



Richard Ray Clark

July 5, 1940 - November 23, 2019

Richard Ray Clark Sr., 79, of Marion passed away Saturday, November 23, 2019 in a deer blind located near Thompsonville, Il.

He was born on July 5, 1940 in Jewett, Ohio to John L. Clark and Della Saffell Clark.

Richard married the love of his life, Nancy Feher on September 12, 1959 in Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. She preceded him in death on March 7, 2018.

Richard proudly served two years in the United States Navy. Another of his love's was the mining industry. Starting with various mines in Ohio and then moving to Illinois, where he was a general manager for Freeman Coal Company for four years. He then moved to Amax Coal Co and became Vice President for Midwest Mining Operations in only one year after joining the underground mining division. Richard started his second career as an entrepreneur when opening his first pawn shop in West Frankfort. He went on to open two more shops in the area. His passion was serving his patrons and he continued this up to early this year when he closed the Christopher location. This began his retirement in earnest at the age of 78. Richard enjoyed learning and received his Masters in Business Management from Wesleyan University in Indianapolis. He continued to be an avid reader throughout his life. He knew

how to work and also how to play. He was an avid golfer. Enjoyed his family, boating, fishing, camping, hunting, gardening and serving his fellow man as a Masonic member of Smithfield Lodge 182 F&AM. Richard was also a Shriner and Boy Scout Leader. His other memberships included American Turkey Federation, NRA and National Pawn Brokers Association. If there were a Miner's game in town, you knew where you would find Richard and Nancy as they were season ticketholders from the very beginning.

He is survived by his four children, Richard Clark, Jr and wife Lisa of Velpen, IN;
Frank Clark and fiancé Ashley Renee of Mexico Beach, FL; David Clark and wife Lashay of Orient; Jennifer Clark of Trafalgar, Indiana; nine grandchildren and one great-grand daughter. Several nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, wife Nancy Clark, brother, John H. Clark, sisters, Eileen Henry, and Neosha Shelton.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, November 25, 2019 at the funeral home.

Funeral services for Richard Ray Clark will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy.

Entombment will follow at Egyptian Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers that monetary donations be made to St. Jude's or Riley's Children's Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Ray Clark*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Some of my first memories are of Mr Clark and his family. They were my neighbors in Mt Pleasant, Ohio. Mr Clark was friends with my Father from their youth. I remember Mr Clark as a remarkable, hard-working man who always occupied his time profitably. Mrs Clark, Nancy, was also very kind. I ll always remember Ricky, Frankie and David as my big brothers. They looked after me at all times and treated me very kindly. Mr Clark was a great family man, and this manifested itself in his children. The Clark family door was always open and I ll never forget the generosity and decency they showed me. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Clark, for building my favorite family of all-time. I mean that with the utmost sincerity. Love, your grateful neighbor Ron “Ronnie” Sterling*

Ron Sterling - January 05, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Rick and his family were our neighbors for many years in Mt. Pleasant and we all had a high regard for the Clark family and they were pleasant years. My brother, who was Rick's age, joined the US Navy at about the same time - both were good sailors. I send his family and friends my sincere condolences. Rick and Nancy were two of the finest people in High School and friends to everyone.*
Jim Nichols

Jim Nichols - December 17, 2019 at 11:55 PM

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“ We just learned of Rick's death and on behalf of the Mount Pleasant, OH High School Alumni Association we extend to all his family and friends our sincere condolences. He is fondly remembered by all those who attended school with him. Necrology Committee of MPHS, Naomi Dickerson and Jim Nichols.

Naomi Dickerson - December 17, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard Ray Clark.



November 25, 2019 at 04:47 PM

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“ The Geryak Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Richard Ray Clark.



The Geryak Family - November 25, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Richard Ray Clark.



November 25, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Ray Clark.*



November 25, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Richard Ray Clark.*



November 25, 2019 at 10:25 AM