



## Kaylee Elaine Clayman

February 17, 1992 - May 3, 2025

Kaylee Elaine Clayman, 33, of Mentor, passed away unexpectedly at her home on May 3, 2025. She was born February 17, 1992 in Euclid.

Kaylee worked as a heavy hauler with Maverick Environmental for nearly 2 years and absolutely loved every minute of it. She found her groove in the multi-axle set ups and loved a good challenge. She considered "Team Mav" a second family to her and enjoyed having holiday parties and get-togethers at Tim and Lori's (her work Mom and Dad). She looked forward to the huge box of meats they would give her after the fair every year, she said it was like Christmas Jr.

Before Maverick she was an OTR truck driver and got to experience the 48 states and Canada in a semi. From mountains to swamp lands, to flat lands, ocean sides, and winding through the huge redwoods - she got to see it all and made a whole lot of friends along the way. She hauled everything during that time and was able to stop at her favorite places like Maria's Tacos, Midland, Barstow, Iowa 80, Las Vegas Speedway, and Beaver, Utah - just to name a few. One of her favorite jobs that she got the chance to be a part of was hauling stage equipment for Shomotion and touring with her Shomotion trucker family. She also got to haul equipment and travel with a German heavy metal band, Rammstein and attend all of their concerts.

Kaylee knew where to go to get the best tacos in the country – and it shouldn't surprise you that it came from the back of a minivan on the Mexico border from a sweet lady who spoke no English. Second to that was her favorite Mexican restaurant, El Rodeo, in Mentor, Ohio, who came in the closest with their birria tacos.

Kaylee loved spending time with her horses - Pistol, Partner, Penelope, and Howitzer. She was her sister's ride-or-die – pick up man and would ride right alongside her and always ready to catch her if things got a little too hairy. The last time she rode with her sister was in the blistering cold and snow over Thanksgiving thru Christmas out at TJ's. Looking back now, we are so thankful they got those last rides together...even when they couldn't feel their hands and feet for a while afterwards. She enjoyed customizing her pickup truck "Betty White" and making it smell good. She had a wild side that included getting tattoos and piercings that made her happy and going out to the movies with her son and family and getting popcorn in buckets bigger than their heads, laughing, and having a good time.

Kaylee could Amazon and online shop to her heart's content. She loved supporting small and up-and-coming businesses and always tried to have 100 pairs of jeans on standby at home.

Kaylee enjoyed being a girly girl when she wasn't slinging chains and binders. Getting her hair done with her best friend and stylist, Jesse, and her nails done with her good friend and master nail tech, Tre. When she was done getting all fresh, new, and "basic", she enjoyed just being in her PJ's and spending time at home with her family and son. Catching up and binge watching shows with her dad, mom, and brother was so important and special to her. She loved eating home-cooked meals by her mom because the food on the road just wasn't what she had a taste for, even though some of the Canadian food came close. Going to hockey games with her son and brother

were also a huge highlight in her life. She loved going to sports events with her brother, especially football games. She would surprise her sister with VIP passes to concerts all the time and then have her sister pretend to be "hurt" so they could park near the tour busses.

She enjoyed watching her trainer, TJ Pumphrey of M Bar P Performance Horses, of Pierpont, Ohio, show her horse to his best ability and rock it across many arenas such as The All American Quarter Horse Congress, WEC of Ocala, the Virginia Maiden, and the Buckeye Classic. Howie was just scratching the surface of his show career and Kaylee couldn't be more proud of him. She never thought she would see the day he would even be riding because his mom had a strong dislike for him at birth. Kaylee slept with Howie in the barn or in her car outside the barn and helped him latch onto his mom every two hours. She had to flip him like a pancake when he was laying on one side too long to keep him from getting pneumonia. She became momma and is the reason he thrived and is the horse he is today.

Her adult success would not have been possible without her upbringing.

Kaylee excelled at absolutely everything she did. She was second chair with the bass and played in the Chamber Orchestra. She was a proud member of The Lake County 4H in a club that her mom started for her kids, Spinnin' Spurs, and got to show all disciplines with her horses. She also took a venture into livestock and had a ball showing market sheep with the Flockmasters Unlimited Club. She played Lacrosse and was a goalie for Mentor High School and a score keeper for basketball. During her last 2 years of high school, she went to Lakeland Community College for CAD engineering and was student of the Year for both years. She always said, she got the work ethic you all see as an adult from working at a traveling pony ride called the pony ride express starting at 8 years old until 16.

One of the biggest fans in her life has always been her Mimi. She took her to art classes, got her first heart horse Dooley, got her a bass as a step up from the cello, and watched her carefully through her life as she took on her new careers and then was thrilled to see her find great happiness in truck driving.

Above all, Kaylee's son Koenraad will always be her proudest achievement in her life. She would go to the ends of the earth to make him happy and give him a good life. Now she is his angel above, watching and protecting him forever.

Survivors include her son, Koenraad; parents, Barry and Debra Clayman; siblings, Kourtney (Christopher "Topher") Hinkle and Kyle Clayman; maternal grandmother, Janet "Mimi" Dyer; and her aunt and uncle, Cindie Wright and Harold "Keith" (Adele) Dyer Jr. and many, many more wonderful cousins and dear family. Her entire trucking family and friends from all over the world (sticky side down/shiny side up).

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Harold "Duke" Dyer Sr.; grandparents, Harry Clayman and James Eugene "Jim" "Gene" and Margaret Patrick; uncle, Kenneth "Kenn" Dyer; aunt, Terry Long. Her heart horses, Poncho, Tuff, and Dooley.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025 and again from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service to conclude the gathering will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made directly to the family to provide further support for her son.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Visitation

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Keith & Dee Dee purchased the Chinese Dogwood Tree for the family of Kaylee Elaine Clayman.



Keith & Dee Dee - May 29, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kaylee Elaine Clayman.



May 15, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kaylee Elaine Clayman.

May 15, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JW

“ Kaylee, you have a way to brighten everyone's day with your infectious smile. We looked forward to seeing you whenever you came into the Rayco facility to deliver or pick up loads for Maverick. You will be sadly missed but never forgotten by everyone.

John Warner - May 13, 2025 at 09:54 AM

DJ

“ *Deborah Johnson lit a candle in memory of Kaylee Elaine Clayman*



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**Deborah Johnson** - May 12, 2025 at 06:38 PM

ME

“ *I did not know Kaylee, but after reading her obituary, I can only wish I had been her best friend. What an outstanding young woman! Blessings and prayers to her son, parents, and all those who knew and loved Kaylee. God be with you during this very hard time and in all time to come.*

*-Michele Esposito*

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**Michele Esposito** - May 12, 2025 at 01:51 PM

TF

“ *The Maverick Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kaylee Elaine Clayman.*



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**The Maverick Family** - May 12, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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“ *The Maverick Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kaylee Elaine Clayman.*

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**The Maverick Family** - May 12, 2025 at 10:58 AM

AD

“ Adele D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kaylee Elaine Clayman.

Adele D. - May 11, 2025 at 09:13 PM

PG

“ Peg G lit a candle in memory of Kaylee Elaine Clayman



Peg G - May 10, 2025 at 11:27 PM

PG

“ Saddened & sorry for the loss of Kaylee. I happen to see on TikTok that she had passed. I was a long time Snap follower of hers. The heavy hauls, horses & the way she lived trucking was always awesome to see. The way she loved her son, family, friends, sweet pretty girly things (nails) & trucking & gave Snap a glimpse. Thank you Kaylee. Blondie on Snap. Sorry for your loss. Rest easy young lady. 💕💕

Peg G - May 10, 2025 at 11:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kaylee Elaine Clayman.



May 10, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kaylee Elaine Clayman.

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