

Clifton Tafford Clark

90, of Prairie Grove, died May 25, 2018, at home. Clifton was born August 9, 1927, in Locust Grove, Arkansas, to Sybil and Brady Clark. After high school, he enjoyed a short stint of minor league baseball as catcher for the Detroit Tigers farm team and served in the U.S. Army in Hawaii during the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor bombing. He returned home and, in 1950, married Phyllis Jo Daum. They both attended Arkansas College in Batesville, Arkansas, where he played basketball and football while earning a degree in education. He was a teacher, basketball coach, principal, and superintendent of schools in Pleasant Grove, Arkansas, and later in Melbourne, Arkansas. He was part owner of an LP gas business and auto parts store for a few years before he began a career in 1969 with the U.S. Agriculture Department (A.S.C.S.). He received a federal appointment to be State Director of Agriculture and served in this capacity during the Reagan and Bush administrations and retired in 1988 to Batesville, Arkansas.

Clifton enjoyed all things sports, hunting quail, fishing for crappie, and he enjoyed laughing and carrying on with friends and family. He was a devout Methodist, always serving in leadership roles and teaching Sunday School until his last day. He was a man of principal, strong work ethic, good character and faithful to God and country, friends, and family. His grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Clifton was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters Mildred Ezekiel and Floy Lee Owens of Kansas City, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Phyllis Clark; one son, Phillip Clark and his wife, Doris, of Bentonville; one daughter, Beth Everett, and husband, John Everett, of Prairie Grove; three grandchildren, Cameron and Caitlin Clark of Bentonville, and Jackson Diebold of Prairie Grove; two sisters, Zelda Carrier of Prairie Village, Kansas, and Fayrene Holder of Malvern; one brother, Chester Clark of Batesville.



Clifton Clark

August 9, 1927
May 25, 2018

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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THE LORDS PRAYER

Our father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Clifton Tafford Clark

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 - 2:00 P.M.
Viney Grove United Methodist Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

Minister: Rev. Terry Gosnell
Pianist: Lynda Bottoms

Prelude:

Gathering: Rev. Terry Gosnell

The Word of Grace:

Greeting:

Congregational Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"
#77 UMH

Prayer

Pastor:
The Lord be with you.

People:
And also with you.

Pastor:
Let us pray.

People:
O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isa 40:28-31

New Testament Reading:
Romans 8:1-2, 11, 14, 17-18, 28, 31-32, 35-39.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:7-10

Sermon: "Green Pastures Written on Our Hearts"

Reading of Obituary: Barbara Stills

Eulogy: John Everett

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord's Prayer: 895 UMH

Song: "Unclouded Day" John Robert Hart

Dismissal with Blessing:

Postlude: Lynda Bottoms

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