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Robert Clark, age 84 of Centerville, Iowa passed away Friday, February 15, 2013 at Centerville Nursing and Rehab in Centerville.

He was born September 7, 1928 in Hampton, Tennessee to Arthur and Nola (Tolley) Clark. After graduating from high school in the spring of 1946, Robert enlisted in the United States Army. During his two-year span with the Army, Robert was stationed in Vienna, Austria where he ran a hotel for both officers and dependents in transit. He later enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in Olathe, Kansas and out of Norfolk Naval Base when on board the USS Gearing DD710. Robert was a cook and ran the NCO Club at the naval airbase in Olathe. He was in charge of a galley with the USS Gearing DD710 as a part of the Mediterranean fleet. Robert was medically discharged from the Navy in 1955. He served his country honorably for nearly a decade.

Robert married Mary "Delores" Marchello on September 23, 1949 and to this union, three children were born. He later married Sherry Blomgren on December 31, 1985 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Centerville. Following his military career, Robert moved to Centerville in 1955. It was during this time period that he began working part time with the postal service. His career eventually became fulltime during the late 1950s. Robert was appointed as the acting Centerville postmaster in 1968. He served the Centerville Community faithfully until his retirement from the post office in December of 1989.

Robert was very active in numerous groups during his lifetime. He was an active member of the Jaycees. When he had returned from the Service in 1955, Robert and other farmers used their equipment to clean up and expand the Lelah Bradley Park in Centerville. He was both a member and a director of the Appanoose County Fair Board for several years. Robert was proud to be a member of NAPUS (National Association of Postmasters of United States); he served as the president of NAPUS in Iowa and held all other state offices. He was also a member of Mystic American



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Legion Post #340. Robert was proud to be a Shriner. During his time with the Shriners, he helped introduce the shriner's cars in the Pancake Day Parade in the early 1970s. Most importantly, Robert was a devout Christian. He was an active member of the Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene in Moravia, Iowa. He enjoyed numerous hobbies and passions. Robert loved traveling, including several trips to Alaska. During his time in Alaska he often enjoyed the Fiddle Festival in Fairbanks, as well as the Yukon Quest Dog Race. He also made many trips to Tennessee to visit both family and friends. He loved catering for people and was well known for striking up friendships wherever he went. Robert was also known for being an author in which he wrote numerous books on his family history.

He is survived by his wife Sherry Clark of Centerville, Iowa; six children, Brad (Mary) Clark, Bruce (Cathy) Clark, Bryon (Margaret) Clark, Steve Bunch, Kevin Bunch, and Michelle (Hugh) Scieszinski; fifteen grandchildren, Jenny (Jake) Bates, Seth (Megan) Clark, Michael (Molly) Clark, Megan (Colby) Law, Nathan Clark, Tasha (Terry) Schnathorst, Eric Clark, Gerald Clark, Stephan Bunch, Katie (Bryce) Oswalt, Whitney (PJ) Tedford, Susanne Scieszinski, Jacob Scieszinski, Mallory Scieszinski, and Jayden Scieszinski; eight great grandchildren, Narayan Funk-Clark, Calla and Annaliese Bates, Liam and Julia Clark, and Leah, Abi, Elayna Tedford; and a brother, Byrl (Kansas) Clark of Hampton, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two siblings, Mildred Delena and Arvil Clark. Funeral services will be held 10AM, Tuesday morning, February 19, 2013 at the Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene, Moravia, Iowa with Pastor Terry Chapman officiating. Friends may call from 1PM until 8 PM Monday, February 18, 2013 with family there from 6PM to 8PM at the Lange Funeral Home & Crematory in Centerville. Burial will be in the Felkner Cemetery, west of Centerville with full military honors. Memorials have been established to the Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene in Moravia, Mercy Hospice or the Robert Clark Memorial Fund and may be left or mailed to the Lange Funeral Home & Crematory, 1900 South 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be left at www.langefh.com.



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Visitation

February 18, 2013 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

February 19, 2013 10:00 AM

Moravia Nazarene Church Moravia, IA



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:05 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:30 PM



Anonymous posted:

I shall remember Bob as a good boss and a good friend. He was a GREAT friend to my dad, Lee
Posted by Larry Hart - oskaloosa, IA - former co-worker February 15, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bob was a wonderful man filled with understanding and a true interest in the people who were privileged to have known him. never without a smile or laughter. He truly loved his family and friends. One of his true passions was civil war reenacting. His knowledge of this time period was amazing and he will be felt at every event we are at. He was a truly good man and will be sorely missed. Ron and Diane Deal Posted by Diane Deal - Moravia, IA - friend February 16, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sherry and family, So sorry for your loss. Bob was friendly and always made you feel like family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers! Posted by Shelly Beary February 16, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

I was honored to bring Papaw Clark out to spend a week with him this Summer. I was a true blessing to see Papaw and Robert share and spend that special week together. It is a week I will always remember. I love you Uncle Robert and you will be missed!! Earth's loss is Heavens gain. Posted by Larry Abel Jr. - Johnson City, TN - Great Nephew February 17, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brad, To you and your family we send our heartfelt sympathy. Your father was an unforgettable man who seemed to live life with joy and devotion to all he loved. Continue to keep his spirit alive in the things you loved doing with him. Peace be with you, Dan and Carol Pickard Kelley Posted by Carol - Kirksville, MO February 17, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May the Lord be with the Clark Family and may His Blessings continue to be with you. Now cousin Robert will be with his cousin, my mother, Edith Clark Poore, in the arms of our Heavenly Father. We love you, cousin-- Scherry Poore Lesanto, Henderson, Nevada Posted by Scherry Poore Lesanto - Henderson, NV - my Mother's 1st cousin February 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To be absent from this body is to be in the presence of God. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless and Keep. Posted by Granville (Bill) and Myrtle Akers, Larry and Diane Rase - Nixa, MO - friend Navy buddy February 18, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

Sherry, We are terribly saddened to lose Robert from our earthly dwelling and we share in your grief. We will forever treasure our introduction and short time spent in Alaska with the two of you. We followed closely your adventures as shared through my dad. Robert showed such an enthusiasm for life and a great amount of joy sharing travels with you. He will be sorely missed. God has called him to his final home. Praying you find comfort and peace in God's loving arms. Bryan, Twyla, Cameron & Larkin South Posted by Bryan and Twyla South & Family - GA - friend February 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have many awesome memories of Bob. He will be missed. I am grateful for all the great things Bob did for me. I still have all the items he gave me from Milligan College (now University) in Tenn. I show them off remember Bob every time I do. My pray are with Eric and all the family. Love you all. Posted by Bil Milligan - Cheyenne, WY - pastor and friend February 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I only met Bob about six and a half years ago, but my life was truly blessed by him. He was one of those few, special people that just lightened the room and made people happy every where he went. He called about every man brother and he treated them even better than one. Bob loved the Lord deeply and it was through his desire to see a Spanish Church planted in Ottumwa that I met him in Johnson City, TN. He came into my office at church and asked if I knew of a Hispanic Preacher that would like to go to Iowa. We were actually looking for preachers ourselves for our own mission works in Tennessee at the time! But though God's direction and by using brother Bob, we ourselves came to Iowa to be the church planters! So here we are in Ottumwa because of Bob. There is so much more I could say about Bob...his interesting stories...and his amazing ability to sound happy and chipper even when we was gravely ill. That is just an ability I do not have...an ability that I have only seen a couple of times in my life. He almost never complained, because he was always more interested in the person that was in front of him than himself. When you were with Bob, he treated you like you were the most important person in the world. Thanks Bob. You will never be replaced...our world is a little darker with you gone, but your memories brighten our thoughts. You are more alive than ever right now...and we plan to be there in the Lord's presence with you before too long. Posted by Shane Wilson - Ottumwa, IA - friend February 18, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

