



William Sanford Clark II

March 3, 1971 - August 9, 2022

On Tuesday, August 9, 2022 William Sanford Clark II, of Alexandria, Virginia passed away peacefully. Beloved husband of Heather Clark; devoted father to Liam and Heleana. Will was preceded in death by his father William Sanford Clark. He is survived by his loving family; mother Scarlet Clark, brother Andrew, sister in law Alta, nieces Madeline, Zaya, nephew Daniel. He also leaves behind many cousins and numerous wonderful friends.

Will was born on March 3, 1971, in Fairfax, VA. He grew up in Stafford with his brother Andrew. Will attended North Stafford High, where he made lifelong friendships. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at George Mason University and later obtained a Masters Degree at Catholic University.

Will began his professional career at SAIC, where he and Heather met. Will wanted to be a soldier, but due to hearing limitations could not pursue a traditional military career path. He found a career with the Department of Defense, in the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) to pursue his commitment to the United States of America. Will took great pride in his work, and professional accomplishments. He volunteered for two overseas deployments during his career. His first deployment in 2007, was as the Team Lead for the Combined Intelligence Operations Center in Baghdad, Iraq where Will led team of 7 analysts produce analytic reports in support of forward deployed multinational forces. Will worked extremely long hours in a combat zone which

routinely received indirect fire from enemy combatants of the United States Government.

His second deployment, in 2012, was for the Consolidated Stability and Operations Center in Kabul, Afghanistan, International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF). Will was the Senior Intelligence Analyst responsible for publication of Consolidated Stability Operations Center socio-cultural reports forward deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan. He led a team of 30 civilian, military, and contractors in the development of complex studies and analysis in order to support the war-fighting soldiers of ISAF.

Will worked as the Branch Chief Defense Industries Division, Defense Resources and Infrastructure Office (DRI) over a period of four years to 2018. In 2018, Will worked as the Intelligence Briefer to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD) for Strategy, Plans and Capabilities (SPC); the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Strategy and Force Development; and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Plans and Posture Executive Support Office (ESO). In this role Will provided exceptional intelligence support to the entire Undersecretary of Defense for Policy (USD-P) community on critical U.S. strategic threats and opportunities. The timely, tailored intelligence support Will provided was exemplary and directly supported policy development.

Most recently Will was the Senior Intelligence Officer (SIO), Transnational Organized Crime and Threat Finance Division Americas and Transregional Threats Center (ATTC). He was preparing to return to the ESO, when he passed.

Around his accomplished career, Will was a devoted husband and father. He coached tee-ball, soccer, was the Cub Scout Den Leader, and a constant in family activities. Early morning trips to the nearby convenience store for milk,

before his 0100 shift at the ESO, were gifts he often gave to his family who will miss him terribly.

Will's natural easy going nature made him a beloved fixture in both his personal and professional life. Even a lung cancer diagnose could not extinguish his kind nature, drive or concern for others. As his illness progressed, when asked how he was, or if he needed anything he consistently stated "I'm good". Will was surrounded by loved ones in his final days, as he passed peacefully to his next assignment.

The family takes comfort and strength through their faith. Starting in 2017 the family converted to Catholicism, with Will and Heather, officially coming into the church at the 2019 Easter Vigil. They have enjoyed a deepening of faith and spiritual growth through their beloved St. Louis parish.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions to William's children's college funds.

Contribution checks can be sent directly their 529 plan provider by mail at:
Edward Jones
600 Pennsylvania Ave S.E.
Suite 330
Washington, DC 20003-4316

Please make payment out to "Edward Jones FBO Liam and Heleana Clark 529"

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **14.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Viewing

AUG **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **15.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Louis Roman Catholic Church
2097 Popkins Ln
Alexandria, VA 22306

Graveside

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Providence United Methodist Church
5417 Stratford Hall Rd
Montross, VA 22520

Tribute Wall



“ *William Sanford Clark II*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *RIP Will.*



Frank Titus - August 23, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Heather and the family. May the grace of God be with you in this most difficult time.*

Will and I worked together for many years. An expert in his field, he was one of the most professional and dedicated officers I know. Will gave his country all! No matter what the task, there was none too difficult for him to take on. More importantly, through difficult times or not, he always had a smile and laughter that gave quite confidence to his teammates and a sense that there was no hurdle we couldn't overcome. Will will be truly missed, but his spirit will live on in the many folks he touched! God bless.

Johnny Sawyer

Johnny O Sawyer Sr - August 22, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Sanford Clark II.*



August 22, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Heather, Liam and Helena. I only worked with Will a short time but his constant positive attitude always made my day. He loved to talk about Liam's Scout activities and asked for advice since he knew I was a Scoutmaster. He will be truly missed.*

Bill Turner

Bill Turner - August 15, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ *Felipe and Mari Benavides purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Sanford Clark II.*



Felipe and Mari Benavides - August 15, 2022 at 09:29 AM

PV

“ Will Clark had a great, irrepressible sense of humor combined with a sensitivity for the feelings of others. He was great fun to be with.

He was a natural leader and people were comfortable following his lead. Will was thoughtful and reflective on the major events of the day. His advice was always helpful and honest.

William S. Clark will be greatly missed.

Paul and Vicky Vivian

Paul H. Vivian - August 15, 2022 at 08:45 AM

AT

“ ARMA 4200, Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



ARMA 4200, Team - August 13, 2022 at 02:34 PM

MA

“ Will and I worked together and I instantly knew he was a good one. I loved hearing him talk of Heather and the kids. His devotion to them was beautiful and inspiring. His love and family and God made him a kind and caring man who I truly enjoyed talking to about everything from work to catching squirrels in the attic and this adventure we call life. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Sending all the love to them.

Merrilee Feller Arehart - August 13, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



August 12, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



August 12, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



August 12, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



August 12, 2022 at 05:48 PM

BB

“ As neighbors for many years, the highlight of our dog walks around the block was running into Will. Will would always stop whatever it was he was doing to ask how we were doing with a huge smile, especially wanting to know how our kids were doing and asking lots of detailed questions about their activities. It was wonderful seeing how devoted he was to his family, how very proud he was of his children, and how involved he was with in their activities. Seeing Will and Heather in their Adirondack chairs with a glass of wine sometimes in the late evenings as we took a nightly stroll was a delight. Will would often have a funny remark and would always holler out a friendly hello and wish us well. We are particularly grateful to Will for the interest he took in our son during high school and college. Will provided career advice and mentoring and reached out to his colleagues, providing contacts for Joe to call on the phone so they could offer advice about career paths. We were incredibly blessed to know Will.

Brenda Bernardi - August 12, 2022 at 12:37 PM

HF

“ HST Subcontracts Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



HST Subcontracts Family - August 12, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



August 12, 2022 at 08:07 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *William Sanford Clark II*.



August 12, 2022 at 04:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *William Sanford Clark II*.



August 12, 2022 at 01:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *William Sanford Clark II*.



August 11, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of *William Sanford Clark II*.



August 11, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



August 11, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ Costello Family-Rich, Lisa, James & Nora purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



Costello Family-Rich, Lisa, James & Nora - August 11, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ Will and I had long talks about our shared family heritage in Maine. We could not find a link through the DNA sites, but we definitely felt that strong kindred spirit between us!

Meredith - August 11, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Sanford Clark II.



August 11, 2022 at 09:48 AM