



Roy Leonard Clark

April 6, 1920 - April 14, 2014

Roy L. Clark of Kingston, Tennessee passed away April 14th peacefully in his home. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 6, 1920 to Roy L. Clark and Grace Marley Clark. Following his graduation from the University of Tennessee in 1939, he joined the Tennessee National Guard. During his military service with the Tennessee National Guard and U.S. Army, he rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and received a battlefield commission to 2nd Lieutenant following the invasion of Luzon in the Philippines in early 1945. Upon returning to Tennessee following WWII, he went to work at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in January 1946, where he worked until his retirement in August 1981. He worked in Health Physics and Safety. He was one of the first safety experts to arrive at Three Mile Island in 1979 spending 10 days on site during the height of the crisis.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Kingston, where he served as a trustee and also many years as the secretary of the junior department. He also served as a member of the Kingston City Council. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed bowling in many leagues and tournaments during his lifetime.

He was preceded in death by his parents and the love of his life, Virginia Ingram Clark. He is survived by his children, Roy L. Clark III (Lillian) of Tallahassee, FL; Douglas M. Clark, Kingston, TN; Carol Ann Hornstra (Doug), Farragut, TN and Austin I. Clark (Cindy) of Chattanooga, TN; 8 grandchildren

and 7 great grandchildren.

On Friday, April 18, 2014 at 1until 2pm, the family will receive friends at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston, with a memorial service to follow at 2pm officiated by Dr. Roy Graves. A private family burial will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 2206, Brentwood, TN 37024-9885

Tribute Wall

KF

“ So sorry for your loss Doug. Your father was a very unique man. Prayers for you during the days ahead.

Kim clower - Kingston, TN - Friend - June 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Buddy and family,

I was so sorry to hear of your father's death. He lived a long and wonderful life and I'm sure you all will have wonderful memories to share of your times together. Please know I am thinking of each of you and remembering you in prayer.

Cleo Duff Goddard

Cleo Duff Goddard - Huntsville, AL - Friend - April 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ My wife and I met Roy in the summer of 1954 when we were single and graduate students in health physics. He showed us his duties as a health physicist. Later I came back to work at ORNL and bowled against Roy. He was a great friend and we regret to learn of his passing.

Richard and Mona Raridon - Oak Ridge, TN - friend - April 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Roy was a great supervisor and a great man. I first met Roy in 1975 driving in his gray government truck with his welders cap and field work clothing. You could not tell by the way he dressed on the job that he was in ORNL supervision. He was indeed the working man's supervisor.

Don kennedy - Maryville, TN - ORNL fellow worker - April 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Buddy and Lillian,
I am thinking of you as you treasure the memories of your dad.
What a blessing to have had him so long.

Cathy Wackman

Cathy Wacksman - Tallahassee, FL - friend - April 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ My sincere condolences on your loss. May The Lord be with you.

Larry Maples - Old neighbor - April 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I was so sorry to hear about Roy I know he has been such a blessing to so many people in his life. I know the four of you will miss his so very much but you have so many great memories to keep with you at all times and now he is with the Love of His Life.

Sue Phillips Rhodes - Lenoir City, TN - Friend of Family - April 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My favorite memory of Mr. Roy will always be when he and a young Austin picked me up in Cookeville in his Opel for a trip to the state basketball tournament. The little car that could! Precious memories indeed!

Jim Anderson - Oak Ridge, TN - Friend - April 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I am sorry to learn of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you gather to celebrate Roy's life. Reach out to each other, your friends, and your faith for they all will comfort you. Thinking of each of you during this difficult time, Curt

Curt Cochran - Dumfries, VA - Friend of the Family - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Having spent many hours at the Clark residence, I have many valued recollections of Roy Clark . . . intelligent, great sense of humor. Could be tough, but never less than fair. He had the respect of everyone who knew him.

A great sense of community, always remember him mowing the median down by the river, just because it needed it! The quality of his family speaks volumes.

doug cook - chattanooga, TN - friend of family - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM