



James Jeffery Clark

May 5, 1944 - November 14, 2025

James Jeffery “Jeff” Clark, age 81, passed away peacefully at home early Friday morning, November 14, 2025.

Jeff was born on May 5, 1944, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and moved with his family to Cadillac during elementary school. He was the son of James E. and Mary O. Clark.

A 1962 graduate of Cadillac High School, Jeff was previously married to Barbara Racey, with whom he had two children. In 1975, he married Mary Jane Foster, his beloved wife of 50 years.

Jeff is survived by Mary and his children: Melissa Hoyt (Peter) of Kalamazoo, Michelle Charland (Chris) of Traverse City, Joshua Clark (Danielle) of Cadillac, and Jacob Clark of Cadillac. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Autumn Hoyt, Brooke Hoyt, Drew Charland, Winter Clark, Freya Clark, and by his sisters Mollie Frier (Deno) and Betsy Clark (Loretta Hubbard).

In the early 1970’s, Jeff opened The Arrowhead Menswear in downtown Cadillac, known for selling the first pair of Levi’s jeans in town. The store operated successfully for nearly 20 years.

Some of Jeff's greatest joys were the times he spent in Choteau, Montana, visiting family on their ranch. He and Mary lived there for eight memorable months, and he continued to make regular trips back — a place where he got to enjoy the cowboy life that suited him so well. Jeff loved the outdoors and took annual fishing trips with friends to the mouth of the Two-Hearted River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Jeff was a longtime member of the Cadillac Country Club. He enjoyed golf throughout his life, especially his Thursday men's league and outings with family.

Jeff will be remembered by his family for his humor and easygoing nature.

A visitation will be held on Monday, November 24, 2025 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cadillac Area Community Foundation (201 N Mitchell St # 101, Cadillac, MI 49601) . An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall

TP

“ *The Pepples purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Jeffery Clark.*



The Pepples - November 24, 2025 at 08:57 AM

VF

“ *Victoria & Curt Derks & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Jeffery Clark.*

Victoria & Curt Derks & family - November 23, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Jeffery Clark.*



November 23, 2025 at 08:10 PM

AW

“ *Mary and family; You are in my thoughts and prayer. Sending Sympathy in the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, family and friend. Christ's Peace. 🕊️*



AlisonKay Wilson - November 20, 2025 at 10:46 AM

ED

“Six for a five” Jeff taking a press on 18 at the CCC . Seems like I heard that weekly!

Eddie - November 18, 2025 at 06:50 PM

DB

“ Long time friend who had great sense of humor and fun to golf with. Jeff was "one of the Good Guys"!! Sympathy to Mary and siblings and families.

Daniel Brooks - November 16, 2025 at 03:56 PM

MF

Thank you for your kindness words, Dan.

Mollie Frier - November 17, 2025 at 10:23 PM

SK

Over our many years living in Cadillac, the Clark family was a part of our lives in many ways. Our sympathies to the family on the passing of Jeff. Gay and Sue Kurtz.

Sue Kurtz - November 19, 2025 at 09:14 AM

MO

Rest in peace, Jeff. You have often walked through the pages of my mind remembering days long gone by.
Mary June

mary June Oosterhouse - December 30, 2025 at 05:03 PM