



Herbert James Clark

December 25, 1932 - May 21, 2024

Herbert James “Jim” Clark passed away peacefully on May 21, 2024, with his family lovingly by his side. He was born on December 25, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to Harry and Eva Mae (Pogson) Clark. After serving his country as a member of the Air Force as a radio technician from 1950-1954, he earned his undergraduate degree at Michigan University, followed by The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he earned his PhD in Psychology in 1964. In 1975, he successfully completed the ten month training course at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Clark began his career in Civil Service at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, in 1964, where he excelled and earned a promotion along with a transfer to Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, in 1970. There, he served as the Assistant Chief of the Human Resources Laboratory until his retirement as a GS-15 in November, 1992.

Always an adventure seeker, his retirement was extraordinarily full. His favorite hobby was flying airplanes. He started flying at age 14, and later received his pilot’s license and every available pilot rating, as well as his flight instructor’s license. He traveled with his family throughout the United States, to the Bahamas, and to Canada in single and twin engine airplanes. He also flew aerobatic airplanes such as the Pitts, doing spins, loops, and other aerobatic maneuvers. He was awarded an extremely rare award from the FAA

for “50 Years in Flight”, after successfully maintaining his pilot’s license for well over 50 years.

Shortly after he retired, he took up sailboarding and snow skiing. He and Donna went to the Texas coast every other weekend during the summer, and to Colorado, California, Utah, and New Mexico two to three times each winter for snow skiing. A family Christmas ski vacation become an annual tradition for many years, with Donna, as well as with Jim, Jr., and his family.

While he was employed at Brooks Air Force Base he provided income tax assistance to active duty Air Force and Civil Service employees. After his retirement, he and Donna ran an IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) office in San Antonio for over ten years, providing free tax preparation for low-income families. He and Donna also prepared dozens of tax returns each year at Jim Jr’s CPA Firm.

Jim also travelled extensively throughout the world, with his loving wife always by his side. There were frequent week-long trips to Caribbean Islands (the first to Jamaica in 1968), where they enjoyed snorkeling and hiking, and travel throughout the United States, Mexico, and Latin America, several trips to many European destinations, Australia, and New Zealand.

Jim was preceded in death by his brother Harry Richard Clark (age 98), his sister Betty Maxine (Clark) Smith (age 96), and his grandson Christopher Dale Clark. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Donna Dale (Lambird) Clark; and his son, Herbert James “Jim” (Teresa Pamela Ryan) Clark, Jr.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Cherry Ridge Dr. Graveside Services with Military Honors will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 11:00am at

Hill Country Memorial Gardens, 11700 TX-46, New Braunfels, TX 78132.

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH

3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230

(210) 349-1414

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hill Country Memorial Garden
11700 TX-46
New Braunfels, TX 78132

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Lambird and Tremblay families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Herbert James Clark.*



The Lambird and Tremblay families - May 27, 2024 at 09:18 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Jim, Jr. May all the loving memories of Jim give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. With our deepest sympathy Don and Carolyn Rubsam. (Thanks to Eve for knowing our Michelle, I learned about Jim.)*



Carolyn Rubsam - May 27, 2024 at 07:48 PM

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“ *Steve, Rita, Eve, Kate, Jessica & family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Herbert James Clark.*



Steve, Rita, Eve, Kate, Jessica & family - May 27, 2024 at 07:30 PM

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“ *Martha (Liz) Martinez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Herbert James Clark.*



Martha (Liz) Martinez - May 27, 2024 at 07:02 PM