



## David Sterling Clarke Jr

March 8, 1936 - July 25, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

DAVID S. CLARKE, JR.

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

David was born March 8, 1936 in New Haven, Connecticut. He grew up in Morningside, Connecticut, and lived in Carbondale when he began teaching at SIU in 1966. He married Sadako Okano in 1965. They retired to Evanston, Illinois in 2010. He is survived by his wife Sadako, his children, Jessica H. Clarke of Evanston, Illinois and Katherine N. Kamholz of Kildeer, II, his brother, Anthony, and grandchildren Aaron Clarke, Paul Clarke, Naomi Clarke, Adam Kamholz, and Max Kamholz. He is preceded in death by his father, David Sterling Clarke, mother, Nancy Physioc Clarke, and brother, Jonathan.

David earned an undergraduate degree from Yale University, magna cum laude and after graduation served in the Marine Corps as Lieutenant for three years. He received his PhD in Philosophy from Emory University, and afterwards held a two-year post- doctoral fellowship at Yale. David taught philosophy at SIU for 31 years from 1966-97. During these years, he served as Chair of the Philosophy Department and as Director of Graduate Studies.

He also served on the Faculty Senate and a variety of college and university committees. He was a Visiting Scholar at Kyoto University in 1986 and in 1997, after retirement from SIU, was appointed as Invited Professor at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan for two years. On his return from Japan, he served on the Board of the Unitarian Fellowship of Carbondale and was active in Fellowship activities. After moving to Evanston, he was invited scholar at Renmin University of China.

David authored eleven books, four of which were published after his retirement from SIU, along with several selections in books, and numerous articles and reviews in philosophical journals. His work has been cited hundreds of times and his publications are available in libraries throughout the world. Among his books are *Principles of Semiotics* (Boston: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1987), *Panpsychism and Religious Attitude* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2002), and *Sign Levels* (Dordrecht: Kluwer Publishers, 2004). His book, *Philosophy's Second Revolution* (LaSalle: Open Court, 1997) continues to be in print.

David loved music. He was a member of the SIU Orchestra's violin section for 20 years. His other hobbies included computers, tennis, hiking, and kayaking in the woods and parks surrounding the house he and Sadako built in 1987. Sadako and he enjoyed so much the time spent with their daughters, son-in-laws, and five grandchildren. They have taken much satisfaction in the success of their daughters and families in establishing themselves in the Chicago area.

A private Memorial Service will be hosted by the family.

A private inurnment will be in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral

Home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pleasant Grove Memorial Park**

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Sterling Clarke Jr*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dearest Sadako and family,. I send my deepest condolences for the loss of David. May you find peace in his memories and spirit that fills your heart. Sadako, I hope that you read this and sometime can contact me. You were a wonderful mentor to me during the SIU Japanese garden design and I've missed you. Maybe not appropriate on this page, but my email is kmidden@siu.edu*  
*Sincerely, Karen Stoelzle Midden*

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**Karen Midden** - August 01, 2022 at 02:12 PM