



## Clayton Lynn Cope

December 27, 1991 - December 11, 2021

Clayton Lynn Cope, 29, died unexpectedly on December 11, 2021 following a tornado that impacted his place of work. Clayton was helping others find shelter shortly before he died.

Clayton was the son of Lynn E. Cope and Carla M. Cope. He was born on December 27, 1991, in Alton, Illinois. He served in the United States Navy for six years and toured on the USS Eisenhower, reaching the rank of AT3 (AW). Before separating from the Navy, Clay received a series of awards and decorations, including the national defense service medal and the global war of terrorism expeditionary medal.

In addition to his parents, Clayton is survived by two sisters: Rachel B. Cope of St. Louis, Missouri, and Alexandra M. Cope of Aurora, Colorado. Clayton will be remembered as a beloved son, brother, and friend.

A visitation with full military honors will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. The military honors ceremony will commence at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Clayton's honor Treehouse Wildlife Center: <https://www.treehousewildlifecenter.com/donate>

Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services

2409 State Street

Alton, IL 62002

(618) 466-5544

<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Clayton Lynn Cope

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Clayton Lynn Cope

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ We're sorry for your loss, We will be praying for you in the days to come. An old friend from the refinery. Orland & Onie Snedeker

**Orland Snedeker** - December 18, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ Don and Terri Cloninger, and Colene Page purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Clayton Lynn Cope.



**Don and Terri Cloninger, and Colene Page** - December 16, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ The Wiesemann Family - Todd, Beth & Bob purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Clayton Lynn Cope.



**The Wiesemann Family - Todd, Beth & Bob** - December 15, 2021 at 10:06 PM

KL

“ From one Navy family to another, we send our condolences. You do not know us, but as a Navy mom who's son has returned from the service and recently started working at the Pontoon Amazon location, I have felt your loss deep in my heart. There is nothing that can be said to bring you comfort at this time, just know that we have been keeping your family in our prayers. Once a Navy mom, always a Navy mom, you have a nationwide network of mama bears that are praying and mourning with you.

Kimberly Love - December 15, 2021 at 05:53 PM

TC

“ Terry and Yvonne Cook purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Clayton Lynn Cope.



Terry and Yvonne Cook - December 15, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Clayton Lynn Cope.



December 15, 2021 at 10:34 AM

MA

“ Missy and family  
Thinking of you. So sorry for your loss You should be proud for raising a wonderful son.  
Maria and Mike Pace

maria - December 14, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clayton Lynn Cope.*



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December 14, 2021 at 08:27 AM



“ *I had the privilege of meeting Clay at work before he went over to DLI4. He would stop and say hi to me every chance he got and always made me smile. A genuinely sweet guy. Sending my deepest condolences and prayers for peace to all of his family and friends. I can only imagine the pain you feel in his absence. He was truly a wonderful man and a hero. He will be missed.*

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**MC** - December 13, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ *Lynn, Carla, Rachel and Alexandra:*

*My sincerest condolences to each of you for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I know God will keep his arms wrapped around each of you and comfort you during this time.*

*Ken Preston and Family,  
Mathew 5:4*

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**Ken Preston** - December 13, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *A true hero. So very sorry for the loss of your loving son.*

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**jayne Marburger** - December 13, 2021 at 08:40 PM

JW

“ Lynn and family I am so sorry for your loss we are all praying for u and your family Clayton was a great guy and will be missed very much

Jamie



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**jamie williamson** - December 13, 2021 at 08:35 PM

LH

“ Carla, Lynn so,so sorry for the tragic loss of Clay. Words cannot express my sorrow for your family. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Lisa Harper



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**Lisa Harper** - December 13, 2021 at 07:41 PM

DB

“ Lynn & Missy, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Dan & Linda Brantley

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**Dan Brantley** - December 13, 2021 at 07:29 PM

HD

“ Lynn and Carla we were so sorry to hear of Clays death. He was a nice guy and a good neighbor. You all our in are thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Heather and Tony Dodd.

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**Heather Dodd** - December 13, 2021 at 05:42 PM