

# Richard Roy Clay

July 26, 1943

July 6, 2009

Richfield, MN



**Clay, Richard Roy "Rich,"** age 65, of Richfield died Monday, July 6, 2009. He was born in Columbus, Georgia to Helen Josephine Pitkus (Clay) Renker and Harry Garrett Clay.

Rich was an avid ham radio operator, extra class (KCØTJ) and had his own DJ show at WRRR Radio. He was an engineer at WCEE TV in Rockford, IL, and WCCO TV in Minneapolis. Also known as "Blinkie," Rich was a manufacturer's sales representative and owner of Clay Rep. Co.

He was predeceased by his parents; stepfather, William Renker; father and mother-in-law, George and Winnie Duffy; and niece, Kimberly Lamb. He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Ruthann; sons, Jon (Sandy) Clay and Don Clay; grandchildren, Miriam, Tyler, and Rachel; brothers, David (Barbara) and Daniel (Ruth Ann) Clay; brother-in-law, Phillip (Anne) Duffy; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 10th at the Morris Nilsen Chapel, 6527 Portland Avenue, S., Visitation will be Thursday, July 9th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service. Donors are encouraged to contribute to memorials of their choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Morris Nilsen Chapel; Richfield; (612) 869-3226; [morrisnilsen.com](http://morrisnilsen.com)

## References:

[Richard Clay Obituary \(2009\) - Richfield, Minn., IL - Rockford Register Star \(legacy.com\)](#)

[Richard Clay - Historical records and family trees - MyHeritage](#)

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