



Clayton Cody

June 26, 1928 - November 4, 2025

Clayton Franklin Cody, 97, of Lakeland, FL and formerly of Malinta, OH, died peacefully at his residence on November 4, 2025.

He was born in Leipsic, OH on June 26, 1928, to Clayton A. and Lillian {Heckler} Cody. He graduated from Leipsic High School in 1946 and shortly after, he entered the Army Air Corps. He served at Hickham Army Air Corps Base in Hawaii, achieving the rank of sergeant.

After returning home, he worked as bookkeeper for Standard Metal in Malinta, and soon thereafter married Marianne Johnston of Youngstown on November 29, 1952, who preceded him in death on July 15, 2008.

Clayton worked as plant manager of Gilson Screen, Inc., beginning in 1961 and later became president of the company until retirement.

He was active in Shriners International, Malinta American Legion Post 400, and served as mayor of Malinta 1951-1955 being the youngest mayor in the state of Ohio at the age of 23. He also served as treasurer of Trinity Lutheran Church in Malinta for many years. Clayton was raised as a Master Mason on September 18, 1951, enjoying a long Masonic journey of 74 years. He was a member of Napoleon Lodge #256. He also became a member of the York Rite, Shrine, and was a 32nd degree Mason in the Scottish Rite.

He is survived by sons, David A. (Laurie), James A. (Cynthia), a daughter, June A.

{Martin} Lawrence, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Clayton was also preceded in death by his parents, a son, Gary A., brother

Jack (Katherine) Cody, and sisters Gloria (Jim) Emerick and Joan (Dick) Wagner.

Interment will be private at Hoy Cemetery, rural Napoleon.

Cemetery Details

Hoy Cemetery

St. Rt. 109
Napoleon, OH