



David Lynn Clark

July 28, 1952 - November 17, 2018

In Lieu of flowers, Memorials to the Bennington Community Foundation for Scholarships

David Lynn Clark was born on July 28, 1952 to Glenn Harley and Kathryn LaMoyne (Baker) Clark in Council Bluffs. Dave grew up on the family farm in rural Woodbine, Iowa. He attended Woodbine Public School from kindergarten through high school graduating in 1970.

Dave and Dalene (Dee) Mullenix were married on April 21, 1973 at the Methodist Church in Woodbine. They made their first home in mid-town Omaha. They had a son, Timothy, in August 1977 and daughter, Jennifer, in November 1979.

Dave attended Iowa Western College in Clarinda receiving an Associate's Degree in 1972. Dave worked for Whittaker Ford in Council Bluffs during his college years. This set the course for his working life. After graduating from Iowa Western, he thought he might try something different. He sold sewing machines for two weeks. This made him realize he didn't want to be a salesperson. He went back to college attending Bellevue College where he earned a degree in Business Administration/Accounting in 1975. He started in the car business as an office manger for Old Mill Toyota. From there, he went

to Crown Lincoln Mercury. In 1979, he was asked to be office manager and Secretary/Treasurer of Atchley Ford Inc. After 38 years in this position, he retired in June 2017.

Upon moving to Bennington in January 1977, Dave began his community involvement. He joined the Bennington Jaycees to meet more people. After serving in every office on the local level, he went on to serve on the State Board for the Nebraska Jaycees. Dave was also involved with just about every civic organization in Bennington. He would always be willing to volunteer when and where it was needed.

Dave was appointed to the Bennington Planning Commission in 1988. He was elected to the Bennington City Council in 1990. Dave then decided that it was time to serve even more and was elected Mayor of Bennington in 1996. He served in this capacity for eight years. During his time as mayor, Dave saw that the Bennington community was changing and ready to grow. He was instrumental in getting MUD water and sewer to Bennington. Another of his major accomplishments was helping with the development of the Bennington baseball field complex, including the lights for the Legion field.

Upon completing his mayoral duties, Dave saw the need for Bennington to be able to keep its own identity. He talked with people in the community and in 2005, the Bennington Community Foundation was formed. He became its president and served in that capacity until the present.

Dave was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He was active in many aspects of the church, including organizing the Easter Breakfast, Stewardship Committee and many others.

Dave loved his grandchildren and would do anything for and with them, including playing catch, fishing, wrestling on the floor and playing farm. Dave

was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching Iowa Football and Creighton Basketball. Dave always had a garden and was more than willing to share his produce with neighbors. His favorite summer activity was golf, playing many courses with family and friends.

Dave died peacefully at home on November 17, 2018 surrounded by his family.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Kenneth.

Dave is survived by his wife, Dalene (Dee) Clark, Timothy and Kerry Clark, Jennifer and Cory Furstenau, grandchildren Caleb and Cloie Clark and Dylan, Tyler, Lane and Luke Furstenau, and sister-in-law Judy Clark and many other relative and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
322 N. Molley St.
Bennington, NE 68007

Family will receive friends

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
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Bennington, NE 68007

Service

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Lynn Clark*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Dave's passing. I will never forget when my brother and I were kids and we'd go to the farm and Dave would let us drive the tractor. He made it fun!!! Sending thoughts and prayers love and light to your family during this difficult time. Much love from Stephanie, Adam, and David Reed.*



Stephanie Reed - December 12, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ *The Ford Credit family was saddened to learn of the passing of Dave. Dave was a great partner to Ford and Ford Credit. His knowledge, passion and humor in the business will be missed.*

Our thoughts are with the Clark family.


