

In Loving Memory of
George Clark, Jr.



Sunrise
September 24, 1928

Sunset
November 20, 2012

Thursday, November 29, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

IRVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

37 Union Avenue • Irvington, NJ

Rev. Prescott Butler, Pastor

Obituary

George Clark Jr., 84, of Newark, N.J., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012 at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark. George was born in Halifax County, North Carolina to George E. Clark Sr. and Hattie Ruffin. George was raised on a farm with his 2 sisters, Bertha and Juanita. He loved to tell stories, and had one for each phase of his life.

As a small boy on the farm, he worked hard, and loved his pet goat that ended up on the dinner menu. He never really got over that. That was a story that almost always brought a tear to his eye. George truly loved that goat.

George relocated to Newark, N.J. in 1942, where he attended Central High School. After graduation he enlisted and was stationed at Williams Air force Base, Chandler Arizona as a Mechanic. George was often mistaken for someone else, and was approached by women who were, "Looking for him", *the other guy*. He never found out who his mysterious twin was, but he would have liked to give him the slap in the face he got one day from one of those women.

Upon his return to Newark he married Beatrice Millard, and was blessed with three children, Sharon, Kelvin and Deborah. George was the best Dad in the world. For 20 years he worked 2 jobs to support his family. One year there was the winter storm that entrapped three small children in the house begging to go outside; the concept of snow still not understandable. George was a patient man, who explained everything in detail, including why he wasn't going to spank you; but instead talked you into submission to absolutely "Not do whatever you did ever again". The day of the storm no amount of reasoning would quiet the trio of now screaming children who just wanted to go outside. George got dressed, put on his boots, heavy coat, and warmest hat. He pushed the front door open, against the snow piled high, filled a bowl with snow and brought it back into the house. The children took small amounts and were amazed at how wet and cold it was. That convinced them that they did not want to go outside in that, and made snowballs to put in the freezer instead; George put his pajamas back on and got some much needed rest.

George spent most of his career at Engelhard Industries where he worked alongside his father. When George was laid off from Engelhard, he worked full time at Vapon until he retired. He enjoyed his job at Vapon, and didn't mind the drive, except for a pesky state trooper on Eagle Rock Avenue. He usually would manage to get past that trooper, but was actually stopped by him one day. George explained to the officer that there is no way he would ever drive that fast knowing it was against the law. The officer was skeptical but let him go. George was grateful and after that he always managed to pass by just when that officer had someone else pulled over.

George was a devoted family man who enjoyed long walks, fishing, playing cards, bowling, and especially spending time with his family. He was a loving grandfather to Alexis, Towanna, Tyrone, and Tamika. George was also a Great Grandfather, and most recently an extremely proud Great-Great Grandfather to Jayden. George is also survived by his sister Juanita Fletcher, several nieces and nephews, their families and a Cousin Josephine Green, her husband Jimmy and their family, of Richmond, VA.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Emory Lee

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings Shonda Coleman

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Acknowledgement/Resolutions Dwight Perry

Remarks (2 Minutes please)

Obituary/Poem Eleanor Davis

Selection Prescott Davis

Eulogy Rev. Prescott Butler, Pastor

Recessional

Interment

NJ Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Immediately after the cemetery, friends and family are invited to the church for repast.

This Is Not Goodbye

Although we may shed tears, groan from the weight of grief and regret the loss of time with you, this is not goodbye.

You have shared many memories of your life with us, from the childhood fun you had with sisters on the farm, to your young manhood in the Air Force and your adulthood working with your father at Engelhard. Those moment of time you shared will forever be with us, this is not goodbye.

We have our own memories of you as our father, working multiple jobs and never complaining. No matter how tired you were allowing us to climb all over you and talk your ears off. No matter the time we could always call you for help and there you were. We remember you taking us to special trips for our birthdays, the family night at the drive-in, teaching us to bowl and beating us badly at cards. Yet we never stopped playing with you and we only got better. Nothing can ever steal those memories from us or dim them in our minds, this is not goodbye.

You taught us well the values we needed to be decent human beings and prepared us for the trails and tribulations of life. To be trustworthy, have a strong work ethic, always strive to our best, be generous to others and always be grateful for our blessings. You relied on God and taught us to do the same. This is not goodbye.

You lived in faith and knew there was a room waiting for you in God's house. Jesus made the promise and you believed. Just as you knew there is truth in God's word, we know it, too. We will meet again, so today we rejoice in your journey home, we celebrate your life and we praise God for keeping his word. This is not goodbye, but a short separation till we meet again in our heavenly Father's house. We love you Daddy.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever

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