



Harold Edward Clark

July 30, 1928 - October 29, 2022

Harold Edward Clark, 94, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, left us peacefully on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Heritage Woods Assisted Care.

Harold was born in Akron, Ohio, on July 30, 1928, the son of Bracy and Lucretia Emma Clark. He moved to Bone Gap, Illinois, during his senior year in high school where he met the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth Longbons. They were married September 25, 1949, and she preceded him in death in September 1983. He then married Cletha Barth in March 1984, and she preceded him in death in February 2022.

Mr. Clark proudly served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper after graduating from High School. As a Christian, Harold served as an Elder at Central Christian Church, and attended Boyd Christian Church before relocating to Florida, where he was an active member in the Methodist Church of Punta Gorda, Florida. He then transferred his membership to First Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon when he relocated back to Jefferson County. Harold worked for Economy Fire and Casualty as a claims representative, office manager, and litigator, until his retirement to Punta Gorda. While living in Florida, he took up wood carving, creating animals, Santas, and whimsical creatures, which he painted, displayed, and gave away. Although he would tackle various animals, he was best known for his Santas.

Harold is survived by three children, Diane E. Wilson of Carolina Beach, North Carolina, Kenneth H. Clark and wife Carolyn of Mt. Vernon, and David L. Clark and wife Roberta of Mt. Vernon; eight grandchildren, Tyler Wilson and wife

Jennifer, Mary Elizabeth Gibbs and husband Robert, Phillip A. Clark and wife Leigha, Matthew W. Degenhart and wife Whitney, Dana E. Smith and husband Marshall, Matthew L. Clark and wife Sara, Kyle D. Clark, and Chad M. Clark and wife Gracie; and eleven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, Lois Deisher, Wilma Lee and husband Richard, and Helen Burton and husband Paul; one brother, Darrell Clark; and members of the Longbons family and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his first wife, Mary Clark, and second wife, Cleeta Clark, he was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles, David, and Loren Clark; and brothers-in-law, Loren Deisher, Gerald, Doyle, and Roy Longbons. Cremation rites for Mr. Clark have been accorded, and a memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, November 5, 2022, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with J. Howard Kraps officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to SSM Hospice of the Good Samaritan, or the American Cancer Society, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Harold and my parents had been friends for decades and my parents Jim and Phyllis Miller would go out to eat at Mt Vernon Culver’s or Dennys regularly with Harold until they passed away in late June. I remember at their funeral he said Dad was his best friend. He sold me a car in late seventies when someone totaled my car in Chicago when I was in college. We are sorry for your loss.

David Miller - November 07, 2022 at 06:34 PM

DW

David, Daddy thought your folks were his life long friends. I hope they are continuing to share time and stories. Daddy was always helping someone with their cars. I wonder which car he sold you. Diane

Diane Willson - November 08, 2022 at 08:57 PM

GP

“ While I don't know Diane, I do know the boys, Kenny and Dave. If the character of the sons is any indication, their father must have been a very fine man.

Gary Phillips

Gary Phillips - November 05, 2022 at 02:33 PM

DW

Thank you, Gary, Yes, Daddy taught us all to be kind and helpful to all we met. Diane

Diane Willson - November 08, 2022 at 08:59 PM

DA

“ *Diane, Kenny & Dave: The good memories of our families go waaaay back from Dix, along Route 37 to Mt Vernon, from Rome Grade School to MtVTHS and Central (then Church of Christ). MAY God surround you with his special love at this time.*

David Long

David - November 04, 2022 at 03:18 PM

DW

Thank you, David. I put a picture of your mom and dad on Daddy's memory board for his service. Our folks had a lot of good ties together.

Diane Willson - November 08, 2022 at 09:01 PM

PB

“ *Kenny & Dave and families, My condolences. I have lots of fond memories of your dad at Central. Phil Bauer*

Phil Bauer - November 02, 2022 at 08:43 PM

DW

Thank you, Phil. He would lots of fond memories of you too, I'm sure.

Diane Willson - November 08, 2022 at 09:01 PM

DW

“ *Diane Wilson lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Clark*



diane wilson - November 02, 2022 at 08:17 PM

DW

“ 6 months in the hospital; sudden death.

Diane Wilson - November 02, 2022 at 08:14 PM

DW

“ 17 files added to the album Family



Father, Thank You that You see every hurt, every gain, and every need that I have. Thank You for Your omnipresence. Thank You Father for helping me to realize that You are always present, even in the midst of my pain--You are with me. Father, thank You for healing my hurt, meeting my needs, and for giving me

Diane Wilson - November 02, 2022 at 08:12 PM