



H. William Clark

March 30, 1922 - July 14, 2013

OBITUARY FOR H. WILLIAM CLARK

H. William Clark, 91, died on Sunday, July 14, 2013 in Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus. He was born March 30, 1922 and raised in Champaign County. He lived his entire life on the same road in Salem Township, which was named for his father who lived there until the age of 93.

He has often said, " I never went very far in life, I just went across the road." He and his wife, Mary Kathryn (Heinlen) Clark were married Dec. 15, 1943 and took up housekeeping on the farm across the road from his family's home. They have lived there since their wedding day . Working together, their farming operations have included milking cows, raising chickens, selling eggs, feeding hogs, and raising a prize winning herd of Registered Black Angus Cattle. Among their many county and state fair awards, their most memorable was winning Grand Champion Heifer at the Ohio State Fair. After their son, William Clark's death on Dec. 3, 1969, he made one of the hardest decisions he ever had to make and that was to sell his entire herd of Angus Cattle.

He was a 1940 graduate of Salem Local High School and was a member of the Ohio Angus Association, a 1992 Farmer of the Year, a past officer of the Champaign County Cattlemen, a Farm Bureau Council member, a 4-H advisor for over 10 years, and served on the Federal Landbank Board of Directors for several years, and was on the Advisory Board of the Farm Credit Services. He has been a member of the Kingscreek Baptist Church his entire life, and has held many positions in the church. Among them, Deacon for 74 years, Trustee, and Chairman of the Building Committee during the construction of the Sunday School addition.

He is survived by daughters Barbara Creech and husband C.D. of Urbana, Ola Jean Crabtree and husband Sam of Urbana: Grandchildren Annette (Erin) Eli of San Diego, CA , Katie (David) Neer of West Liberty, Emily (Brian) Ridgway of Middletown, OH. Great Grandchildren Logan and Lilly Eli, Levi Neer, Sam Ridgway. Sister-in-law Grace Heinlen of West Liberty. Brother-in-law and sister-in-law Carl and Jeanie Thiergartner, of Milford Center, OH. Numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Kathryn on Feb 6, 2007: son, William Clark

on Dec. 3, 1969: brother, J Warren Clark, a half sister, Mary Von Madden: sister-in-law Reva Mae Smith: brothers-in-law Marion Smith and Robert Heinlen.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 AM til 11:30 AM on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at Kings Creek Baptist Church with services to be held at 11:30 AM with Rev. Chuck Samson and Rev. Clifford Kissinger officiating. Burial to follow in Kings Creek Cemetery.

Special thanks to the wonderful care from the doctors and staff at Riverside Methodist Hospital and especially to Dr Duncan Grant and his nurses.

A special thanks to Julie Rogers and family for the care of Mary Kathryn and Bill since 2000. Also thanks to Matt Mc Intosh, Mark Crowder, Tracy Oelker for the help with his farming the past few years.

Contributions may be made to Kings Creek Baptist Church, 1250 Kennard Kingscreek Rd. Urbana, Oh 43078

The family is being served by WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 642 S. Main St, Urbana.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com

Cemetery Details

Kingscreek Cemetery

Kingscreek, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Kingscreek Cemetery
Kingscreek, OH

Funeral

JUL 20 (ET)

Kingscreek Cemetery
Kingscreek, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of H. William Clark.*



July 19, 2013 at 07:43 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to all on the passing of my great Uncle Bill. While my contact with him has been intermittent in recent years, most recently at the funeral of my grandmother about two years ago, Uncle Bill was always one of my favorite relatives. He was an uncommonly decent man--honest, hard-working, helpful, kind and compassionate--and was also known for his fantastic sense of humor. I'll always remember his laugh and his smile. We all are fortunate to have had him as a part of our lives.*

*Jacob R Clark
great nephew*

Jacob R Clark - July 19, 2013 at 02:19 PM

“ Dear Barb, I am so sad to learn of your father’s passing. I know how close you were and know difficult of a time this is for you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and I’m just a phone call away. All my love,
Arlyne Alston

ON THE WINGS OF A PRAYER

*Just close your eyes and open your heart,
And feel your worries and cares depart.
Just yield yourself to the Father above,
And let Him hold you secure in His love.*

*For life on earth grows more involved,
With endless problems that can't be solved,
But God only asks us to do our best,
Then He will take over and finish the rest.*

*So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,
There is always one door that is open to you,
And that is the door to The House of Prayer,
And you'll find God waiting to meet you there.*

*And The House of Prayer is no further away,
than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray.
For the heart is a temple where God is there
As we place ourselves in His loving care.*

*And He hears every prayer and answers each one
When we Pray in His name - Thy will be done.
The burdens that seemed too heavy to bear
Are lifted away on the wings of a prayer.*

Arlyne Alston - July 18, 2013 at 04:22 PM

JC

“ My heartfelt condolences to all on the passing of my great Uncle Bill. While I have had intermittent contact with him in recent years, most recently at my grandmother's funeral two years ago, Uncle Bill was a big part of my growing up, and he will always be an important force in my life. He was an honest, hard-working, unassuming man, who also happened to possess a delightful sense of humor. He was a pillar of strength to his family, and he will be sorely missed. My prayers go to all of us who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Jacob R Clark
great-nephew

Jacob R Clark - July 18, 2013 at 01:40 PM

CP

“ Barb, our prayers are with you and your family. Your father was a delightful and charming man. May your memories help you through this difficult time. Christine Proebstl

Christine Proebstl - July 17, 2013 at 08:02 AM

LB

“ Barb my sincere condolences go out to you and your family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I feel grateful that I had the opportunity to meet your father especially knowing how very dear he was to you. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

With love,
Leslie Blevins

Leslie Blevins - July 16, 2013 at 04:14 PM

MS

“ Marshall and I are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a good friend and christian man. He will be missed.

Marshall and Janice Sizemore - July 16, 2013 at 04:04 PM

JS

“ *Barb & Family: So sorry to hear about your father. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Your father was a great man. In the short time I got to know him, he told me what a great family he had and how you and CD was so good to him. He said he had three great guys working for him and helping him with the farm. I learned some important facts about growing corn that I never knew. I will always have those great memories of your father. Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about.*

Joellen Simpson

Joellen Simpson - July 16, 2013 at 11:07 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of H. William Clark.*



July 16, 2013 at 09:25 AM