We will be thinking and praying for the whole Clark family this week. Sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy, -Tom and Lori Law Posted by Tom and Lori Law - Marion, IA - Colby Law's parents February 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sad, for all of us, to hear that Bob has gone on to be with the Lord. He will be greatly missed! I so wish I had made a trip back to see him sooner. I had planned to visit the middle of March. He was my only connection to my father's side of the family, that I had here in Iowa. Everything said about him is so true! A very happy, loving, caring and friendliest christian you could ever meet! I do hope to still keep in touch with the rest of the family. May the Lord help heal your sorrow and loneliness in time. My husband, Arnold enjoyed our visits with Bob also. Posted by Dionne(Clark)Johnson - Red Oak, IA - 2nd cousin February 21, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bob was a great friend to my parents (Don and Peggy Cronin), as well as myself. He and Sherry always opened their home, their hearts, and gave smiles to everyone they encountered. Bob was a generous fellow, and I will always remember him being good to my family. Always a story, a joke, or a tale to tell.....I will never forget his brilliant knack for putting others at ease. My regards to Sherry, and all of Bob's family and friends. Jeff Cronin Posted by Jeff Cronin - Klamath Falls, OR - friend February 22, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

We will always remember you... Posted by Pepe Almazan - Spain February 22, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

What a fascinating fellow with so many interests and hobbies. Always a pleasure to see him as friend and patient. Centerville will greatly miss this man. Dr. Brad Posted by Dr. Brad McConville - CentervilleUnionville, IA - Friend and physician February 25, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sherry and family, I am so saddened to learn of your loss. What wonderful memories I have of Bob and you and all of your grandkids and friends. Nathan comes to mind and of course uncle Kevin the talented artist, Bruce and Cathy and their love of history, and the wonderful meals and conversations, surrounded by the gorgeous Iowa prairie. Occasionally a pheasant would fly by, but he was safe with us. My neighbor Bill May here in northern Colorado grew up for a while in Mystic Iowa and the family homestead is on the west side of Elk mountain and is MYSTIC, CO. Bob was a prince. No man has ever had a bigger heart. He never met a stranger and gave of himself, always. God bless you all. I know and believe that Bob will continue to look over us and petition for us, all of our days. Our prayers and best wishes in these sad and difficult days will be with you. Joe Fete Posted by dr joe fete - steamboat springs, CO - friend of the family February 26, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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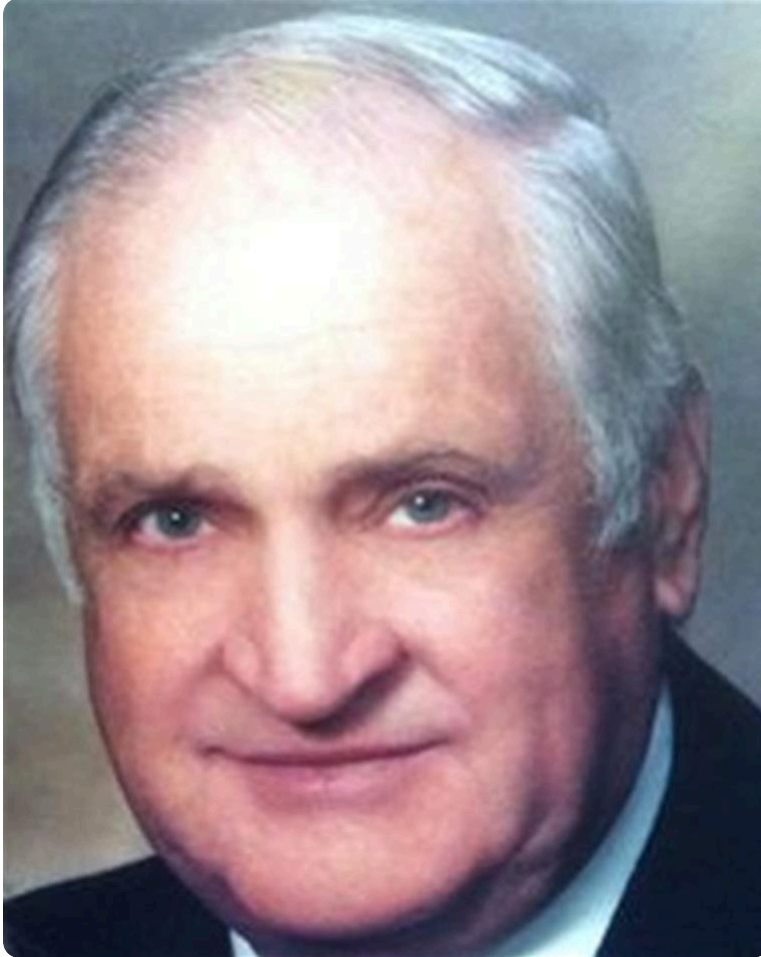
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