



Larry Charles Clark

March 23, 1947 - December 14, 2019

Obituary

Larry (Red) Charles Clark left us surrounded by his loving family on December 14, 2019. This strong man wasn't able to fight his lingering illness any longer. Larry was born on March 23, 1947 to Margaret (Goeke) and Charles Clark in Monroe, Wisc. Lived his entire life in the Davis, Durand area. He graduated from Durand High School – Class of 1965. His early years he worked for various construction companies and later became a teamster truck driver (known as Wilbur) retiring after 30 years with Teamster Local 325.

Larry was a past Volunteer Fireman and Member of the 1st EMT for the Durand Fire Dept. through OSF, loved to do the water fights in various towns; past Member of the 1st Winnebago County Water Rescue and Recovery Team ,past Treasurer of the Northern Illinois Firemen's Association; past Member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ where he served as board president and also numerous committees.

His love for sports started with coaching slow pitch in the Durand/Davis area, then he became a very vocal and supportive Durand Bulldog fan for his 3 children (Chris, Craig and Kelli). It then continued even greater with his 5 grandchildren – McKenzie and Hailey – when he became a Stillman Valley Cardinal, and a Dakota Indian fan for Justin, Katie and Josh. He was able to attend State Football Championship games for all three of these schools and

a track state meet. And then there was our blessed singer, Hailey, whose voice brought tears to his eyes many times. He would say – What a gift to have these grandkids!! He could proudly state he hardly missed any of these kids' events and he loved every minute of it! Not only sports did he support , but their academic accomplishments and military as well. He was one Proud Grandpa!

He was a fun-loving character. May all who knew him remember him for that with his laughter and smile. He loved the hayrides to which he would proudly drive his JD 70 (an avid fan of the green and yellow); pool parties, campouts, parades with his team of Haflingers, family trips, and the list goes on and on with many lasting memories.

He will be missed by his high school sweetheart Debbie of 51 years – married on June 1, 1968 and his sons- Chris (Jessie)-Rock City, Craig – Orangeville and daughter -Kelli Horton-Davis. After these three blessings to their family, along came his grandkids – Dr. Justin (Sam) Clark of DesMoines, IA, Katie and Josh Clark of Rock City, McKenzie (Casey) Horton of Roscoe, Il and Hailey Horton of Davis and a great granddaughter Charlotte (Charlie) Clark of DesMoines, IA. Also known as Uncle Bub to nieces Dana (Kief), Joann, Julie (Ricardo), and Pam and Uncle to Brian and Shawn. And his many special cousins. Family was very important to Larry and was the focus of his life.

He was most grateful to his doctor friends Kirsten Johanson and Kate Kinney of the Monroe Clinic/Hospital. And the wonderful caring Nurses and Cna's from the ER department to all of them on Floor #1 east and west wings! They became his family through his illness and he loved them all.

Larry will join his mother and father and brother Terry.

Cremation rites and private services were his wishes. His immediate family will gather for a celebration of his life. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead assisted the family with their cremation needs.

Hailey's Tribute

Tex Ritter - Just Beyond the Moon

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Tribute Wall

YH

“ A Memorial Tree was ordered in memory of Larry Charles Clark by Your Granddaughter- Hailey. Plant a TreeGrandpa,Forever loved, forever cherished, and forever missed. I will see you again one day and that day I will be more blessed in more ways than I ever have.Your Granddaughter- Hailey

Your Granddaughter- Hailey - May 10, 2021 at 10:49 AM

DE

“ To my Love of my Life.

Debbie - December 20, 2019 at 07:00 PM

KB

“ Debbie and family: My sympathy to you all. Red was a wonderful hardworking and fun loving employee at American Freight System. He was the second person I hired when opening in Rockford and he did his best to help me make the company successful. Never a dull moment with Red in the room and I remember him best for that. A great person who always had a great story to tell. I know you will miss him greatly but let your fun memories overcome your grief. Someplace in his end of life I just know that he found something funny to share with you all. My thoughts are with you at this time.

Kyle Bevers - December 19, 2019 at 07:41 PM

CH

“ I love you Dad.... I know that we aren't on this planet foerever.... But, you went too soon.... I will forever miss you....

Chris - December 18, 2019 at 04:50 PM

RV

“ My sincere sympathy goes out to the entire family of Larry. It was a pleasure knowing and working with Larry at Holland Motor Express. Always laughter, fun, and enjoyment to be around. Larry will definitely be missed by everyone he touched. God bless Larry and his family.

Rick Varga - December 18, 2019 at 09:55 AM

KE

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

KELLI - December 18, 2019 at 08:46 AM

MO

“ Marlene and I are sad to hear about Larry's passing.

Mo Ostergard - December 17, 2019 at 07:55 PM

KF

“ The Uncle Bub we love will remain with us for love itself lives on, his cherished memories will never fade because he is gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, he'll live on in our hearts. Thanks for all of the awesome memories Uncle Bub! We will miss your smile and the way you could make us laugh! Sending lots of love to you, Aunt Deb, Chris, Craig and Kelli and they whole family in this tough time.

Kief and Dana Farningham - December 17, 2019 at 06:26 PM

MK

“ My deepest sympathy for the family of Larry (BIG RED) Clark. He was a real firecracker! I worked with Larry @ Holland trucking and fellow Teamster for most of those years. Never a dull moment. He will be missed.

Mike Knecht - December 17, 2019 at 04:52 PM

BM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you Deb and your whole family!!! I will always remember him as quite the guy!!! A friend to many!!

Betty Meinert - December 17, 2019 at 02:08 PM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss. Lots of good memories with Larry

David Choate - December 17, 2019 at 11:48 AM

GH

“ So sad to hear of 'Reds' passing. He was truly an interesting, fun-loving man that taught me a lot while we were both members of the Durand Fire Dept. Sending thoughts and prayers to Debbie, Chris, Craig and Kelli during this difficult time.

Gary Haughton - December 17, 2019 at 09:21 AM

CC

“ His children would like to share:Craig says...My Greatest Coach, My Greatest Leader, I will always follow your footsteps.Kelli says...Everything I am today, my morals, my character and anything decent about me I owe to you. The best Father, Grandpa to my kids.. We Love you always.Chris says...Besides everything Craig and Kelli have said. I'm going to miss that special look that Dad would give to you, you know he was thinking "What the He'll are you Thinking", when you did or said something dumb. He never had to say a word.

Craig Kelli and Chris - December 16, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ *What a special man. Words of many cannot express the love I had for this caring man. Debbie you had a special gift in your life. Will always be remembered for the good times we had.* ”

Carol Erb Coplien - December 16, 2019 at 06:57 PM