



Angela "Angie"
Grayson Clay

Oct. 22, 1963 - Aug. 16, 2026

Angela "Angie" Grayson Clay, 62, of Morganton, NC, joined her Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 16, 2026.

Born in Yancey County, NC on October 22, 1963, she was the daughter of Clinton Roy Penland and the late Maxine Lewis Penland.

Angie was a devoted member of Zion Baptist Church, and her love for God was evident throughout her life. She faithfully shared her faith until her passing and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Blessed with an incredible voice, Angie loved to sing. She also had beautiful blue eyes, a smile that could light up a room, and a warm spirit that made everyone feel like family. She enjoyed antiques and shoes and never met a stranger.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Dennis Jackson Clay; son, Bryant Clay (Kayla); daughters, Ashley Barrier (Mark) and Jordan Latner (Randy); grandchildren, Marlie Mauney (Riley Griffin) and Calum Clay; great-grandchild, Reese Griffin; brother, Brian Penland (Jennifer); sisters, Kim Williams (Todd) and Denise Anderson (Chuck); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 2 p.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026 at Zion Baptist Church. The memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. in the church with Rev.

Baptist Church. The memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. in the church with Revs. Keith Rose and Rocky Reese officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the [Lupus Foundation of America \(www.lupus.org\)](http://www.lupus.org).

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

—Angela Watts

Oh Sweet Angie....we go so far back!!! GA and Gibbs Chapel girls!! Your sweet smile will forever be in my mind and our love for chocolate covered strawberries never forgotten! I pray for Dennis and your family.... I pray for peace and comfort. Please tell my Mom and Dad hi because you know how much they loved you! Enjoy no more PAIN!!!!!! Love you friend

—Robbie Nelson

Dennis and family, Sending love , prayers and hugs during the stormy days ahead. Angie was always a bright light even in the darkest hours. And she will be with us even now. A beautiful soul. Pam Isaacs Roths

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To the Clay and Penland families we are so sorry for your loss. Sending Healing thoughts and Prayers

—Mark and Cyndi Donlan

Dennis so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed you and Angie in Sunday School. Angie made S.S a pleasure to be a part of.

–Wayne Suttle

I haven't seen her in many years, yet I can still picture her beautiful smile and those blue eyes just like it was yesterday. Prayers for all. May your sweet memories carry you through the tough days ahead. God Bless all Kim

–Kim Costner Milligan

My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Angie was so beautiful and precious. She will be missed dearly.

–Dora Childers

Angie was a precious soul showed love and kindness to everyone Praying for family and friends

–Betty McClellan



Dennis, Clinton, Kim, Brian, Denise, children and g-children. So sorry for your loss. Angie was one of the sweetest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Went all through school with her & Kim also to Church at Bible Baptist on Jamestown rd. Angie Loved the Lord and you could see Jesus in Angie, one of the most beautiful smiles, never saw bad in anyone. I bet she's smiling really big now, Heaven gained a Beautiful Angel. Praying for all the family.

–Norma Speagle

Angie...you will always be remembered for your beautiful smile and kind spirit. You were a true fighter. God had a plan and it has been fulfilled. Dennis... you were such a loving and devoted husband and I know you took the best care of Angie and that's what dedication and love to your spouse is all about. Thinking of you during this difficult time. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers

and may God give you peace and comfort in knowing Angie is in his loving arms.

—Kathy Shuffler

It was an honor to care for Mrs Grayson she was a precious lady

—Pamela Fleming



—Steven Wilson

Angie was a bright light! Always smiling and laughing and loved everyone. She took me in when I was little when I was hanging out with her younger sister. I remember this one time she took Denise, Vanessa and myself out to a Mexican restaurant and had the staff sing to me and took my picture with one of those Mexican hats. She treated me like one of the family members. Rest in peace Angie.

—Miki Pontorno

I'm so sorry to hear of Angie's passing. She was beautiful inside & out and would always greet you with her lovely Smile. She loved the Lord & was always so positive about anything she was going through. She will truly be missed. My deepest sympathy & prayers are with all her family and friends.

—April L Arrowood



Angie was beautiful...inside & out! And her smile did always light up a room when she walked in! Her sweet presence & the kindness she shared with everyone will be missed but



her faith lives on in everyone she shared it with. Angie lived her faith! I will be keeping all of the family in my thoughts & prayers... ...and I bet she would have loved this bright, red candle! Love to all of the family... ~ Jodie Hamrick

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So very sorry for your loss Dennis prayers are with you all.

—Pewee Whisenant



I wish I could express what is in my heart. Angie has been so strong to have fought such a hard battle, but God's grace has set her free. I love you all.

—Sandra Gregory

She was a special person who loved her family and her Jesus! She will be missed, until we meet again! Praying for her family!

—Lori Henry