



## James E Clippard

August 17, 1926 - May 14, 2016

James E. Clippard, age 89, of Cape Girardeau, formerly of Springfield, VA died at 2:00 PM Saturday, May 14, 2016 at his home.

He was born on August 17, 1926 in Greenbrier, Missouri to John and Ruby (Reeves) Clippard. He married Joyce Bennett on December 17, 1949. She preceded him in death on August 9, 2013.

James retired with honor from the United States Navy after a distinguished military career. He was an avid outdoorsman and strong father figure. He was greatly loved and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Jillian Cotter, James and John Clippard; 1 sister, Kaye Clippard-Lampman; 3 brothers, Charles, Frank and Lonnie Clippard; 4 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and 4 siblings.

Funeral services for James Clippard will be held at a later date in Springfield, Virginia. Interment with military honors will take place at Arlington National Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James E Clippard*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *It is with great sadness that I learned of Jim's passing. He was a friend of my mother's, Joanne, from South Run Rec Center. As my mom battled ovarian cancer, and ultimately lost her battle, Jim was a source of friendship and faith for both of us. He continued to stay in touch with me after my mother's passing. I would occasionally meet him and Miss Joyce for lunch. Sharing memories of my mother with him was very comforting to me.*

*Jim absolutely epitomized what it is to be both a gentleman and a class act. If only the world had more people like Jim, it truly would be a better place. He was humble, kind, caring, hard-working, genuine, intelligent, and he loved his family more than anything.*

*I'm very sad as I write this but also very grateful that I'm able to call him a friend. I will forever appreciate having known him.*

*With sympathy,  
Kristy Crombie  
Alexandria, VA*

Kristy Crombie - March 12, 2017 at 03:49 PM

SF

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Clippard. Our friendship was grounded in a love for bird hunting. We began hunting together when I was probably 15 and him in his mid 50's. That led to him letting me tag along to gun shows where I learned the art of negotiation and a knowledge of guns from the best.

*I was there when he killed his first turkey. When he shot, he crippled the bird but the turkeys running gear were in perfect working order. He shot, we got up and so did the bird. He loved to tell the story that he out ran a 16 year old in order to run the turkey down...and he did.*

*The last time I saw him was 2 years ago. I stopped by Cape on the way back from a bird hunting trip in Kansas. We stayed up telling stories late into the night. It was a great time. He was a master raconteur.*

*He was always patient and kind to a kid when he didn't have to be.*

*He was my friend and I am better person having known him.*

*Stan Foster  
Brookhaven,MS*

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**Stan Foster** - May 22, 2016 at 06:52 PM



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**Jon Shaffer** - May 18, 2016 at 03:39 PM

DK

“ Seeing Jim Clippard wearing his cowboy hat and a smile to South Run Park Recreational Center in VA always put a smile on my face. You could count on a kind or encouraging word. One memory which showed his good heart was when I did a fund raising story for scholarships for military veterans at Park University in Parkville, MO. This was important to me being a veteran myself and graduate from Park University. He immediately wanted to, and did, make a contribution. This was the kind of man he was. He is truly missed.

*I pray for comfort and peace for his family.*

*With Sympathy,  
Diana Kilbarger*

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**Diana Kilbarger** - May 18, 2016 at 01:07 PM