



# Donald Eugene Clark

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**D**onald Eugene Clark, age 83, of Centerville, passed away Monday, August 5, 2024 at Centerville Specialty Care.

Donald was born on December 13, 1940, in Centerville, Iowa, the son of Robert and Helen (Nelson) Clark. He graduated from Centerville High School with the Class of 1959. Throughout high school, he was very active in football, 4-H, and FFA.

After high school, Donald graduated from Indian Hills with his AA in 1971, then furthering his education more by obtaining a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1973. Donald was united in marriage to Marilyn Jean Hoover on July 2, 1961. To this union two children were born, Robert and Donna.

After graduating college, he was a teacher in the Moulton-Udell school district for two years, before he decided to quit teaching and continue farming on Marilyn's family centennial farm. Donald was one of the first farmers in Appanoose County to start no-till farming.

He thoroughly enjoyed 4-H as a kid showing animals and exhibits, but also as an adult, leading groups and helping the kids when needed. Left to honor Donald's memory are his wife, Marilyn Jean; daughter, Donna (Nyle) Cox; sister, Roberta (Hubert) Jones; grandchildren Ben (Kristi) Ritter, Shannon Ritter, Mitzi (Mike) Kinsler, David (Jess) Cox, Bailee Cox, Maddison Cox, Hunter Cox, and Britian (Brynn) Cox; great-grandchildren Shelbi and Peyton Ritter, Jesse (Haven) Wells, Chad Stice, Joseph Kinsler, Deacon, Drake and Jubilee Cox, Ryker Cardani, and Kyson Cox; as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Helen Clark, a son Robert Ray Clark, an infant brother, and his in-laws Ray and Glenice Hoover. Per wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11AM Monday, August 19, 2024 at the First Baptist Church in Centerville.



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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the 4-H Foundation, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Clark Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



## Tribute Wall

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TS

**Thelma Smothers** posted:

Thanking of you at this difficult time, and hoping that memories will comfort you.

August 12 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Marti Mefferd** posted:

Remembering Don at CCC. Best darn Spades player this side of the Chariton River!

August 10 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Terri Sinclair** posted:

My Deepest Sympathies 🙏

August 9 at 7:00 PM

RJ

**Roberta Jones** posted:

What can I say--he was just always my big brother. Sometimes a thorn in my side but always a reminder of being family. Until we meet again-you are my favorite brother and I love you!!!

August 9 at 7:00 PM

PH

**Patricia Huebner** posted:

So sorry for your loss

August 8 at 7:00 PM

AC

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Donald Eugene Clark** posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

August 8 at 7:00 PM

DB

**Donna Beaty** posted:

So sorry to hear this. He was a very kind guy. Has a wonderful wife and family!

August 8 at 7:00 PM



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CM

**Carol Jean Daniels Mcclurg** posted:

So sorry for the family's loss!

August 8 at 7:00 PM

RB

**Rick Butler** posted:

So Sorry for the Family's Loss, Prayers sent

August 8 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Jolene Susin Fadiga** posted:

So sorry Donna and family ❤️

August 8 at 7:00 PM

LD

**Lori Dyke** posted:

He was my teacher in 5th grade. He told me one time "if you think time goes fast now wait till you're older" I've thought about that many times.

August 8 at 7:00 PM

AF

**Adrianna Rose Folsom** posted:

I'll miss you, Donald!

August 8 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Sandy Mitchell** posted:

Prayers for his family.

August 8 at 7:00 PM

PD

**Patsy Dudenhoeffer** posted:

Sorry for your loss

August 8 at 7:00 PM



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ES

**Etta Smith** posted:

Sorry for families loss!

August 8 at 7:00 PM

MD

**Mary Beth Decook** posted:

My 5th grade teacher at MU I always liked him. So sorry for the family's loss

August 8 at 7:00 PM

DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, may your memories bring you peace.

August 8 at 7:00 PM

KR

**Kylie Rouse** posted:

So thankful to got to take care of this sweet man! We will miss you☐

August 8 at 7:00 PM

PE

**Penny Bruce Eddy** posted:

Prayers for his family

August 8 at 7:00 PM

TD

**Tony Deininger** posted:

Very sorry for the family's loss!🙏

August 8 at 7:00 PM

SK

**Sheila Kirby** posted:

Sending our sympathy and our prayers for comfort and peace.

August 8 at 7:00 PM



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JZ

**Jill Pefley Zintz** posted:

Prayers for the family.

August 8 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Susan Mcdanel** posted:

Condolences 🌻

August 8 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Jimmyandangela Stufflebeam** posted:

So sorry to hear this sending love and prayers.

August 8 at 7:00 PM

VB

**Vicki Butler** posted:

Thinking of you all. Hugs and prayers 🙏❤️

August 8 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Michael Myers** posted:

So very sorry for your family loss

August 8 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Judy Sales** posted:



August 8 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Lona Bratz** posted:

So sorry, thinking of you all. 🙏

August 8 at 7:00 PM



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KB

**Kristi Glenn Beebe** posted:

Papa D, I will miss you! I'm so happy I got to meet this man and take care of him. We had a special bond at the nursing home. I will definitely miss him 🙏🙏

August 8 at 7:00 PM

CT

**Clarissia Henshaw Thomas** posted:

Sorry

August 8 at 7:00 PM

SN

**Sandy Nab** posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

August 8 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Sherri Morlan** posted:

So sorry for your loss 🙏

August 8 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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