



Richard Urban Clark

July 19, 1945 - December 4, 2023

Richard U. Clark, 78, passed away after a brief illness on December 4, 2023 in St. Augustine, Florida. He was born on July 19, 1945 in Pulaski, Tennessee. Born and raised in a farming family in Giles County, he attended Jones High School and the University of Tennessee where he graduated in 1967 with a degree in Agronomy. His pursuit of his Masters Degree at UT was interrupted for one year when he was drafted into the US Army and went off to fight in Vietnam, but he returned to complete his course work in 1971. He worked in the Agricultural industry his entire career, first as a chemical salesman for Ciba Geigy and ultimately founded and ran several successful agrichemical businesses. These businesses allowed him to travel the world in pursuit of the technologies and ingredients needed for his companies' products. He was also involved in various real estate investments throughout the years.

Richard especially loved watching his granddaughters compete in various athletic and artistic endeavors, working on the family farm, rocking in rocking chairs, and cheering for and griping about Tennessee football. He greatly valued the legacy of hard work and self determination he inherited from his parents and worked tirelessly to bequeath that legacy to his children and grandchildren.

Richard was the son of Rivers and Mae Clark, who predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn R. Clark, sons Gregory (Kristi) and Phillip (Katy

Pat), four precious granddaughters Maddie (18), Allison (17), Lola (15) and Shannon (14), brother Edward (Toby) (Bettye) Clark, sister Mary Nell (John) Williamson, brothers-in-law James (Melanie) Rentz, Andrew (Debbie) Rentz, and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Bennett-May Funeral Home on Sunday, December 17 in Pulaski, TN. Visitation will be held 11am-2pm (CST) followed by services at 2pm (CST). His final wish was to have his ashes spread at the rock barn on his family's farm in Lynnville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made payable to UTIA, memo is Richard and Kathryn Clark Endowment, and mailed to the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, 107 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Hall Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Richard U. Clark.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 17. 2:00 PM (cst)

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
1910 Elkton Pike
Pulaski, TN 38478
(931) 363-0828
bennettmay@energize.net

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Kathy*

I will always count as a blessing getting to know Richard while attending Francis Marion. Knowing you and he had such a great life warms my heart .

Richard was a special person and I pray God grants you peace.

Morgan Martin

morgan martin - March 04, 2024 at 09:51 PM



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Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - December 17, 2023 at 11:45 AM

AS

“ Uncle Richard,
Thank you for being such a big part of us girls’ childhood. Getting to visit you and aunt kathy every summer was some of the best summers of our lives, and we created memories we will cherish forever. My first time on a jet ski, my first time white water rafting, playing pool and swimming, fishing, bbq-ing, eating big family dinners, playing games (most importantly scrabble), and spending quality time together. It was always so evident you were a hardworking, family-oriented man and we will forever appreciate you guys being so welcoming and loving to not only us but also our friends each year. I know you are in a better place now and I will be praying for aunt Kathy!!
Love you, Allie.

Allie Spell - December 16, 2023 at 06:31 PM

AC

“ Thank you Uncle Richard for all the years of amazing memories with us visiting in the summer. It is still all of our favorite summer vacation memories. All the lake time, tubing, jet ski, swimming, the pool, the hanging swings on the dock, playing pool, the mini fridge stocked with drinks, scrabble, evening family meals and icecream, and so many laughs. Giving thousands of pets to Daisy Mae and Molly! I can still see you so clearly helping us on and off the jet ski every time over and over again as we switched out. Thank you for allowing us to create so many happy memories that I will carry with me always. Sending prayers to Aunt Kathy and the family during this difficult time.

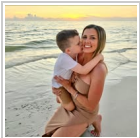
Amanda Cross - December 16, 2023 at 06:12 PM



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“ *I'll never forget the time we spent together every summer. My sisters and I all year long would look forward to when we would be visiting and vacationing at the Clark household. Our uncle Richard would take my siblings, our friends, and I out on the boat tubing, would spend hours on the dock so that he could help us all on and off the jet skis, swimming for hours in the pool, to BBQ-ing the most amazing cheese burgers after a long day in the sun! I remember going white water rafting. And let's not forget all the intense scrabble games that we played every night. So many amazing memories have been created because of your generosity. Memories my siblings and I will remember and talk about for the rest of our life! Your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Alyssa*

Alyssa Morgan - December 15, 2023 at 11:08 PM