



Mr. Karen L. Clark

July 4, 1933 - September 11, 2024

Karen LaMar Clark, aged 91, passed away on September 11, 2024, in Danville, Indiana surrounded by his family. He was born July 4, 1933, in Harrison Township, near Palestine, Indiana. He was the only child of Ivan and Maudie (Fisher) Clark.

Karen grew up fishing and trapping on Palestine Lake. He graduated in 1951 from Mentone High School where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America and manager of the boys' basketball team. It was love at first sight when he met Vera Buntain, and they married on June 4, 1955. He worked for Kimball Glass, Owens-Illinois in Warsaw, Ind. for 37 years, becoming Quality Control Supervisor for the pharmaceutical glassware company. He was affectionately known as K.C..

Karen loved to travel the highways and backroads of the U.S. sharing fantastic memories with his wife and daughters like Rocky Mountain snowballs in July, watching the first moon landing from a campground in the Black Hills, marveling at Old Faithful and other Yellowstone treasures, visiting Wall Drug in South Dakota for chocolate donuts and many trips to Mackinac Island. Karen and Vera traveled to Florida for 18 years, making Sebring their home in the winter.

He took pride in his well-maintained cars and trucks and a well-mowed lawn.

He was a faithful member of the Kosciusko Kampers Klub, camping with family and friends from March to October for many years. It was at these campouts that he treated everyone to his tall tales of hunting with Daniel Boone and running down buffalo with just his pocketknife.

Every dog he met was a friend and neighborhood dogs visited for the cookies he handed out. He had to wave at every field of cows he passed. He created a world of vacationing fish carrying suitcases and migrating birds wearing souvenir t-shirts visiting Crystal Lake for his grandchildren. He dubbed any Great Blue Heron wading in front of the house, "Gertrude", and looked for a visit every day. He was also a Snoopy fan and had a large collection of the famous beagle supplied by family and friends.

He was a quiet, steady and loving presence in the lives of his family who knew he could be relied on for his love languages of car advice, tools and picking up the restaurant tab. He demonstrated by example that all God's creatures deserve to be treated fairly and with respect. The smiley face was his emblem reflecting his attitude that there was (almost) always something to smile about.

Karen leaves many loved ones to cherish his memory: his traveling companion of 69 years and love of his life, Vera; his two grateful daughters, Kathy Meiser and her husband Max of Pittsboro, Ind. and Sherri McConnell and her husband Bill of Okemos, Mich.; and grandchildren who will forever imagine fish with tiny suitcases: Josh Barker and wife Andra of Warsaw, Ind., Erik Barker and wife Megan of Brownsburg, Ind., Justin Amber and wife Esther of Speedway, Ind., Brad Meiser and wife Laura of Pittsboro, Ind., Emilia McConnell and partner Jess Holowicki of Plymouth, Mich., and Maggie McConnell and partner, Oliver Hill of Detroit, Mich.; great-grandchildren: Noah, Kelley, Josiah, Kloe and Gabriel Barker; Nate and Drew Barker; Morrison Amber; Larry Meiser and great-great grandchild: Joshua Barker.

A memorial service is being planned at 2:00 pm, with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you donate to the Animal Welfare League of Kosciusko County, Ind. 574-267-3008 or Fellowship Missions, 574-268-9555 or an animal rescue or community food and shelter assistance agency in your local area in memory of Karen, whose passion included supporting agencies who would care for those in need.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Karen L. Clark



Hartzler Funeral Services - October 01, 2024 at 02:24 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - October 04, 2024 at 10:16 AM



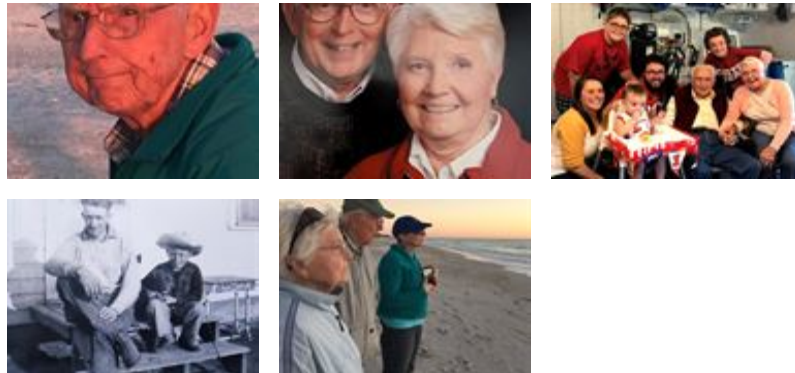
“ Love, Brad, Mary, Doug and Terry purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Karen L. Clark.



Love, Brad, Mary, Doug and Terry - October 03, 2024 at 07:10 PM



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JP

You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Uncle Karen was a kind man, and I'm grateful to have known him. I've enjoyed reading the special memories that you've shared.

Julie Pannell - October 05, 2024 at 05:46 PM

DM

“ *May heart grieves with the passing of Karen (along with you all), but rejoices with the angels that our Father has taken another one home to be with Him eternally!!!' Love you all*

Dr Susan Mort - October 01, 2024 at 10:17 AM

PG

“ *Dear Vera, and Kathy & Sherri & families
We send our heartfelt sympathies & prayers
for God's comfort for you at the passing of
your dear Karen. Sincerely, Dick & Pat
Goshert*



Patricia Goshert - September 24, 2024 at 06:13 PM

CH

“ Dear Vera, Kathy & Sherri,

I am so sad to hear about Karen's passing. I remember so many camp outs with your family, and certainly all the great times we spent at your homes over the years. I especially remember the wonderful trip you invited me to take with your family to Mackinac Island many, many years ago.

I do hope you keep your memories of Karen close to your heart. He was a good family man and we will all miss him.

Take care,

Cindy Shireman Hoard

Cindy Shireman Hoard - September 17, 2024 at 05:02 PM

AB

“ Alice Brumfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Karen L. Clark



Alice Brumfield - September 17, 2024 at 04:31 PM