

Glenn E. Clark

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On Wednesday, March 9, 2016, Glenn Edwin Clark went to be with his Lord.

Glenn is survived by three children, Susan Ondiak (Wayne) of McLean, Virginia, Mike Clark (Wren) of Newport and Jane Fuller (Richard) of Vienna, Austria; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera, and daughter Juliann Bartow.

Glenn was the youngest of nine children born to Irene and Edwin Clark in the Park Center community near Elgin, Nebraska, on March 16, 1920. He grew up in the Sand Hills on a farm in a close knit, loving family where social life centered on the family, the rural church and school. His family endured the economic depression and Dust Bowl of the 1930s. After 10 years of rural schooling he graduated from Elgin High School in 1937. Glenn was able to pursue further education with the support of his sisters and completed a Bachelors of Arts in Music Education from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 1941. His first job was teaching music in Hyannis, Nebraska. There he met his future wife, Vera Anderson, a newly hired elementary teacher.

In December of 1941, Glenn enlisted in the Army Air Corps for aviation cadet training that he completed in June of 1943. On July 22, 1943, Glenn and Vera

were married in the Methodist Church in Fairmont, Nebraska. They were devoted to each other for the next seventy and one half years! After three years as a navigation instructor in B-29s, Glenn completed his military service in 1946 as a 1st Lieutenant. They moved back to Nebraska where Glenn received a Masters of Arts in Music Education from the University of Nebraska. In 1948 he began teaching band and choir in Aurora public schools, where the family lived for the next 12 years. In 1960 Glenn accepted an administrative counseling and guidance position in Laramie, Wyoming Public Schools. In 1965, he received a PhD in Educational Counseling from University of Wyoming. The family then moved to Clark Air Force Base, Philippines, where Glenn was Director of Department of Defense Schools in the Philippines and Taiwan from 1965 to 1968.

In 1968 the family moved to Corvallis where Glenn became professor in the College of Education at Oregon State University teaching courses in guidance and counseling. He also served as dean and department head and retired as Professor Emeritus in 1987. He was a member of Oregon Counseling Associative and Symphonia Music Fraternity.

Faith, family and music were his life-long passions. The family joined the First Baptist Church, Corvallis in 1968 where Glenn served faithfully as choir director, teacher, Deacon, and a member of the Leadership Board. Glenn's deep, abiding faith was central to his life.

Glenn was a gifted musician with a rich baritone voice. He instilled a love of music in his students and family. He was a devoted husband and father who spent quality time with each of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As an adventurous traveler, avid reader and storyteller, he maintained a love of life and valued his rich Christian heritage. His family and friends enjoyed his marvelous sense of humor, wit and generosity. Glenn and Vera made lasting friendships wherever they lived. Their home was always

open to students and friends and they were respected as role models by many.

A memorial service in Glenn's honor will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the First Baptist Church, Ninth and Monroe in Corvallis.

Donations may be made to Benton Hospice Service
(www.bentonhospice.org).

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demossturda.com.


Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (PT)

First Baptist Church
125 NW 10th St
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

 Ashlyn
Davis

“ *Ashlyn Davis lit a candle in memory of Glenn
E. Clark*



Ashlyn Davis - March 23, 2016 at 01:34 AM

WO

“ I just read the beautiful tribute to Glenn Clark - my Father-in-law who we all knew as a special husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His wonderful picture and the touching tribute brought the reality of his loss home to me along with a flood of special family memories filled with joy and love. The picture captures that special sparkle of life and goodness in his eyes; it is exactly the image of him that I will preserve in my memory forever. He was a remarkable person who personified goodness and who served as an example for all of us who were lucky enough to have him touch our lives.

On what would have been his 96th Birthday today, allow me to cite a special prayer for Glenn. The origin of the prayer is not known to me, but it may well have been from the mountain folk of Austria. It is the same prayer used in the recent past to bid farewell to a dearly beloved Austrian relative and also appropriately captures the emotion of Glenn's passing.

...ALS GOTT SAH, DASS DER WEG ZU LANG,
DER HUEGEL ZU STEIL UND
DAS ATMEN SCHWER WURDE,
LEGTE ER DEN ARM UM MICH UND SPRACH:
“KOMM, WIR GEHEN HEIM”...

(Translation): When God saw that the way was too long,
The hills too steep and breathing became more difficult,
He put his arm around me and said:
“Come, we are going home”

Farewell Glenn!

Wayne ONDIAK

McLean, Virginia

March 16, 2016

wayne m. ondiak - March 16, 2016 at 10:06 AM

RO

Absolutely beautiful Wayne. Thank you. 💜

Ronda - March 16, 2016 at 02:33 PM

JF

“ *Today Dad would be 96 years old.*

Jane Fuller - March 16, 2016 at 09:29 AM

RO

“ *Ronda lit a candle in memory of Glenn E. Clark*



Ronda - March 16, 2016 at 09:21 AM

RO

Happy Birthday, Gramp!

Ronda - March 16, 2016 at 02:31 PM

DE

“ *Our thoughts and condolence to family. Harley and Jo Fassnacht*

DeMoss-Durdan - March 15, 2016 at 04:14 PM

RO

Thank you, Meme. 💜💖

Ronda - March 15, 2016 at 09:25 PM

CF

“ I did not meet Mr Clark but was told of the love his family and friends had for him and his wife...they rest together now and I share in your grief

Caroline Flamez - March 15, 2016 at 10:27 AM

RO

Thank you for your kindness. 🙏

Ronda - March 15, 2016 at 09:26 PM

MS

Sorry I've not met you, Ronda but you've been a pillar in the le family! I met Glenn a couple of times here in Vienna, with dear Vera, Jane&Richard! We will always miss our loved ones and the planet will never be quite right without them. He is now rejoicing and with His Lord! Hard for us to truly imagine but I take great comfort in the fact! Fondly, Monica

Monica Slaon - March 17, 2016 at 06:11 PM

RO

Thank you, Monica. I'm glad you had opportunity to meet them. Wonderful Grandparents, that i will dearly miss. 💜

Ronda - March 18, 2016 at 09:50 AM

DM

Don always enjoyed stopping to see Uncle Glen and Aunt Vera in the years that we traveled on the West Coast. When we arrived Glenn had some questions for Don and lively conversation was always part of the visit. He listened carefully and we always appreciated his spirit and wisdom.
I remember a visit Don and I had with Julie and Rick in Oregon. An eagle flew overhead and Rick shared the significant of that in Native American understanding.
Glenn and Vera shared their gracious hospitality many times over the years. My thoughts are with your whole family as you mourn the loss of your loving patriarch.
Donna Mason

Donna Mason - April 06, 2016 at 02:57 PM