



Bernard K. Clark

January 27, 2023

Bernard K. Clark, age 92, affectionately known as "Bernie", died on January 27, 2023, just two days shy of his 93rd birthday. Beloved husband of the late Nancy Calvano Clark to whom he was married for 63 years; loving father of Mary (Richard) Haigh, Dorothy (Dotty) Clark, Bernard (Bernie) Clark, Cora (Bob) Schiers, Edward Clark, and Nancy Ann (William) O'Connor; proud grandfather of Richard, Christopher, Kelly (Dennis) Boyle, Bernie, Jessica, Kristen (Carl) Taylor, William (Alyssa) O'Connor, and Joann (JC) Clayton; great-grandfather of Sarah (Drew) Sidman, Noah, Rachel (Dimples), Dylan, Kyle, Lana, Sophie, Claire, Xavier (The Duke), Elowen, Landry, Isla, Baby Girl Clayton; brother of Cyrus (Joan) Clark, Phelma (Jack) Hinderliter, and the late Martha, Elias, Beatrice and Dorothy; and his many beloved nieces and nephews.

The son of a coal miner, Edward Clark and seamstress Cora Clark, Bernie was born and raised in the Ringtown Valley area of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania where he often helped his father restart the coal mine water pumps on Sunday nights so the coalminers could return to dry mineshafts on Monday mornings. Not one for the mining way of life, Bernie struck out into the world by joining the U.S. Navy in 1948 where he served until he was honorably discharged in July 1952. He served on several ships including his favorite, the aircraft carrier USS Block Island. Following the Navy, Bernie worked as an auto mechanic at Ben Brown's Esso service station in South Philadelphia. Soon after, Bernie joined Acme Markets as a forklift mechanic at

two Acme Distribution Centers (Masters Street in West Philadelphia and Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia) where he worked for more than 32 years.

Upon retirement, Bernie spent many years traveling back and forth from Philadelphia to Ashland, PA to spend time at the home that daughter Dottie purchased so that he could be closer to his brother Cyrus and other members of his family.

Bernie loved playing horseshoes, volleyball, attending the many Clark family reunions in upstate Pennsylvania, and spending summer vacations in Wildwood, NJ. His love of country music was legendary. He purchased and enjoyed listening to literally thousands of country music albums, cassettes, CDs, and videos, and proving time couldn't pass him by, he loved listening to his Sirius-XM satellite radios in his pickup truck and on the table next to his recliner. Bernie also enjoyed many live country music performances over the years, but none were more special than the Loretta Lynn and George Jones concerts he attended in Atlantic City and Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Visitation, Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Rogers Funeral Home, Inc., 1426-30 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM followed by his Religious Service at 10:30 AM. Interment will follow at New Saint Mary's Cemetery, 515 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031. Following the service at the cemetery, family and friends are invited to a memorial luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bernie's name can be made to The American Cancer Society at PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 (www.donate3.cancer.org) or American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037 (www.redcross.org).

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Cemetery Details

New St. Mary's Cemetery

515 West Browning Road
Bellmawr, NJ 08031

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 11. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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All flowers must be delivered Friday before 4 PM

Tribute Wall

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“ He was a father to me, not just my uncle. He was a loving, caring, special man and someone I looked up to and love dearly. He was what every man should strive to be. I have so many memories that I treasure. I won't share them all, I'll just say "I've got a tiger by the tail"!

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“ So Sorry For Your Loss May God Comfort You Doing This Difficult Time Cora & Bob Hold To God Unchanging Hand Praying For Your Strength God Bless The Whole Family. Dera Dowell Love You Botj

Dera Dowell - February 02, 2023 at 08:05 PM

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“ Uncle Bernie was a wonderful man. He would greet you with a smile and ask how you are doing. It was always about you. I will certainly miss him. My cousins are strong and will help each other through this time of sorrow. Please know my thoughts, prayers and love and with you during this difficult time. Love Renee'

Renee - February 02, 2023 at 10:28 AM