



Joseph "Fred" Clark

September 18, 1942 - March 29, 2024

Joseph "Fred" Clark, of High Ridge, Missouri, was born September 18, 1942 in Rowland, North Carolina to Joseph H. and Anna (nee Dial) Clark and entered into rest Friday, March 29, 2024 in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 81 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph H. and Anna (nee Dial) Clark; siblings, Gwendolyn Graham, James W. Clark, Earl C. Clark, Aubrey Clark, Kenneth Clark.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sue (nee Geiss) Clark; son, Tim (Colleen) Clark; grandchildren, Shannon E. Clark, Nicole C. Clark, and Max T. Clark; sister, Audrey Yarbrough; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

Joe came from very humble beginnings in Pembroke, NC, a member of the Lumbee Indian Tribe of Robeson County. In 1955, his family moved to Detroit so his father could work for the Chrysler Corporation. He only had a 10th grade education and was working in a butcher shop when he was drafted into the United States Army in 1964.

While stationed in Berlin, Germany, he met Susanne Geiss, married her, and had a son, Tim, ultimately returning to the U.S. with a family in 1967. Joe was

a Staff Sargent by the end of his 4-year enlistment. In 1968, he moved his family to St. Louis and started working for the Chrysler Corporation and joined his father as an Assembly line operator. Over the years he was promoted to management, becoming a Receiving Inspection Manager and Supplier Quality Manager during his tenure. Joe took an early retirement package in 1990 and started his own business, Lumbee Enterprises, Inc., a service provider for both of the St. Louis Chrysler plants in Fenton, MO.

Over the next 18 years, he saw his company grow to hundreds of employees with additional locations in Windsor, Detroit, Greenville, and Dublin, VA. Joe was very proud to honor his Lumbee heritage as a true pioneer in the businesses of quality inspections, supplier representation, and high-volume finished vehicle repairs.

Along with his son Tim, Joe sold some of their out of state businesses in the 2000s and sold their last location in 2009 when the Chrysler plants in St. Louis halted production. Joe was known for his tough, old-school style of management but was also very loyal, approachable, and generous to those who worked for him, his family and friends, and, on several occasions—complete strangers. His accomplishments after the age of 50 were truly remarkable and he was a great symbol of the American Dream.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016.

Funeral Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary in Cedar Hill, MO. Interment will immediately follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Cedar Hill, MO.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

6300 SR 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill
6300 Highway 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

APR 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service with Military Honors

APR 3. 1:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.*



April 03, 2024 at 06:34 AM



“ *Doug & Amber Compton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.*



Doug & Amber Compton - April 02, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ *Ernie & Linda Walker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.*



Ernie & Linda Walker - April 02, 2024 at 02:38 PM

JO

“ Some folks you expect to just be here for a lifetime. That was Fred. I guess we just took for granted that you would get that call “I’m headed to Robeson County”. We missed that so much over the last probably 5 years. We pray you are resting with Jesus and your mom and dad, we will forever remember your joyful laugh and soft sense of humor. We are praying for the family during this time.

Joanne and Corky

joanne - April 02, 2024 at 09:19 AM

WH

“ Wendy (Dial) Hunt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.



Wendy (Dial) Hunt - April 01, 2024 at 11:34 PM

JB

“ Joanne, Corky, Tammy, Nick, Belinda purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.



Joanne, Corky, Tammy, Nick, Belinda - April 01, 2024 at 06:38 PM

AF

“ Annie Campbell & the Edmondson Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.



Annie Campbell & the Edmondson Family - April 01, 2024 at 01:50 PM

AF

“ Annie Campbell & the Edmondson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Fred" Clark.

Annie Campbell & the Edmondson Family - April 01, 2024 at 01:50 PM

GF

“ Garland & Berlene Clark Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.



Garland & Berlene Clark Family - April 01, 2024 at 01:20 PM

RC

“ Fred and I are first cousins. Always loved and admired him for his accomplishments. I truly respected him for the treatment of his parents and entire family. He will be surely missed. Praying for Audrey(sister) his wife Sue, Tim his son and all of his extended family. Love you Fred

Roger Dale Clark - April 01, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.



April 01, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ The Boersig Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Fred" Clark.

The Boersig Family - April 01, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ Griffin Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph "Fred" Clark.



Griffin Family - April 01, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ RIP Joe, Chrysler St. Louis retiree lunch group: https://youtu.be/1JyZ-wznI2Y?si=qP9W_hkWRf2VqVMp

Joe Merriman - March 31, 2024 at 10:34 AM

VA

“ Dear Sue and Tim and family!
Our deepest condolences on Joe's passing.
It is always very sad to lose someone. But it also provides comfort
when suffering ends peacefully.
We had many opportunities to admire Joe's achievements .
Joe deserves great recognition for his life's work.
He symbolized the realization of the American dream on the basis
of traditional principles of conservative values.
Yours Vio and Ali and family

Viola und Alfred - March 31, 2024 at 09:57 AM

JK

“ Our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to Tim Clark and
his family during this difficult time.

Jack and Becky Kramer - March 30, 2024 at 11:47 PM