



Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark

October 30, 1927 - October 26, 2023

Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark of Rock Hall, MD passed away on October 26, 2023, in Rock Hall. He was 95.

He was born on October 30, 1927, in Swan Creek, Rock Hall into a farming family, to the late Owen and Elizabeth Ashley Clark. He attended school in Swan Creek, Fairlee, and Rock Hall where at times he would ride his horse to school. He competed in horse shows/events and fox hunted with his beloved horse, Lindbergh. He worked on the family farm until joining the U.S. Navy where he served his country proudly.

Mr. Clark then worked on a yacht in Florida, on Capt. Harry Carter's fishing boat the "Breezin Thru", as a waterman, and in 1960 he laid down his oyster tongs and got his Real Estate License, under Mr. Bobby Davis.

He married the love of his life Thelma Kelley of Kent Island on November 1, 1953, they lived briefly in Stevensville before moving to Rock Hall.

He owned and operated Wm. Norris Clark Realtor Agency in Rock Hall with an office in Chestertown. He worked until he was 90 (57 years) as a realtor and when asked his secret he said, "to be successful, you have to be honest, devoted, and work hard". He attributed most of his success to "Thelma, my sweet wife, she was super great".

He was an accomplished Black Belt in Taekwondo.

Hick was awarded the Lifetime Realty Award in recognition of his tenure, community and charitable involvement, and participation in Real Estate Association activities.

In 2018 he served as the Grand Marshall of the Rock Hall 4th of July Parade. He was a devoted son and brother, a wonderful uncle to many, many nieces and nephews, a fabulous cousin to many, and an extraordinary friend to everyone.

He is survived by his brother-in-law, Lou Kelley of Kent Island, sister-in-law: Ruth Clark of Rock Hall, nieces and nephews: Lu Ann Walker of Kent Island, Marilou Russ of Cordova, MD, Vonnie Paxton, Rita Kulley, Chucky Clark, Lori Campbell, Gail Manley, Ruthie Maloney, and Nita Jacquette along with many grand and great nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife,

Thelma Kelley Clark, brothers Bobby and Charlie Clark, and infant sister Betty, nephew Larry Clark, niece Sandy Harvey, nephew Bobby "Clarky" Clark, and nephew David Kelley.

Services will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 1:00 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home 130 Speer Road Chestertown where relatives and friends may call from 11am-1pm. Interment will be in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Kennedyville United Methodist Church P. O. Box 32, Kennedyville, MD 21645 or Rock Hall Vol Fire Company P.O. Box 577 Rock Hall, MD 21661.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
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Burial

NOV 7 (ET)

Wesley Chapel Cemetery
6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Tribute Wall



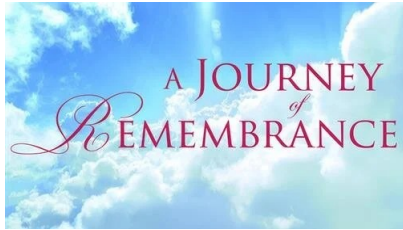
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 07, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 01:47 PM

MB

“ *Hick was the first person we met in Rock Hall. He was part of the reason we knew that Rock Hall would be our new home. After selling us two properties, he and Thelma were like family. We will never forget their help, kindness and , of course, Hick's jokes!*



Meade and Cheryl Breese - November 12, 2023 at 10:48 AM

LB

“ *Laura Brilz lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Laura Brilz - November 07, 2023 at 10:11 AM

RK

“ Uncle Hick was the sweetest man. He loved all of us and I especially loved his "corny" jokes. Uncle Hick always came to the family's events. He was a wonderful uncle and a "father" to both Uncle Bob's children and my father's children. I know he is up in heaven with Aunt Thelma, his siblings and parents, as well as the neices and nephews who made it to Heaven before he did. We will miss you Uncle Hick. Love, Rita and Eddie.

