



Donald Wayne Clarke

February 8, 1930 - November 22, 2020

Donald Wayne Clarke died November 22, 2020 at his home at Yates Center, KS. He was 90 years old.

Don was born February 8, 1930 at Horton, in Brown County, Kansas, the son of Benard Robert and Viola Marie (Merritt) Clarke. He graduated from Horton High School in the spring of 1950. He worked for the State Highway Department the summer of 1950, and served in the United States Navy from November 1950 to August 1954. He married Lola A. Kneisel on December 19, 1951 and had a good life for the next 53 years. There were three children born to this union, Thomas Wayne, Daniel Robert, and Rebecca Lynn, all born at Horton, Kansas.

Don worked for the Continental Baking Company from the fall of 1954 to the spring of 1966. Then he took a position with the Kansas Forestry Fish and Game Commission as a State Game Protector for Woodson and Wilson Counties. He moved to Woodson County, Kansas in August of 1966, and retired from the Department of Wildlife and Parks on December 2, 1992. He then ran a few head of cattle for the next 19 years.

Don was an avid hunter and liked guns and dogs. He was a member of the N.R.A., the American Legion, and a Senior Life member of the Kansas Peace Officers Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Lola in 2004, and sister, Bernetta Schecher

Don is survived by his children:

Tom Clarke and wife Kathy of Springfield, MO

Dan Clarke and wife Beth of Yates Center, KS

Becky Splechter and husband Tom of Yates Center, KS

Brother-In-Law, Chuck Schecher of Horton, KS

6 Grandchildren, 1 Great-Grandchild

Many other relatives and friends

Cremation has been requested, and inurnment will take place at a later date in Mt. Hope Cemetery at Hiawatha, KS.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion Post 13, and can be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Services entrusted to:

Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Tom, Dan & Becky,
Was very saddened to learn of your father's passing. My mind immediately went to my dad, "Tiny" (Bud) Everett Wilnerd and all the times he and your dad shared. I remember when our families would gather together and have so much fun! The orneriness of these two Fish and Game officers and the intelligence and passion they had for hunting and nature was almost too much for the counties they served. May your Father now rest in peace and may his reunion with your mother and my dad be a joyous one!
Your old family friend,
Susan (Wilnerd) Galvan

Susan D. Galvan - November 26, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ Becky and family, you became my family too. Words cannot express to you how much you and your Dad, Don means to me. You all found a special place in my heart and made a home there. Don...you really touched me. You got me and I miss you so much already. I hope you are at peace. I hope you know how much you matter to me. Maybe you'll be an onerey Angel 🙏 looking after me now. And Becky, love you!! Love you all bunches.

Megan Williams - November 26, 2020 at 12:09 AM

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“ Prayers to the family, Don was a great friend.I will cherish the time and conversations we had. Karl Kim and Kolton Hall

karl hall - November 24, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ *Becky and family, I am so saddened by this loss of a wonderful man! I felt like you were all part of my family as I got to know you through my visits! He will be and is already greatly missed!!!!*

Cindy Sele - November 23, 2020 at 09:41 PM



Thank you Cindy. He loved your visits. You were such a comfort to both of us.

Becky Splechter - November 24, 2020 at 01:20 PM