



James O. Clark

May 31, 1940 - March 22, 2013

James O'Fairell Clark, passed away Friday, March 22, 2013 after a brief illness. He was born in DeQueen, AR. on May 31, 1940 to Sabesker O'Fairell and Lucille Clayton Clark. James graduated from DeQueen High School in 1958 and briefly attended Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, OK. That is where he met and married Linda Morgan in 1963.

James served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1965, and was stationed at Ft. Benning, GA. After his honorable discharge, he worked for 17 ½ years at the Martin Army Hospital and Bernheim Dental Clinic at Fort Benning before moving to Wilson, OK., where Linda was the pastor of the United Methodist Church. In 1986, they moved to Muskogee.

James was well known for his love of music and his considerable talent at the organ. He began playing the piano for church at the age of four and taught himself to play the organ by the age of 14, where he played for the Catholic Church services in DeQueen. James was a church organist everywhere he lived, and at the time of his illness, he was the director of music and the organist at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Muskogee, where he had served since 1992.

James was also a gifted florist, having learned the craft by working after school at the DeQueen Florist Shop. For the past several years, James worked at I'm A Basket Case in Muskogee.

James was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son, Shannon Douglas Clark and wife, Traci of

Tahlequah; his daughter, Dana Michelle Brassfield and husband, Jimmy of Braggs; his two sisters, Dorothy Hensley of Oklahoma City and Julia White of Nashville, TN; his brother, Harvey Clark of Percy, AR.; the mother of his children, Linda Morgan-Clark of Muskogee; his grandchildren, Avalon, Gryffyn, and Jacquelyn; several nephews and nieces; and other family members and friends.

Family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Muskogee with Rev. Mike Hart and Rev. Thea McKee officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with full military honors. Pallbearers will be Jim Cole, Rick Ewing, Keith Garrison, Gerald Shores, Everett Wieby and Leslie White. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Robert Brownell, Mark Dieman, Garret Weiby and Gryffyn Clark.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Muskogee Musical Arts Society, 812 Choctaw, Muskogee, OK 74403. Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory, 1830 N. York Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

MAR **25.** 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAR 26. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethany Presbyterian Church
2000 Haskell Blvd
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ James O. Clark

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ We are both so sorry to have just heard about James' passing. We had lost touch over the last few years but he was in our thoughts a lot. Our deepest sympathies to his family. Lloyd and Judy Mendenhall.

Lloyd and Judy Mendenhall - July 06, 2013 at 11:45 AM



“ I have not seen "Buddy" in many years, but as children we spent time together at our grandparents' home in Fordyce. He was so talented on the piano and I could never understand how easy he made it look to play anything. Our fathers were brothers and I was also named "James". I am sorry we did not keep in touch with one another as adults.

He will always be my first cousin.

James (Jamie) Clark Brandon

Jmaes (Jamie) Clark Brandon - March 25, 2013 at 10:10 PM



Oh my goodness! We were going through photos tonight and kept running across pics of another little boy named James and a girl? I'll have to take a closer look as to what was written on the backs of them for sure! We, Julia, Dorothy and Harvey will be going through them again and scanning them before everyone heads back home. Thanks for thinking of us. Explains a lot as to why while in Georgia that Dad became friends with another James Clark there who also had a daughter named Dana Clark. You see, Dana is my first name. Also dad was very sentimental. :-) Keep in touch!

Michelle Clark Brook - March 27, 2013 at 12:54 AM

BM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bill and Carol Mitchell, Wilson, OK UMC*

Bill and Carol Mitchell - March 25, 2013 at 08:44 PM



Oh you guys! Thanks so much!! I think of you often and wonder how you are. Thank you again! :-)

Michelle Clark Brook - March 27, 2013 at 12:55 AM

AO

“ *I am sorry to learn about James" death. He was vital member of the Clark family. My prayers are with. Love, Agnes Oliver*

Agnes Oliver - March 25, 2013 at 08:27 PM



Thank you Agnes. Wish you could be here but totally understand. Dad's with the Lord now. Thanks! :-)

Michelle Clark Brook - March 27, 2013 at 12:56 AM

GP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through these nexts several days and weeks.*

Gay Parker - March 25, 2013 at 12:51 PM



Thank you Gay.

Michelle Clark Brook - March 25, 2013 at 10:05 PM

MD

“ *May God be with you in this time of sorrow! You were always there for your Dad, loving and supporting him! Our prayers are with you!*
Mark & Johnna Downing

Mark & Johnna Downing - March 25, 2013 at 11:23 AM



Thanks you two! Love you bunches!

Michelle Clark Brook - March 25, 2013 at 10:05 PM

KW

“ *James was one of the first people to make. Me feel welcome. A great musician. Loved talking about ft Bennington.*

Kathy wentzel - March 24, 2013 at 09:28 PM



Thank you Kathy. We did to! Lots of good memories there at Fort Benning. :-)

Michelle Clark Brook - March 27, 2013 at 12:57 AM

LJ

“ *Dear Family of Jim Clark - He was a wonderful guy. I used to live across the yard from him at York Village Apts and he was so nice. He would always talk to me and my Mom whenever we went into the Basket Case. He will be missed by many.*

With my deepest sympathy - Linda Johnson

Linda Johnson - March 24, 2013 at 03:45 PM

MB

Thank you Linda. Dad would always tell us about his neighbors and how nice everyone was to him. We do miss him a lot. Thanks again!

Michelle Brassfield - March 25, 2013 at 09:37 AM

AR

“ Aunt Rosey lit a candle in memory of James O. Clark



Aunt Rosey - March 24, 2013 at 06:08 AM

LB

“ Lisa Cox Buk lit a candle in memory of James O. Clark



Lisa Cox Buk - March 24, 2013 at 01:33 AM

MB

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Michelle Brassfield - March 24, 2013 at 01:24 AM

MS

lit a candle as condolence to family of Jum Clark

Marna Swim - March 24, 2013 at 09:44 PM

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Michelle Brassfield - March 24, 2013 at 01:17 AM

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Michelle Brassfield - March 24, 2013 at 01:02 AM