

Clay Dawson's memorial service was held at the Eldridge United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. He was born on June 18, 1934, and died December 20, 2018, at the age of 84.

Two hundred-plus family and friends attended, including CVIDS members, Sylvia Baugess, Nancy Carlisle, Caroline and Ellen Jones and Sally and Keith Riewerts and of course Kathy Dawson and her daughter Anne from Norman, Oklahoma, who is establishing a fine daylily garden of her own, as helped by Clay and Kathy, et al. Clay served as CVIDS president from 2008 to 2009.

Graduates of Clay's choirs from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Missouri, as well as faculty from his years at NMSU (now Truman State University), attended the memorial service. During the service, a "Celebration Choir" of 60 plus singers, made up of NMSU graduates, sang four beautiful numbers, which were dear to Clay. His daughter Anne sang an exquisite solo. Anne's good friend, Dr. Vicki Schaeffer played wonderful organ selections.

Clay and Kathy's families occupied several rows of seats, including Clay's brother Tad and his family and Kathy's sister, Karen Moline, brother Al Moline and nephew David Moline and family.

Clay's good friend, Dr. Roger Cody, provided background brass choir recordings, and Keith Riewerts created a PowerPoint presentation honoring Clay's life.

Clay's love of family, friends, music, orchids and tropical plants, clocks, reading, dachshunds and especially daylilies will be greatly missed.