



Bob W. Clark

July 12, 1934 - February 20, 2019

Robert Willis Clark "Bob"

Passed away at his home in Alexandria, VA on Feb. 20, 2019 after a 10 month battle with metastatic melanoma. His family was by his side in his final days. Bob was the beloved husband of Lisa Clark; father of Rebecca (James) Gammon and Stephen Clark; grandfather of Connor Gammon; brother of Marilyn Brownlie and Barbara Dochterman.

In the summer of 1934, Bob was born in Ottawa, Illinois to Lester and Gladys Clark. He and his older sisters grew up on a farm in nearby Dayton Township. They attended a one room country school of about 15 students through eighth grade. Growing up, his families social life centered around the Community House and Methodist Church in the village of Harding. Raised to be a farmer, he started driving the John Deere tractor for haying at an early age. Bob was active in many extracurricular activities including raising pigs for the 4-H club, playing on the high school basketball team, participating in Future Farmers of America, and running track. Music was always an important part of his life. He sang in the church choir with his father, and in high school played tuba and sang in the chorus. He particularly enjoyed singing in the popular men's quartet.

After high school, he attended the University of Illinois majoring in agriculture. After graduating with honors, he was drafted into the US Army, which would eventually send him overseas to Germany in the Black Forest region. After two years of service, he returned to the University of Illinois where he earned

his masters in agricultural economics. He began his career in the Federal Government with the Department of Agriculture in the Commodity Exchange Authority, which later became the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. During this time, he became the head of the Chicago office before moving to Washington, D.C. in 1979.

Bob was always active in the arts, performing in musicals with the Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. and singing bass in the Apollo Chorus of Chicago, where he met his wife in 1978. Bob and Lisa married in 1982. He became a father at the age of 50 and was actively involved in raising his two children. He retired when both kids were in elementary school, so he spent a lot of time with them during their younger years. The highlight of the family's summer for the last 32 years has been joining Bob's extended family at Starved Rock State Park in Illinois near the old family farm. As the kids grew older, Bob and Lisa became active square and round dancers, joining the Boomerangs Teaching Council, Merry Notes, and Ryder's Rounders. Since they both enjoyed singing all their lives, they joined the NOVA Community Chorus where they have been singing for 11 years.

A funeral will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA on Tuesday, February 26 at 11 a.m. Interment at National Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Salvation Army or the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

Cemetery Details

King David Memorial Gardens

7400 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA 22046

Previous Events

Service

FEB 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bob W. Clark*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Dear Lisa i just saw the notice about Bob. I am so sorry for your loss. Love you.*

Susan hoffman - May 02, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Whoever you hold in the heart of you
Is forever and always a part of you.*

*Bob's calm and gentle presence will be missed, but never forgotten.
We were lucky to have gotten to know him.*

Karen and Bill Gammon

Karen Gammon - February 25, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Bob W. Clark.*



February 24, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bob W. Clark.*



February 24, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ *Wish I had more pictures of all the many times cousin Bob would join right in and play games with us younger cousins! Here's one, with me (in front) and two cousins from my dad's side, Deb and Melanie. Bob was a kind, thoughtful generous cousin with a great voice. I loved him and will miss him. Love to Lisa, Rebecca, Steve, Connor, James, Barb, Marilyn and all. ~Sara*



Sara Tompson - February 24, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bob W. Clark.*



February 23, 2019 at 10:24 PM