



Frank M. Clark, Jr.

March 18, 1932 - July 17, 2016

Frank M. Clark, Jr., 84, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2016. Formerly of Muncie, IN, Indianapolis, IN, and Rochester, MI, he had been a fulltime resident of Bonita Springs, FL since 2001.

Born in Muncie, IN on March 18, 1932 to Frank and Lottie Bates Clark, Frank graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1950. That same year he married his high school sweetheart, Susie Bonshire Clark, who he first met in seventh grade. Their love affair lasted more than 65 years, ending just eleven months ago when Susie preceded Frank in death.

His height and basketball talent landed him on the local Chrysler industrial basketball team, the first step in a long and successful career. The team required a switch from working the night shift to days, and the rest, as they say, is history. Attending college at night, and working days, Frank quickly moved up the ranks, retiring in 1989 as General Manager of Chrysler's Power Train division. Upon retirement he started his own business, Clark Associates, an international automotive consulting firm.

An avid and enthusiastic golfer for most of his adult life, Frank was a member of Pelican's Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs and a former member of Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, MI. He was also a member of First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, where he enjoyed participating in

Men's Ministry. He loved walking his dog, Molly, with neighborhood friends, and was a passionate supporter of Indiana University basketball, enjoying nothing more than discussing the Hoosiers' ups and downs with his like-minded sons!

Survivors include loving sons, Greg (Cathy) Clark of Okemos, MI, Brian (Beth) Clark of Doylestown, PA, and Bruce (Lisa) Clark of Jericho, NY and Boca Raton, FL; cherished grandchildren Erin (Adrian Cazal), Beth Clark, Steven Clark, Kristen Clark, Dan Friedman, Mike Friedman, precious great-granddaughter Eva Cazal; and brothers Dale (Mary) Clark, Roger (Jo Ellen) Clark, and sister Sharon Kay Koop.

A memorial service to celebrate Frank's long and happy life will be held on Thursday, July 28 at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 9751 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Frank and Susie will be returned to Muncie, IN for their final rest; the date for the Muncie service is to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to The American Heart Association or First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank M. Clark, Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your family's loss, I hope you may find comfort in the promise found at IS 25:8 He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces. Tim Strauss*

Tim - July 24, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family. My parents, Betty and Hobbie Hargrove became frends with this special couple over 60 years ago in Greenfield, Indiana. I was very small at the time but still have special memories. Over the years they have come by Florala to visit my folks and continued a very special friendship. Our prayers go out to all the family in this very sad time .*

*Belinda Carnley
P. O. Box 293
Lockhart, AL 36455*

Belinda Carnley - July 23, 2016 at 09:50 AM

BH

“ *When someone you love dies, you never quite get over it. You just slowly learn how to go on without them, but always keeping them tucked safely in your heart. We will miss them both. My husband, Hobbie, and I were friends with Frank and Susie for 63 years.*

*Betty Hargrove
P. O. Box 401
Floral, AL 36442*

Betty Hargrove - July 23, 2016 at 08:34 AM

TW

“ Lovingly Susie referred to Frank as “the big guy that likes plums”. To his friends and professional colleagues, he would be referred to as, a mentor, a confidant, an extremely loyal boss/peer and a wise experienced executive, who gave good counsel.

We did not become close friends until Frank retired and we subsequently moved to Michigan. During our ten plus years in the area very few days would pass that Frank and I would not talk or as couples go out for the evening.

During his carrier, he had managed tough operations and oversaw multiple operations as an Executive Director/General Plants Manager. Frank was very helpful to me as I was running larger operations and his advice and counsel aided me.

Their friendship meant a great deal to us and sadly residential distance separated our relationship after their relocation to Florida.

His dedication to Susie was evident from the first time that we met. Frank taught all of us was how to be a loving, and caring husband no matter life’s challenges. The last few years have been a testimony to his love and devotion.

We miss them both and we confidently believe God holds them close.

Tony and Carole Watt

Tony & Carole Watt - July 22, 2016 at 08:37 AM

TP

“ Pat and I are sorry to learn of Frank's passing. We remember him as our jovial neighbor across the street in Arrowhead. As members of the neighborhood Gourmet Group, he and Suzy would brighten up our gatherings. Frank always had a good story to tell that would inevitably lead to laughter. From a modest beginning, Frank worked hard and advanced through the ranks of Chrysler. Despite his success, he remained at heart a kind and caring Hoosier. He will be missed.

Terry & Pat Paas

Terry Paas - July 20, 2016 at 04:04 PM

JB

“ Sorry to hear Frank is gone. From our Arrowhead neighborhood days, we enjoyed knowing him and Susie. He was a good man, and we always admired his accomplishments.

Jack & Carol Berlier

Jack & Carol Berlier - July 20, 2016 at 12:58 PM

BH

When someone you love dies, you never quite get over it. You just slowly learn how to go on without them but always keeping them tucked safely in your heart. This is for you two, love you always. Will never forget them . Think we have been friends for 63 years. Love you Betty Hargrove

Betty Hargrove - July 22, 2016 at 05:53 PM

JM

My husband, Ralph, and I knew Frank (and Susie) for a long time here in Florida. They were very special friends whom we enjoyed being around. Both of them had a love of God and our church which was evident to all. We will miss Frank and find it hard to grasp that he is gone. However, he is with his beloved Susie now. Frank was a person whom you wanted to be around and a wonderful friend. My deepest condolences to all their family.

Ralph and Jackie Maxwell

Jackie Maxwell - July 27, 2016 at 01:19 PM