



Mr. Thomas Edward Clark

September 22, 1949 - December 21, 2019

In lieu of flowers, Tom's memory would be honored by gifts to the Alzheimer's Association.

Thomas Edward Clark was born in Washington, NC on September 26, 1949 and went to join his beloved mother in Heaven on December 21, 2019. The only child of Mary Jane Lawrence, Tom grew up in Bath and Little Washington. After tragically losing his mother during his early teens, Tom was embraced in the loving care of his grandfather "Papa", his Uncle Albert and Aunt Della Lawrence, his aunts, Isabel, Dorothy Marie, and Mattie Elizabeth and all of the cousins he loved so dearly. Tom attended P.S. Jones High School and cherished the friendships he made there. No one was a stranger to him in Bath or Washington, NC.

After graduating high school, Tom joined the Air Force in November of 1967 where he served at Plattsburgh Air Force Base in NY. He was honorably discharged in February of 1969. He never lost the military habit of shining his shoes and often made everyone late until he had them "looking right".

From the age of 10, Tom began what would be his life's work, growing up under his mentor, Lewis Taylor Randolph, at Randolph Funeral Home in Washington, NC.

After completing his military service, Tom settled in Brooklyn, NY where he worked briefly on Wall Street, followed by five years as an assistant to the

forensic pathologist at Beekman Downtown Hospital. He never lost sight of his dream of being a Funeral Director and enrolled in the mortuary science program at Farmingdale, NY. After graduating and working at a variety of funeral homes in NY he opened his first funeral home in Brooklyn.

Tom married Carla Dago and they had two daughters, Dana and Kara. The marriage ended in divorce in 1991.

In 1990 Tom realized his dream of returning to North Carolina and moved to his beloved Bath. He opened a funeral home in Greenville followed by a funeral home in New Bern and proudly served his North Carolina families for over 25 years as a licensed funeral director.

In June of 1991, Tom married Lora Graham and they moved to Greenville where they remained for 28 years. They had two daughters, Nicole MaryJane and Taylor Elizabeth. Tom and Lora had been devotedly married to each other for 28 years at the time of his passing.

Tom will be remembered by all who knew him for his smile that lit up a room, his infectious laugh, and his often hysterically funny expressions. Tom loved jazz, dancing, being a licensed funeral director, eating seafood, getting dressed up, exotic cars – but most of all he loved his “girls”.

Tom is survived by his four daughters and their families— Dana Dago-Mitchell and her husband Chance Mitchell, and their three beautiful children Tanner, Hudson, and Phoebe of Croton-on-Hudson, NY; Kara Dago-Clark of Yonkers, NY; Nicole MaryJane Clark and her sweet baby Olivia Rose of Birmingham, AL; and Taylor Elizabeth Clark of Winston-Salem, NC. He was justifiably proud of all of his girls and when someone remarked how beautiful they are he always responded, “look at their Daddy”. Tom is also survived by his loving wife Lora Clark (formerly of Greenville, NC now of Birmingham, AL).

Tom’s final years were marred by the immeasurable loss that is Dementia, but he never lost sight of how connected he was to his loved ones. We will miss him, but we are comforted that he is in Mary Jane’s loving arms. Until we meet again, “Preach Clark, sing Choir...”

Previous Events

Service

JAN 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Edward Clark*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Kara Dago-Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Edward Clark*



Kara Dago-Clark - March 21, 2023 at 01:25 AM



“ *Dear Dana, Kara , Nicole, Taylor, and Lora, My mother Betty Randolph and I are sending our love and light to you all during this time. We regret that we will not be able to be in attendance for the services. My father , Louis T Randolph loved Tom dearly and we know Tom loved him. We are grateful for the memories shared between our families. May his spirit soar in the heavens. We love you all. Peace and Blessings Naomi Randolph - Hwesuhunu. Narandolph@gmail.com*

Naomi Randolph-Hwesuhunu - January 03, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ *Japhonza And Demetric Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Edward Clark*



Japhonza and Demetric Clark - January 03, 2020 at 02:36 PM

RW

“ *The Clark Family you are in our prayers. Thomas was a great person and friend.*

Rodney White

Rodney White - January 03, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CS

“ *Carla Simpkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Edward Clark*



Carla Simpkins - January 01, 2020 at 09:35 PM

EL

“ *Gwen Lanier and family of Bath express their deepest condolences to the family. God rest your soul Tom Clark.*

Eboni Lanier - December 31, 2019 at 09:07 PM

SS

“ *Sharon Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Edward Clark*



Sharon Stephens - December 31, 2019 at 03:29 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Edward Clark



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - December 31, 2019 at 11:35 AM

MF

“ Thomas was a friend to Annie Walston, Byron Walston, and Myra Walston, Felton Family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Thomas will truly be missed.

Myra Walston Felton - December 30, 2019 at 03:00 PM

BW

“ BEN WOOTEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Edward Clark



BEN WOOTEN - December 27, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Edward Clark.



December 26, 2019 at 08:37 PM