Rita Kulley - November 06, 2023 at 07:18 PM



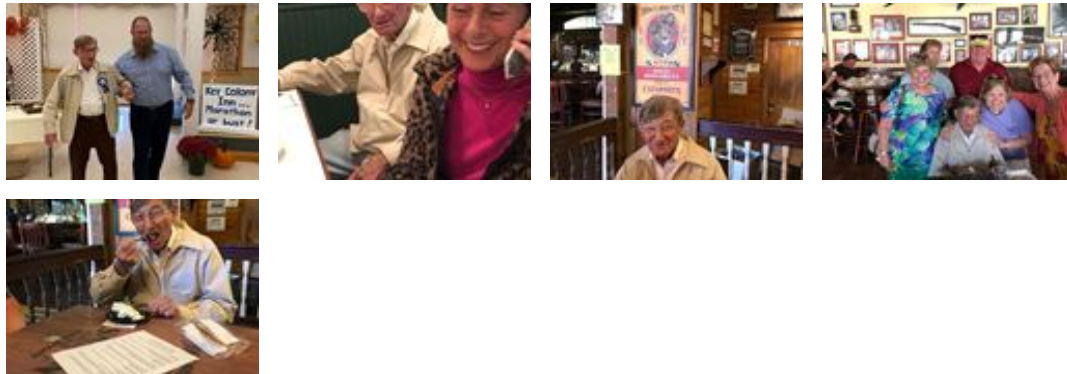
“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark.



November 06, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark.



November 03, 2023 at 08:50 AM

MP

“ Mary & Jimmy Price planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark.

Mary & Jimmy Price - November 03, 2023 at 08:50 AM

MU

“ RIP, Mr Hick, love “your Rock Hall girl”



Marie Usilton - November 02, 2023 at 02:01 PM

GM

“ 4 files added to the album Our Uncle Hick



Gail Manley - November 02, 2023 at 11:44 AM

SM

“ A fine boss, then generous competitor and always a trusted advisor. He and Thelma meant a lot to Bonnie and I. He will be missed
Sam & Bonnie Martin

Sam Martin - November 01, 2023 at 07:52 PM

AG

“ I think When folks hear the words; Pearl of the Chesapeake, They think of our small harbor town of Rock Hall because of It's beauty, the tranquility, and just the down home nature of It's natives.. The True Pearl, in my humble opinion was the little secret Gem of a husband and wife at the Corner of Green Lane. Mr.and Mrs. Clark (Hick & Thelma). They were two of the most truly genuine natives of Kent County. Each time you would pass them by, run into them at a store or around the water, They always had a smile. Of Course Mr. Hick would usually have a little joke, with a smirk on his face. To me, he found every one interesting, he would make you feel like you were a true part of the community, whether you were or not. There is no doubt that this great human being was successful in Real Estate & known for the deep love that he had for his expansive family. Mr. Hick was successful in anything else that he ever touched in life. Wait !, did i read in his Obit that this guy rode his horse to school? Good God!,(smile), I wonder if it was a 2 barrel or a 4 barrel. I'm not old enough to remember the horse, but i do remember the Car that he bought new, that also turned into an antique, that he drove for years as he smiled and waved. Who wouldn't trust this man. thats not even a question, Everyone trusted Mr. Hick. (not sure why they called him Hick, he sure wasn't one, although i'm sure the Clark Family has the story). I think back when i was a young buck, Well i wouldnt take it that far, Maybe a young yearling lol, I spent more time on Green Lane than i did down on the other side of town, Denby/Spring Cove. (That's another story in it's self, a pleasant one i might add with great memories). I think Mr. Hick and Mrs. Thelma thought I lived on Green Lane, as nearly everyday I would pass their house, smiling and waving as he did the same. To all the Clark's; My heart is heavy, just learning of Mr. Hick's passing. My deepest condolences for you all. Mr. Hick was one of the finest men i have ever been blessed to have known. He will never be forgotten. Arthur Godfrey, Clinton, NC (formerly and proudly of Rock Hall).

