



Dr. Eugene S. Clarke

November 28, 1934 - May 11, 2022

Dr. Eugene S. Clarke, 87, of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at his home.

He was born November 28, 1934 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Gordon Clarke and Lucile (Flucky) Clarke. He married Nancy Moore on November 3, 1962 in East Alton, Illinois and she survives.

In addition to his wife of 59 years, Nancy Clarke of Centralia, he is also survived by his children: Joe Clarke and wife Néha of Chicago, Linda Babbs and husband Brian of Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, and Christine Terryberry and husband Karl of Lewiston, New York; his 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; two brothers and sister: Tony Clarke and wife Peggy of Roswell, Georgia, Suzanne Given of Caneyville, Kentucky and Bruce Clarke of Helena, Montana; and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Clarke was preceded in death by his parents: Gordon and Lucile Clarke.

Dr. Clarke enlisted in the Marines Corps in 1955 and his service included a stint in the Far East. He played football for the Marines and received a football scholarship at the International University in San Diego, California.

Dr. Clarke graduated from Washington University Dental School with his

Doctorate in Dentistry in 1965 and then started his career in Irvington and later retired from his Centralia Office, E.S. Clarke Dentistry, after 53 years.

Dr. Clarke was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia. He had a passion for doing Medical Missions all over the world and he volunteered for 35 years. Dr. Clarke belonged to the Centralia Elks Lodge 495, Centralia Shriners Lodge 201, Central City Lions Club, Centralia Rotary, and the Centralia American Legion Post 446.

A Celebration of Life Service for Dr. Eugene S. Clarke will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia with Rev. Joannie Naraghi officiating. Military Honors will be accorded at the church by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia, Centralia Shriners Lodge 201, or Shriners Children's Hospital of St. Louis, MO and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Clarke Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting <http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com> and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

First Presbyterian Church

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 5:00 PM.

First Presbyterian Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Eugene S. Clarke*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - May 16, 2022 at 05:40 PM

CL

“ *Christy Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Dr. Eugene S. Clarke*



Christy Lockwood - May 17, 2022 at 10:17 AM

CL

Doc was a wonderful man with a big kind heart, he was always a pleasure to be around and talk to, prayers to all his family in the coming days, he will be missed

Christy Lockwood - May 17, 2022 at 10:18 AM

TE

“ *Doc was so kind and big hearted. He was always wanting to do something to help people and situations. (I'm sure this is the way he has always been). I'm so grateful I got to meet him and listen to his ventures and his drive and determination to live. He told me he wasn't done but I guess God had different plans. He touched my heart just as he touched several. I'll miss him dearly. He was my inspiration. Until we meet again my friend. Love you Terri.* ”



Terri - May 17, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Eugene S. Clarke.* ”



May 16, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Eugene S. Clarke.* ”



May 16, 2022 at 02:11 PM

GK

“ *Dr. Clarke was our dentist for many years. He was a kind and very caring man. We miss him as our dentist and miss him even more seeing him around town at the local restaurants. Dr. Clarke accomplished what we all wish we could do. He left this world a better place.*

Our sincere condolences,

Greg & Charlotte Kleeman

Greg Kleeman - May 14, 2022 at 09:53 PM

GD

Mr. Clarke was my Mother's dentist Mrs Lula M. Dean and mine he was a trustful dentist took his work seriously was serious about his clients aftercare will never be forgotten was thinking of him when I happen upon his obit praying for his wife know it'll be hard on her we have a Friend in Jesus condolences to his beloved Family.

George Dean - May 15, 2022 at 02:00 PM

MH

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Clarke. I worked for him in Irvington and also Centralia. He did a lot of free dental work on Medicaid patients that was not covered.*

I am so sorry for the loss to the family and friends'

Marilyn Flannery Hawley

Marilyn Hawley - May 14, 2022 at 08:59 AM

KM

“ *This is a message from Koen Meyers, Belgium. I was an exchange student and lived together with Dr Clarke and his family during several months in 1984. Long time ago..but these months I will never forget. My stay in Centralia changed my entire life, and Dr. Clarke is part of this unique and fantastic experience. A memory of warm welcome, of feeling at home from day 1..A memory of interesting conversations, of understanding. One great and positive memory which I cherish even still today. With great respect to Dr. Clarke, his wife Nancy, and Joe, Linda and Chrissy. I sent you my condolences and think about you all. You all are in my heart. I wish you all the best.*

*With great respect,
Koen*

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Koen Meyers - May 14, 2022 at 08:32 AM

DE

“ *Dr Clarke shared with me that he was happiest when he was in service to others.He went on medical mission trips to help the neediest in the highest mountains or in the Deep South American jungles.Gene was always on the cutting edge in learning and growing.He and Nancy raised an amazing family that improves our world and he shared how he was in awe and in great pride of each of them.He was a master and perfectionist of his dental practice and built a terrific team.God bless Nancy and each of the family, knowing that their lives are Gene's greatest legacy.*

De Ed Evans - May 13, 2022 at 06:21 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Shipley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Eugene S. Clarke*



Sandra Shipley - May 13, 2022 at 04:45 PM

SS

He was my dentist when I was little he was the best RIP until I see you again Dr Clarke 😊

Sandra Shipley - May 13, 2022 at 04:47 PM



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May 13, 2022 at 04:45 PM

PB

“ *I was so sorry to learn of my good friend, Gene! What a great guy! He will be so missed! Prayers to all his family! Godspeed! 😭💔🙏*

Peggy Myers Beal - May 13, 2022 at 12:10 PM