



Benjamin Allen Clark Jr

March 24, 1929 - August 21, 2018

Benjamin Allen Clark, Jr. passed on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at Heron Point of Chestertown, MD. He was 89 years old.

Ben was born on Palm Sunday, March 24, 1929, in Philadelphia to the late Benjamin A. Clark and Mary (Hartlieb) Clark. He was raised in Lansdowne, PA, with his late sister, Barbara.

He worked for C&P Telephone Company for 37 years, retiring in 1988. He served for a brief time in the U.S. Navy, leaving his position to care for his mother after the death of his father.

He married the late Muriel (Gibson) Clark in 1961, after friends set them up on a blind date. They started their married life in Prospect Park, PA, and then purchased a farm in Crumpton, MD, in 1966, where they raised three children, Carol A. Clark, now of Whiteville, North Carolina, Susan A. Clark, now of Atlanta, GA, and Allen B. Clark (Stacy), now of Bel Air, MD.

Ben was a pilot, a sailor, a self-taught engineer, and a machinist. He loved all things mechanical. There was no project too difficult for him; he would make any tool he lacked. He built a sailboat when he was in his twenties, and he filled his ample workshop and barns with welding equipment, lathes, drill presses, and tools of all kinds and sizes. Ben's passion was antique engines,

and he spent his summers taking his children and wife to steam and gas engine shows in Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. He was a founding member of Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Engine Association in Easton, MD, and served as the engineer of the beloved children's train there from 1978 to 2012. In 1977, he took his family on the ultimate road trip, driving coast to coast and back in two months.

He married his second wife, Aileen, after they both lost their previous spouses, and then moved into Heron Point of Chestertown, MD, in 2012.

Ben was a doting grandfather to Lauren Clark of Charlotte, NC; Madison & Zachary Clark of Bel Air, MD; and Sophie Clark of Atlanta, GA. He is also survived by his nieces and nephew, Leslie Lowman (Bill), Lynn Reed (David), and David Ruffner (Karen). He had two stepdaughters Judy Griffith and Barbara Griffith Hopkins (David); three step grandchildren, Kim (Sam) Scaife, Scott (Khush) Hopkins, and Dr. Laura Hopkins; and two step great-grandchildren, Claire Scaife and Charlie Hopkins.

A celebration of life will be held at Wesley Hall at Heron Point on Saturday, August 25, at 1 p.m., with a reception to follow. A private burial will be held at a later date.

The family would like to offer thanks to the aides, cooks, nurses, staff, and residents of Heron Point and WillowBrooke Court, for the loving care and friendship they offered to Ben, Aileen, and their families.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to be given in Ben's memory to Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Association, P.O. Box 636, Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

celebration of life

AUG 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Hall at Heron Point
501 E. Campus Ave
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin Allen Clark Jr

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Benjamin Allen Clark Jr

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Benjamin Allen Clark Jr

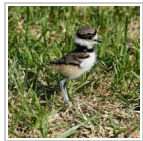
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“ Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Association lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Allen Clark Jr



Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Association - August 26, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ RIP Mr Clark. Please give Miss Aileen a huge hug from me!! My condolences to the family. Xo



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