



## Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso

March 19, 1942 - August 22, 2021

PRINCETON - Phyllis Ann "Tippy" Clisso, 79, of Princeton, died on Sunday, August 22, 2021. After a long battle with multiple health issues, she has transitioned to her eternal home. Born March 19, 1942 in Piedmont, Tippy was the youngest child of the late George W. Clark and Fulvia Payne Clark.

Tippy was the owner of Fink's Cafeteria where she served the community for many years with her home-cooked meals and famous chili. Tippy's greatest joy was having her children and grandchildren surround her as often as possible.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by siblings, Mary "Rena" Lee, Katherine Benfield, Ruth Pennington, Pauline Phillips, Nancy Belcher, Ervin E. Clark, Desmond Clark, Robert Clark, Clinton Clark, Hampton Clark and George B. Clark.

Tippy is survived by her husband of 62 years, Steven Eugene (Gene) Clisso; children: Kenneth Clisso and wife Donna of Richmond, VA, Dianna Oni and husband Claudius of Monroe, NC, Mike Clisso and wife Glennette of Princeton and Brian Clisso of Como, MS; grandchildren, Melissa Shrewsbury, Kristy Jackson and husband Damien, Samantha Earp and husband Jon, Steven Clisso, Brian Clisso Jr. and wife Kendra, Shawn Clisso, Kayla Clisso, Monika Clisso, Sola Oni and Sayo Oni; great-grandchildren, Damien Jackson

Jr., Caleb Lambert, Kaiyah Jackson, Reagan Walls, Rilyn Clisso, Kenleigh Clisso, Graham Lambert and Brody Clisso; and sisters, Mildred Eller, Lulabelle Repass, and Zetta Mae Wimmer.

A graveside service will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, August 28, 2021 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton with Pastor Roger Lusk officiating. Family will serve as pallbearers, along with Dakota Walls as honorary pallbearer.

A private family visitation will be Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 10:30-11:30 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 28.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
[info@bailey-kirk.com](mailto:info@bailey-kirk.com)  
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

## Graveside Service

**AUG 28.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens  
450 Courthouse Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso*

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December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of  
Patricias passing. I found out while surfing the Net and was shocked  
to hear that news.  
I remember the good times we all had down at Hamps place in  
Lake bottom along with her older sister. Pat was the quiet one and  
sis was always full of fun. I'm an old friend from our Matoaka High  
days. I hope you will remember me Gino.  
Wishing you well.*

*Paul T Shrewsbury*

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**Old Concerned Friend.** - September 05, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Dear Kenny, Dianna, Mike, and Brian and Family,  
After teaching 40 years, it is rare to have such fond memories of all  
four children in one family, but I do. I attribute your kindness,  
respect and warmth to the mother and father who reared you.  
Please accept my condolences on the loss of your beautiful mother.  
Love to all,  
Mary Gaspersich*

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**Mary Gaspersich** - August 28, 2021 at 11:17 AM

MB

“ *Mary Catherine Bones lit a candle in memory of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso*



Mary Catherine Bones - August 26, 2021 at 07:35 PM

MB

*Matoaka High Class of 1954*

Mary Catherine Bones - August 26, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso.*



August 26, 2021 at 11:41 AM

BM

“ *Buddy/Arlene Midkiff sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso*



Buddy/Arlene Midkiff - August 26, 2021 at 10:09 AM

JT

“ *Gene & Family*  
*So sorry for your loss!*

*Joe & Drema Tolley*

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**Joe Tolley** - August 26, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso.*



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August 26, 2021 at 05:56 AM

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“ *My heart broke the day I heard the news... I can't believe you are gone! I have so many great memories with you. You had the best smile and always made me feel loved. You will truly be missed, Mawmaw Clisso. Praying for Pawpaw Clisso and the entire family. I love you guys.*



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**Angaletta** - August 25, 2021 at 10:07 PM

GC



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**Glennette Clisso** - August 26, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso.*



August 25, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso.*



August 25, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *My condolence to Gene Clisso. Don't know if you remember the Shoda family that lived next door to you in Piedmont. I'm Barbara Shoda, the youngest of the 14 kids. I remember your parents who were so kind to us always. Your mother was my mother's dearest friend. I remember sitting on your front porch swing with your parents. I remember Babs also.*



**Barbara Shoda** - August 25, 2021 at 10:52 AM

BS

*Gene, thought you'd like to see these pictures.*

**Barbara Shoda** - August 25, 2021 at 10:53 AM

LO

*so sorry for your loss lowell davis*

**Lowell** - August 25, 2021 at 12:02 PM

GC

*I'm Gene's daughter-in-law. Thank you for sending these pictures. He really enjoyed seeing them and I'm going to make copies for him.*

**Glennette Clisso** - August 26, 2021 at 09:53 PM

JL

“ *Rest in peace, Tip, job well done.*



**John O. Lowe** - August 25, 2021 at 10:27 AM

BB

“ *My sympathy to the Clisso family, you all have been like family over the years.*

*Always loved the hot dogs and steak and gravy and haven't found a match yet. Many fond memories as a child sleeping over or just playing in the woods behind house.*

**Brian Bailey** - August 25, 2021 at 09:28 AM

GC



**Glennette Clisso** - August 26, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso.*



August 25, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso.*



August 25, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Rest in peace sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family.*



**Sherry Eva Neely** - August 25, 2021 at 02:07 AM



**Glennette Clisso** - August 26, 2021 at 09:56 PM

LB

“ For Ms Tippy from the Botonis Family, Texas  
I met Tippy at their restaurant a long time ago while visiting my Aunt Mildred and Uncle Homer. Dinner was awesome and conversation rolled like we were long lost friends. Condolences to her family and may her memories help you through you grieving. It's a sad day losing a loved one.

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**Lola Carol Botonis** - August 25, 2021 at 12:51 AM

CT

“ She was such a sweet and loving lady. She always had a snack for the neighborhood kids. I remember her sweet smile.. I will be praying for the family....

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**Connie Tiller** - August 24, 2021 at 11:21 PM

PM

“ Pete And Peggy Matthews sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis "Tippy" Clisso



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**Pete and Peggy Matthews** - August 24, 2021 at 09:54 PM

SR

“ Such an awesome person. As a child she would always make sure we had snacks. Her peanutbutter and Jelly sandwich was so good.  
prayers for the family.  
Bishop Steve Robinette

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**Steve Robinette** - August 24, 2021 at 09:37 PM