



Chester Clyde Clark

November 29, 1929 - March 4, 2019

Chester Clyde Clark of Cadillac passed away Monday, March 4, 2019 at his home. He was 89. He was born at home in Lake, Michigan on November 29, 1929 to Ray & Bertha (Sowle) Clark. Chet grew up on a farm and attended Wayne State University before entering the United States Army in 1951.

He loved his country and proudly served during the Korean War. Returning home he attended Michigan State Agricultural College and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University (same college and campus). And went on to receive his Master's degree from Central Michigan University.

In 1959 he met and fell in love with Cynthia Caswell and on August 29, 1959 they were married at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Chet loved teaching. He was strict but fair, always wanting his students to be the best they could be. To his children he was kind and gentle. Chet loved his family and was proud of his children. He loved his children and their spouses and Chet couldn't have loved his grandchildren more. And above all he loved his wife; he was her rock and foundation. Fishing and watching MSU Spartans and Detroit Tiger games were his passion. Everyone loved his homemade wine. Anticipating planting his annual garden Chet had already set his tomato plants under a grow light in his house.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years Cynthia; children: Phyllis Clark (Jeff) of Grand Rapids, Theresa (Dale) Ekdome of Roscommon, Paul Clark of Cadillac, David (Trina) Clark of Howell, and Diane (Joel) VanAntwerp of Reed City; 12 grandchildren: Brittany Lallo and Courtney Lallo (Rick Misner), John Ekdome (Elizabeth Raffa), Emily, Cynthia, and Noah Ekdome, Hannah, Olivia, Matthew and Isabelle Clark, Sophie and Nathan VanAntwerp; three great grandchildren: Lillianna, Aiden & Corbin Misner; a sister, Geraldine Clark of Barryton, MI and sisters-in-law: June Gibbons, Patricia Drinkwater, Hazel LaCroix and Maxine Clark.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Eugene Clark; a sister, Betty Adams a sister-in-law, Philipa VanOrden and his brothers-in-law.

A Memorial mass will be held 11:00 Am Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church (701 State Street, Luther, MI) with Reverend Fr. Ron Schneider as celebrant. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until mass at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Like it was yesterday I can hear Chet's larger than life voice proclaiming " Bobby Jo!" when I came to visit. I cherish the time I spent with Chet and his family. My deepest sympathies to the family that has welcomed so many into their hearts.*

Barbara (Blossom) Miller - March 11, 2019 at 01:27 PM

WS

“ ”
Growing up I spent many nights with Dave at the Clark household. Mr. Clark was the best. He always had a big hug and loved to tease us. I have wonderful memories of those days and I know you will all miss your dad immensely. My thoughts are with you all in your time of need."

Wade Sikkema - March 07, 2019 at 06:15 PM

JR

“ *I love you Uncle Chet, I' ll miss your big bear hugs and your warm smile.*

Jeanne Ruff - March 07, 2019 at 03:39 PM

CR

“ ”
My thoughts and Prayers go out to the entire Clark family, may God Bless you all."

Cary Robinson - March 07, 2019 at 01:47 PM

LM

“ *Diane and Joel and the rest of your family. Your father was the nicest man. I remember him from a doctors office I worked at. I did not know he was Diane's father. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! God bless*

Laura Meeuwes - March 06, 2019 at 03:18 PM

JP

“ *God be with all of you.*

Jean E. Pearson - March 06, 2019 at 07:13 AM

AW

“ *When I reminisce my growing up years they are marked fondly with Sunday breakfasts with the Clark family with Chet at the helm. He and Dad made many a pancake for our families and at those big after church pancake breakfasts. I had some of my first sips of wine at their home after the Honors Society Awards' dinners. And he made the best authentic baked beans and parched corn. My baby sis Sarah Ruth had some pretty terrific God parents in Chet n Cindy and their family. Funny how what we may have taken for granted in childhood turn out to be some of our fondest memories and people.*

Anne Marie Wilson - March 06, 2019 at 06:40 AM

MV

“ *Thoughts and prayers with all of you. Your father sounds like a wonderful person.*

Meg Varga - March 06, 2019 at 06:31 AM

JF

“ I remember Chet always gave me a hug when they visited, That hug included a good whiskering. I loved having Chet as my principle in elementary school. Love to all the Clarks.

Jamie (Carrick) Funnell - March 06, 2019 at 05:57 AM

KP

“ So sorry to hear of your father's passing. The memories of a wonderful life and loving family are something to celebrate! May those memories bring you peace and comfort now. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Papes - March 05, 2019 at 10:12 PM