



Mr. Charles Clark

January 29, 1952 - September 19, 2023

Charles Ernest Clark, 71, Kansas City, Kansas, died on Sept. 19 at the Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Center. He was born in January 1952, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Ernest Clark Jr. and Alma Jackson Clark. He is preceded in death by his parents and his older brother Ronald A. Clark.

Charles, affectionately known as Charlie, cherished his lifelong friends and family, most notably Peggy Clark, his wife of 40 years, and their daughter, Camille Clark.

Charles, a decorated combat veteran, received his early education in Kansas City, Kansas public schools before joining the U.S. Army in 1969. He received military training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; Ft. Knox, Kentucky; Ft. Benning, Georgia; and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

In August 1970, Charles deployed to Vietnam, where he was based in the Bin Dinh province. He served in the 173rd Airborne Brigade, a unit of paratroopers. He made 35 jumps, many of them under dangerous nighttime conditions.

Charles was part of the 17th Armored Cavalry, where he was an armored reconnaissance specialist in a unit that served as scouts and rescuers of soldiers trapped in combat.

As he transitioned out of Vietnam, he was stationed at Ft. Campbell in Kentucky, continuing as part of the 101st Airborne Division.

For his service in the U.S. and abroad, Charles received the following honors: A National Defense Service Medal; the Combat Infantryman's Badge; Parachutist Badge; Vietnam Service Medal with two campaign stars; a Vietnam Campaign Medal and two Overseas Service Bars.

After the military, Charles attended the University of Kansas, where he majored in Philosophy. On Sept. 17, 1983, Charles and Peggy (Walton) were married. They had one daughter, Camille Clark.

He went on to build a 28-year career as a benefits authorizer in the U.S. Social Security Administration. He assisted people nationwide who needed help receiving and maintaining Social Security benefits. He served as Executive Vice President for the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 1336. Charles excelled in arbitration, protecting workers' jobs.

Charles loved sports throughout his life. In school, he excelled in football, baseball and wrestling. He played quarterback for the Quindaro football team

from 1966 to 1969. He was a catcher on a youth baseball team sponsored by Douglass State Bank and JW Jones Memorial Chapel. During senior high school, he excelled on the wrestling team.

As an adult, Charles coached the Green Machine football team for Fairfax Elementary School. Charles played trumpet and loved listening to jazz and visiting with friends.

Charles is survived by his wife, Peggy; his daughter, Camille, of Falls Church, Va.; his brother, Adrian Clark (Valesta), of Denver, Colo.; his sisters-in-law, Christie Walton, of Voorhees, N.J., and Vickie Walton-James (Frank) of Vienna, Va.; along with three nephews—Adrian R. Clark and Vinson S. Clark of Denver; and Jordan James of New York City; and one niece, Rachel James of New York City. Charles leaves a host of aunts, uncles and cousins, whom he loved dearly.

Funeral Service will be held Thursday, September 28, 2023, 11am at Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment Leavenworth National Cemetery, LVNKS. Visitation will be from 10AM-11AM at the chapel. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 East Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember the High School days At Wyandotte, Charles played Trumpet and I played Oboe, Charles was very friendly and kind to me, he was extremely respectful to me and that made an impression on my life even back then, I will always remember his kind words to me and the good times in our music class. His wife Peggy, was a “class act” in high school which I recall so well. He is leaving a legacy of kindness and goodwill, now may my friend rest with peace and always be remembered for all the good he did! I’d like to send something to his wife Peggy in his memory, she may reach me at 4052347731 here in Okc.

William Calvin - September 28, 2023 at 11:52 AM

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“ Boyce Family- All nine of us much love purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Charles Clark.



Boyce Family- All nine of us much love - September 26, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Clark.



September 25, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Charles Clark.

September 25, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Clark.



September 24, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Clark.



September 23, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ RIP Charlie Horse

Hilda Garner - September 22, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Clark.

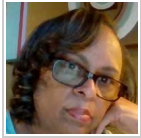


September 22, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Charles Clark.

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“ Dear cousins,

We are thinking of you and praying that the Lord will comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time and always.

Love you much,
Joyce (Saunders) & Robert Alexander and family

Joyce Alexander - September 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM



Dear cousins,

Our hearts go out to you as you go through this difficult time. May God grant you patience, peace, and comfort knowing that our dear Charlie is now in the presence of our loving Creator. We love you, and continue to remember you in our prayers.

Shahidah Abdul-Ali (Janice Saunders) and family.

Shahidah Abdul-Ali - September 27, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Clark.



September 22, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Clark.*



September 22, 2023 at 06:44 AM



“ *Prayers to family. Our family grew up with the Clark's when they were in Brentwood.*

Helen Townsend-Beteet - September 21, 2023 at 09:44 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Peggy and Camille - I am so sad to hear about Uncle Charlie's passing. Although I cannot be there, please know that you both are in my heart and prayers. All my love and out-stretched arm hugs - Stacy Dandridge Barnett*



Stacy Dandridge Barnett - September 21, 2023 at 08:00 AM