Georgia Perimeter College & GSU

Michael McClary - June 10, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ Clayton was certainly an influence on me as I grew up in the East Side neighborhood. Will always remember the halloween events in the basement. As we all grew up and went our seperate ways he always found a way to stay in touch. Our best to the whole Border family.##imported-begin##Dennis Charles 100thovi@comcast.net##imported-end##

September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Clayton's death. I remember talking with him at family reunions with my mom, Leta Border Moran.##imported-begin##Peggy (Moran) Amlin mdamlin@windstream.net##imported-end##

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“ *The Ottawa County Veterans Service Office Staff extend our sincere condolences to Gary and David in the recent loss of their father, Clayton. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We know that his passing will not only leave a void in your life, but in the hearts of all those who knew him. May you find comfort in knowing that as a veteran of our country's Armed Forces, Clayton gained distinction and earned the respect and gratitude of his fellow Americans through his bravery, heroism, and dedication to our country.*

With deepest sympathy,

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“ *The few times I saw Clayton, he seemed like such a friendly caring person. I am sure he will be missed by all of you. Cherish those special memories you have of being with him.*

May Christ comfort & strengthen you and fill this void in your lives.

Miriam Aufdenkamp##imported-begin##Miriam Aufdenkamp##imported-end##

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May you find comfort in the memories and the love you all shared.##imported-begin##Larry and Carrie Border bor7209@gmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Mr. Border's passing. He and my Mother, Jane Fingerhuth Clouse graduated together and had kept in touch through the years regarding their class reunions. We lost our Mom on August the 14th so my guess is that the Class of '37 get together at TJ Willies have come to an end.

May God Bless you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Anne Clouse##imported-begin##Anne Clouse##imported-end##

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