



Lawrence I. DeClark

August 7, 1926 - September 27, 2016

Lawrence Irving DeClark, age 90, formerly of Centerville, Ohio, passed away in Fort Myers, Florida on Tuesday, September, 27, 2016 in Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. Larry was born August 7, 1926, in Elizabeth, New Jersey the youngest son of Harold I. and Belle (Merikle) DeClark.

Larry served in the Navy in WWII, then attended Otterbein College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. After college, he was employed as Treasurer at Waytek Corporation and then at The Laughter Corporation in Dayton. Larry and Ruth founded DeClark's Card & Gift Shop in 1959, which is still operated in Kettering by his son, John. Larry was a long time member of Normandy United Methodist Church in Centerville. He enjoyed golf, fishing, boating, tinkering in his workshop and spending time with many close friends and family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years Jody (Spires) DeClark, children Robin DeClark, David DeClark, John DeClark, Dan DeClark, daughter-in-law Lynn DeClark, grandchildren Jeff, Kevin and Tom DeClark, and great-grandson William DeClark. He was also a loving step-father to the Spires family, including Jody's children and their spouses: Jenie (Larry) Sandler, Ken (Sherry) Spires, Brian (Melonie) Spires and Amy (Rob) Rucker; and 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Ralph DeClark, sister Marjorie Cornell and first wife of 46 years Ruth (Keister) DeClark.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Normandy United Methodist Church, 450 W. Alex Bell Rd, Dayton, OH 45459. He will be laid to rest in a private ceremony in Bellbrook Cemetery next to his first wife, Ruth. A celebration of his life for friends and family will be held following the burial at Dan & Lynn DeClark's home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Otterbein University or Normandy United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence I. DeClark*

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