



Jewel Wayne Clark

December 5, 1920 - March 2, 2023

Jewel Wayne "PopPop" Clark, Chief Petty Officer, WWII Navy Veteran, and resident of Centreville, MD, passed away on March 2, 2023. Wayne or "PopPop" as he was known to his friends and family was born on December 5, 1918 or 1920 (depending on whom you ask) to Lloyd W. and Mineola (Fallis) Clark in Alicia, AR. He attended school in Alicia before going into the 3 C's (Civilian Conservation Corp) 1937, prior to enlisting in the Navy in 1939.

The first ship he was assigned to was the USS Broome. He then was assigned to the USS Hilary Herbert DD 160. The USS Herbert received 7 battle stars during the war. Wayne's Navy career was extensive and had assignments in numerous countries. He met his beloved Margaret (Onufer) Clark while he was in port at New York. He would see her every time he came into port, writing from the ship to keep in touch. They were married in New York City on July 10, 1943. He then shipped out on the USS Hilary Herbert DD 160 (APD-22). It was hard being away from his wife as per the hundreds of love letters they wrote back and forth to each other. In June of 1944, while at sea, he became a dad to his son Robert W. Clark. In 1964, he and his wife decided to enlarge their little family and their daughter Barbara Jean was born.

Wayne spent 22 years in the Navy. He lived in Cairo, Baghdad (where his family was evacuated to Rome (attached to the attaché), South Africa, Japan,

Germany, and so many more. He also was part of the VF 124 GUNFIGHTERS out of Miramar, CA, which was the U.S Pacific Fleet Master Jet Base for Fighter Aircraft. Chief Clark also was awarded the Commendation Medal by the Navy Secretary for "outstanding performance of duty" for his role in a humanitarian rescue mission of 285 missionaries, doctors, and nurses from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He also received a letter of commendation for his part in the Naval Airship Squad ZP-1. He achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer, and not long ago we discovered that he may have been the oldest living CPO from WWII. He also received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal (6th award). He then started working for NSA at Ft. Meade, MD. When asked what he did at NSA, he would reply he was the Chief girl watcher there or the janitor. But we have since found this to not be true or maybe he was a watcher of some kind, we shall never know as he never talked about his time at NSA. He retired after 20 years from NSA in 1982. He received an award for 40+ years of Federal Government Service.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Margaret; their son, Robert Clark; and three siblings, Lonnie Maston Clark, Mona Roush, and Daisy Wells.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Burkhardt and her husband Robert of Centreville; grandsons, Patrick Rockwell, II, and wife Breah, Robert Burkhardt, Jr., and Hannah Schaubert; great-granddaughter, Isla Rockwell (who was his greatest joy). He and Isla had a special bond as they were almost 100 years apart in age. He is also survived by his four brothers, Lloyd W. Clark, Jr., (Barbara), Julian B. Clark (Angela), Jim Clark (Carolyn), and Ronnie Clark (Charlene).

Wayne celebrated his 100th birthday at his daughters home in Centreville in 2020. The Naval Academy sent a uniformed delegation of Navy Chief Petty

Officers to sing him happy birthday. The town and many others sent him cards from all over the world. A local class of students sent him cards, he was very impressed with them. The Jeff Davis Post 18, Legion Riders also participated, presented him with a banner, plaque, and a 21 motorcycle salute. Senator Steve Hershey and Delegate Steve Arentz presented Wayne with a Governor's Citation. In February of 2020, Senator Steve Hershey invited Wayne to the Maryland Senate Floor to honor him for his service in WWII with a formal citation and a proclamation by the Senator's office. It was a great honor, and he appreciated it.

A Visitation will be held on March 18, 2023, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home in Centreville, MD, with a funeral service to follow. A reception with refreshments and lite fare will follow at the home of Barbara and Robert in Centreville. Burial with military honors will be held at the Florida National Cemetery at a later date, when he will be reunited with his beloved wife.

Wayne "PopPop" was a very humble man, and, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity that is important to you. It was always important to him to give back.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jewel Wayne Clark*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 07, 2023 at 10:51 AM

NC

I only met him one time, towards the end. However, watching the love and support he received from his family and fellow vets was an honor. Barb watched her father on video while working and some of the best and funniest memories are of him saluting the camera when he was mistakenly at the wrong refrigerator and was told his sandwich was in his fridge..... and another time when I literally almost fell when I saw a car leaving the driveway and ran to get Barb, thinking he was driving. In the short few years we've been neighbors I feel as if we knew him through watching the support and love he received from all those around him! A great man with a great family legacy of love 💕

Nicole C - March 07, 2023 at 12:27 PM

BB

I will never forget you flying into the office in a panic. Dad thought it was funny too. Don't forget him setting off every camera multiple times knowing where everyone of them were, could never hide them good enough. He was stealth.