Arthur Godfrey - November 01, 2023 at 08:54 AM

GM

Oh, Arthur! This is such a lovely tribute to our dear Uncle Hick. And yes, we loved him and Aunt T so much and will miss them.
Gail Clark Manley

Gail Manley - November 01, 2023 at 10:49 AM

AG

I know you will Gail, as will your entire family. God Bless, Hugs to you and your family.

Arthur Godfrey - November 02, 2023 at 05:52 PM

LW

“ Lisa Williams lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Lisa Williams - October 31, 2023 at 07:33 PM

LW

I will sure miss seeing you around town! Everytime I go by your house I will think of you and Miss Thelma! 60 years of wonderful memories. RIP

Lisa Williams - October 31, 2023 at 07:37 PM

BA

“ To the family, So sorry for your loss..Prayers And thoughts at this difficult time.



Barbara Allen - October 31, 2023 at 06:04 PM

BE

“ Bonnie & Ronnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Bonnie & Ronnie Edwards - October 31, 2023 at 01:45 PM

CH

“ Carole Hickman lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Carole Hickman - October 31, 2023 at 01:23 PM

EL

“ Eric Legg lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Eric Legg - October 31, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Sherrie Jacobs - October 31, 2023 at 11:23 AM

GM

“ 40 files added to the album Our Uncle Hick



Gail Manley - October 31, 2023 at 10:55 AM

BC

“ Butch Coleman lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Butch Coleman - October 31, 2023 at 09:41 AM

MW

“ *Marian Walbert Wyble lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Marian Walbert Wyble - October 31, 2023 at 09:15 AM

RO

“ *RJ And Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



RJ and Kristi Osborn - October 31, 2023 at 08:30 AM

PA

“ *Loved the stories he told. Always had a smile and a friendly hello. Rock Hall lost one of the best. Rest In Peace Hick. Bob and Phyllis*



Phyllis Atkinson - October 31, 2023 at 07:22 AM

RG

“ *Rick & Jeanne Geibel lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Rick & Jeanne Geibel - October 30, 2023 at 09:26 PM

FD

“ *Frankie And Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Frankie and Jane Dill - October 30, 2023 at 07:34 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Debbie Dalrymple - October 30, 2023 at 07:10 PM

CN

“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - October 30, 2023 at 07:05 PM

RA

“ *Doug and I will so miss Hicks smiling face and wit. I always think of what a beautiful garden he cultivated. Rest in peace up there with Miss Thelma. Retha Arrabal and Doug Ashley.*

Retha Arrabal - October 30, 2023 at 06:56 PM

BG

“ *I am deeply saddened to learn of Mr. Hicks passing. What an honorable example of a man he was for all. Fly high with the angels Mr. Hick...you have gained your wings...
Batty ann Glenn*



Betty Ann Glenn - October 30, 2023 at 06:29 PM

JH

“ *I'm very sorry to learn that Mr. Hick passed on. My condolences to his family.*

Jack Heinefield - October 30, 2023 at 06:13 PM

VR

“ *Valerie Reihl lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark*



Valerie Reihl - October 30, 2023 at 05:58 PM

PT

“ Paul And Dorothy Tolson lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Paul and Dorothy Tolson - October 30, 2023 at 05:15 PM

DT

“ Paul and Dorothy Tolson



Dorothy Tolson - October 30, 2023 at 05:14 PM

BB

“ Barney & Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Barney & Kaye Barnes - October 30, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark.

October 30, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark.



October 30, 2023 at 04:59 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Charles & Donna Edwards - October 30, 2023 at 04:55 PM

GC

“ Gail Kendall Claggett lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Gail Kendall Claggett - October 30, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ Rosemary Gagalski and family



Rosie Gagalski - October 30, 2023 at 03:54 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Wm. Norris "Hick" Clark



Nancy Hubbard - October 30, 2023 at 03:09 PM

NH

Worked for Hick for a couple of years in Real Estate and yes, he was the most honest and devoted person I have ever met. He will be missed.

Nancy Hubbard - October 30, 2023 at 03:16 PM