



Donald Clark

August 20, 1920 - January 23, 2007

Donald Clark -- Kankakee Visitation for Donald F. Clark, 86, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A 10 a.m. funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Tuesday (Jan. 23, 2007), at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Clark was a retired supervisor from A.O. Smith Corp, after 33 years of service. He was born Aug. 20, 1920, in Kankakee, the son of Harry and Mildred Oncler Clark. He was a graduate of St. Patrick's High School and St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Ind. He won 11 letters in football, basketball and baseball. He officiated high school and college football, basketball and baseball for 37 years. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army. He was a member and usher at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee. He coached basketball at St. Patrick Grade School and softball at Kankakee Community College, and was a longtime employee of Bon Vivant Country Club Pro Shop from the day it opened until 2005. He was a member of the Tri Valley Officials, Elks Lodge and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed golfing and was an avid Sox and Bears fan. Surviving are his wife, the former Geraldine R. Purcell, whom he married Oct. 25, 1947, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Linda Clark of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Jon Evans of Kankakee; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Dan Vaughn, Jason and Michele Evans, Lora Scheller and Debbie Scheller; and six great-

grandchildren, Jacob, Emily and Meghan Vaughn, Madison and Natalie Evans, and Noah Scheller. His parents are deceased.

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“ I'm Sorry to hear of the loss of Don. ĩ½My father Elden Heusing worked with and for Don for most of his career at AO Smith (Dept 30) until his retirement in 1982. Dad always spoke very highly of Don and considered him a great leader and friend. ĩ½I have had Dad here in Fort Myers, Fl since 1999. He's not in great shape and is in a nursing home, but he still has some recall of old friends. ĩ½I'm sure he will remember Don and will give you his heartfelt sympathy.

Oh yes, I worked for Don as a summer replacement in 1966. ĩ½He was a great individual (except for insisting that I move a little faster all the time...)From there I went to the Military and Don was right. ĩ½I had to move alot faster.

Dale

Kindest personal regards,

Elden and Dale Heusing##imported-begin##Elden (Butch)and Dale Heusing##imported-end##

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“ Bubba,

 So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. My prayers and thought's are with you. Hope you and your family are doing okay.
Julie Kuntz Hesner
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“ Geri,Denis,Barbra and families our heat felt prayers andthought go out to each of you durring this time.

 I have alot of memories of Don from when I was little, but the one I remember the most is walking into chuch for 11:15 mass with Mom and Don would lick his hands and wipe my head then sy your hair is standing up, I would spend the hole mass patting it down.

 ĩ½Don was a good and kind man and will be ĩ½miss by every one who's life he touched.

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Dan & Linda Purcell

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“ Dennis, Barb and your families;

My heart and prayers are with you. ĩ½Your dad was a very good man. ĩ½Smile and carry him in your heart always.

Be a blessing!

Rick Meli

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“ I have not seen Mr Clark for some years but I can still see his smile and hear his laugh. When I would call his house to find Bubba he was always a joy to talk to and was full of life and energy. I am grateful for knowing him and for his touching my life like he did.

I know he was loved by many and will be missed greatly.

Rick Doss

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“ My condolences and prayers go out to the entire family during your time of loss. ĩ¿½I just buried my mother-in-law five months ago and can relate a little. ĩ¿½I remember the warmth of "the Legend" at the Elks and Bon Vivant. ĩ¿½He was always so pleasant and respectful to everyone.###imported-begin###Kevin Boudreau###imported-end##

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“ Bubba, I am so sorry to hear about your father. ĩ¿½What a legacy he left behind!!! ĩ¿½I'm thinking about you, your mom, Linda, your sister and your family at this time of sorrow. ĩ¿½Keep in touch and let's get together soon. ĩ¿½Love, Jeanne###imported-begin###Jeanne Gossett-Doss###imported-end##

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“ My sincerest sympathy to the family on the loss of a wonderful roll model and truly nice man. His dedication to young people and to sports was an inspiration and an exceptional quality.

I am blessed to have known him and will hold fond memories.

Paul Reinking

PGA Professional

Kankakee Country Club###imported-begin##Paul Reinking###imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear about your loss. ĩ½Don was a friend of my parents, Joe and Helen Bott, and my Uncle and Aunt, Ed and Mary Quigley, and my husband worked for Don in Dept. 30 in 1972.
ĩ½ĩ½###imported-begin##Jeff and Nancy Josephson###imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you at this difficult time, with sincere sympathy.###imported-begin##Gina Beard###imported-end##

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“ We feel privileged to have known Don and know that he is with the Lord now. ĩ½During his time on earth, he was a good man, a good husband and father, and a positive influence throughout his life.###imported-begin##Larry & Christine Huffman###imported-end##

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“ Bubba...I just wanted you to know that I am praying for you and your c

 Shelley#
 begin##Shelley Gallagher##imported-end##

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“ So sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and
 prayers.##imported-begin##Maryann Kenton##imported-end##

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“ It would take a book to write everything that I feel about the
 "Legend." He and Gerry were like a second set of parents to me at
 times and while I'm sure they grew tired of me hanging around with
 Bubba, they never made me feel anything but welcomed. I can
 remember spending some Christmas holidays while my own
 parents were in Florida visiting my brothers' families. I really
 enjoyed talking sports with Don and playing golf. After playing
 mediocre golf for a number of years, it was Don that told me to
 change my grip and get a lesson. It worked and I was able to play
 much better. He always had a great smile and a friendly laugh
 whenever I saw him. I will miss him. May God Bless him as well as
 Gerry, Barb, Dennis and the rest of the family.##imported-
 begin##Tim & Linda Yonke & family##imported-end##

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“ Dennis,

I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your father.
½In times of sorrow, always remember the many years you were
blessed with your father. ½Take care and God bless.

##imported-begin##Sheryl Mitchell Kupferer##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to Bubba and all the family. May the Good
Lord keep you close to his heart and comfort you.##imported-
begin##Bill Maass##imported-end##

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“ If you need anything please call. ½I'm very sorry. ½##imported-
begin##Brittany Yocum##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to you, Bubba and your family. ½My thoughts
and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Love to all-
##imported-begin##Olga Popovich Ryan##imported-end##

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“ Dear Clark family, so sorry to hear of Mr.Dons passing. ½Please
know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. ½½Sincerely,
Linda (Purcell)Deagan ½½½½½½½½##imported-begin##Linda
(Purcell) Deagan##imported-end##

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“ We send our sincere condolences. *½*Don was a good person and friend.##imported-begin##William Travis##imported-end##

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“ Gerry, Barb, Dennis & family... Our deepest sympathies at this difficult time. I have many memories of Don from grade school basketball to his referee days as well as his being an usher at St. Pat's. I can still hear his laugh, such a gentle spirit. *½*May your many memories bring you comfort.

Karen Mann and family##imported-begin##KAREN PURCELL MANN##imported-end##

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