



John K. Clark Jr.

April 19, 1931 - November 16, 2020

John K. Clark, Jr., 89, of Champion, passed away Mon. Nov. 16, 2020 in the Excelsa Health Frick Hospital, Mt. Pleasant. He was born April 19, 1931 in Charliroi a son of the late John K. and Edith Reilly Clark, Sr. John was a graduate of Charliroi High School with the class of 1950. He attended Kansas State for one year and then received his Teaching Degree from the California University of Pennsylvania in 1958. He was a Social Studies Teacher in several schools including Rostraver High School, Mt. Pleasant, Belle Vernon, and Yough. He also coached football at all of these schools for 45 years. John was a Veteran of the Korean War having served in the U.S. Navy. John lead a very active life , he coached the Donegal Midget Football Team, he loved skiing and was a member of the National Ski Patrol for 55 years, he was a member of the Donegal American Legion, and he loved his RV and fishing. John also loved dogs and had 3 black Labs that he raised and took care of. John was a wonderful storey teller and his grandchildren loved to sit for hours listening to exciting tails of his life. John was a loving and generous person and he will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his loving wife of 55 years Betty M. Johnson Clark, his son Randy Lee Clark and wife Barbara of Mill Run, his grandchildren Amber Clark, Jamiee Clark and fiancée Shane, Michael Work, Maddie Work, and Brandee Leighty and husband Michael Meyers, his great grandchildren Kolby Clark, Brody Leighty, Peyton Leighty, Kayedan Clark, Kaylee Clark, and Chase Johnson, and his good friend Ralph Arrigo of Charliroi. John was the last surviving member of his immediate

family. In addition to his parents John was predeceased by his daughter Heather Work, his sister Charlotte Daywalt, and his brother William Clark. Family and friends will be received Fri. from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, the hour of a Funeral Service in the Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home Inc., at the corner of route 711 and 146 Municipal Building Rd., Melcroft (724-455-2310) with Rev. Dr. Marvin C. Watson officiating. Interment in the Monongahela Cemetery will be private. To leave a message or send condolence please visit our website at www.brooksfhmelcroft.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John K. Clark Jr.*

October 02, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ *To the Clark family, Our sincere sympathy to all. We have many fond memories of John as a teacher and coach and old friend. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ray and Jeff Ciferno*

Jeffrey Ciferno - November 20, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ *I am sending my deepest condolences to John's family. He was a great man, and he was always fun to be around. My father, Val, and brother, Ralph, had the pleasure of skiing with John a few times at Seven Springs, and John even helped my brother when he was training for the ski patrol. John was always willing to lend a hand when needed. I looked up to him, and I consider him a good friend. He will be greatly missed.*

Raymond Iacoboni - November 20, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *Margaret Lane lit a candle in memory of John K. Clark Jr.*



Margaret Lane - November 20, 2020 at 04:24 PM

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“ To John's family, my condolences. My name is Margaret Lane and I knew John during the 60's and 70's. Beginning with my acceptance into the Seven Springs Ski Patrol (Scotty Maloberti was my sponsor) I admired John and tried to be as good a Patroller as he was. To Betty: I don't know if you remember me or not, but, I had visited you and John at your home a couple of times, and I always thought you were the luckiest woman in the world having John as your husband, as he was such a wonderful person. There were a lot of fun, as well as challenging times on that patrol. Things always worked out. Those experiences and memories made me better today. John always had the answer that ended up being the right one. Even though I haven't been in touch with John or the other Patrollers for years, I have often thought about them. It was a joy knowing him, and he will be missed. Love and warm hugs, Margaret

Margaret Lane - November 20, 2020 at 04:21 PM

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“ Dear Clark Family,

I was lucky enough to teach and coach with John. Although he was 20 years my senior, we shared a fraternity characterized by the JC, Rab, Bap, and Hogan coaches of our universe. I did not share his passion for coaching but his imprint threaded through my career and inspired steel to advocate unapologetically for students and teachers. I remember him telling me to “ Make many acquaintances, and one good friend.” As a young man I wished I was that good friend but new that there was a long line ahead of me. Still inspired, I remain proud and privileged to be standing in that line.

*Gods blessings and comfort,
Lou Korpar*

Lou Korpar - November 20, 2020 at 12:21 PM

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“ *John Clark Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. John was my coach at Hurst in 1964. He was always a tough disciplinarian, but he also was a compassionate teacher. He would berate you one minute and the next he had his arm around your shoulder whispering in your ear. I had the most respect and admiration for he and Coach Hogan. The mold was demolished after those two were made. I truly loved them!*

Tim Hutter

Tim Hutter - November 20, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John K. Clark Jr..*



November 18, 2020 at 04:32 PM