Barbara Burkhardt - March 07, 2023 at 02:48 PM

BB

Thank you. He deserves it all. I'm so glad I could give him the big 100th birthday party. I'm so lucky to have had him as my dad.

Barbara Burkhardt - March 07, 2023 at 03:45 PM



WOW Barb that was beautiful. thoughts and prayers for your family

Carolyn Stuckey - March 07, 2023 at 08:36 PM

TD

One of my earliest memories was when the Clark family came to visit and we toured Washington crossing park. He loved our country and his family.

tom Duffy - March 09, 2023 at 04:32 AM



“ *Jewel Wayne Clark*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jewel Wayne Clark.*



March 17, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jewel Wayne Clark.*



March 14, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jewel Wayne Clark.



March 09, 2023 at 04:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jewel Wayne Clark.



March 08, 2023 at 01:03 PM



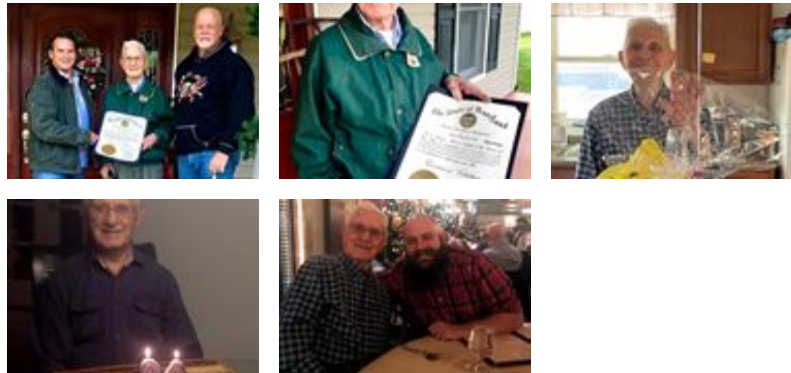
“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Jewel Wayne Clark.



March 07, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ 134 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 07, 2023 at 10:09 AM

BW

“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Jewel Wayne Clark



Bob & Sheila Willis - March 06, 2023 at 08:12 PM

LJ

“ “Dad” you are 1 in a million! I was honored to be another “Daughter” in your life. You were so patient & kind to Barb & I in our pre-teen yrs. I will never forget our trip to Kings Dominion. Rest now w/Marge. We will all miss you so much. We be sure to look after your “little girl” too 🙏❤️ Love Lisa



Lisa Tydings Jonas - March 06, 2023 at 07:57 PM

BB

Love you. Thank you sister from other parents. That was a fun time at Kings Dominion.

Barbara Burkhardt - March 06, 2023 at 10:19 PM

LW

“ *Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Jewel Wayne Clark*



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - March 06, 2023 at 07:36 PM

PI

“ *Walking through tall field grass to fish in a nearby pond and he said watch your step! I asked if there were cow patties and he chuckled and said “no rattle snakes”. Shortly afterwards we we’re fishing and a nasty storm was on the horizon. I asked if we should head back he said no it will pass. It did right over our heads while standing on the edge of the pond in the field with fishing poles in our hands! Lightning and raining cats and dogs. A few minutes later the sun was backing us dry. I also watched him at the ripe young age of 70 or so take off like a bat outta Hatdes to catch a turtle (gopher) so he could put nail polish on its shell to see if in the future he would see it again. I don’t think in my prime I could have run as fast or seen the turtle from the distance we were at. Many other stories but those were a few of the most memorable.*



Patrick Rockwell I - March 06, 2023 at 06:38 PM

BB

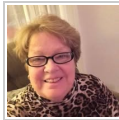
Thank you for sharing that. Those “gophers” were huge and quick!

Barbara Burkhardt - March 06, 2023 at 07:04 PM

BB

“ I’m sure going to miss you dad. The house is so quiet without you here. I’m so glad I was with you until the end and was able to tell you exactly what you meant to me and you were able to tell me you loved me too. Now you and mom are reunited I hope that makes you happy. Hardest thing I’ve ever had to do was watch you leave.

Barbara Burkhardt - March 06, 2023 at 01:59 PM



First. met Wayne and Marge in 1964 Barb was about 3 months and Don was just born. I went to school with Bob (barbs brother) Wayne was always kind friendly and seemed to laugh a lot. He will be missed so much My prayers are with you at this time it's a hard thing to go thru but in the long run you will remember all the wonderful times u had with ur dad. Hugs

Carolyn Stuckey - March 06, 2023 at 02:27 PM

KA

Such a "Special, sweet man..full of stories of his past to share with Danny - He was a Proud Man! Always up for sharing a glass of wine with me on special occassions at the house. We will truely miss him and his wonderful special smile welcoming us in.

Karen/Danny - March 06, 2023 at 03:43 PM

KB

Saluting You Sir !

Karen Burkhardt - March 13, 2023 at 01:03 PM