*Tom Evans
Regional Manager
Ford Credit*

Tom Evans - November 26, 2018 at 02:40 PM

BW

“ My deepest sympathies to you, Dee, your kids and grandkids. You and Dave have been such good neighbors. I remember the time on Easter evening when I knocked on your door, bald headed and in my nightgown. i had locked myself out of the house trying to get the stupid cat to come in for the night. You all were so gracious and helpful and somehow managed not to laugh (at least until after I left). Dave made many contributions to the community, and he will be missed by many. All my best. God bless.
Bonnie Weaver

Bonnie Weaver - November 21, 2018 at 12:15 PM


Nicholas
Push

“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing, he was always such a wonderful man. God Bless you all. Nick Push

Nicholas Push - November 21, 2018 at 09:53 AM

WM

“ Dee, we are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Such a good guy. Treasure all your memories together. We so enjoyed see you guys on the cruise. Take care.
Kenny and Wanda Moores

Wanda Moores - November 21, 2018 at 08:28 AM

JA

“ My deepest sympathy to you all. Jan Anderson

Jan Anderson - November 21, 2018 at 08:08 AM

AD

“ *Stodden Physical Therapy in Bennington is extending our deep and heartfelt sympathy to your family during this time of loss. Dave will truly be missed.*

Sincerely,

Adam and Casie

Adam - November 20, 2018 at 04:37 PM

CW

“ *Dee and family, our sincere sympathy to all of you for your loss. Dave was a kind, funny, and generous man that we will always remember.*

With love,

Steve & Chris Williams

Chris Williams - November 20, 2018 at 09:37 AM

JB

“ *Dee, So sorry for your loss. Dave gave so much to others. My thoughts and prayers are with you. - Jeri (Tunnell) Burger*

Jeri Burger - November 19, 2018 at 07:53 PM

LA

“ *Love, Barb Matt, Mary-Helen & Adam purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Lynn Clark.*



Love, Barb Matt, Mary-Helen & Adam - November 19, 2018 at 07:13 PM

SF

“ *Clark Family (Tim) What an amazing man your Dad was! I'm grateful to have experience his leadership and passion for the people and the community he served! Gone, but never forgotten ... his legacy and spirit will continue through the Badger community.*

Scebold Family - November 19, 2018 at 07:06 PM

RF

“ *Rod Cohrs and Sue Regan family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Lynn Clark.*



Rod Cohrs and Sue Regan family. - November 19, 2018 at 06:04 PM

SM

“ *Dee and Family surprised and sorry to hear about your loss . We enjoyed our days with him and you at Atchley Ford and the JC's He will be missed by many but not forgotten because of the type of person he was*

Skip & Joyce Marsh - November 19, 2018 at 04:01 PM

KF

“ *Katie (Farris) Painter and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Lynn Clark.*



Katie (Farris) Painter and family - November 19, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Lynn Clark.*



November 19, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lynn Clark.*



November 19, 2018 at 01:57 PM



Leigh Meeker

“ *I am heartbroken for all of you guys!!! We were all better people because Dave was in our lives. I will miss him and all his stories!!! I am sure that Gma Doris and my dad were there to meet him...He will always be in our hearts and memories. Make sure those littles all get to know Gpa Dave and all his greatness...he was so very proud of all of them and all of you guys!*

Remember that he was truly "one of the good guys!"

Leigh Meeker - November 19, 2018 at 01:47 PM

LB

“ Our sincerest condolences on Dave's passing. He would call to my work place to talk with my boss, Sam Lurvey. He was always so kind and pleasant to talk with. I would put him on hold and tell Sam, "it's the Honorable Dave Clark" on the phone. He was honorable in every sense of the word. May your memories comfort you.
Sincerely, Linda Betkie, CH Industries

Linda Betkie - November 19, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lynn Clark.



November 19, 2018 at 12:42 PM

KR

“ Dear cousin Dee and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Dave's death. What a great guy who was so full of life! Our hearts go out to you. May God give you comfort and peace in knowing that he is together with Christ.
With love and sympathy,
Tom and Karen Roed

Karen Roed - November 19, 2018 at 11:48 AM

SJ

“ Condolences to the family of Dave Clark. I'll always remember Dave for his involvement & dedication to the Bennington community. He always took time to chat and see how things were going in life and hoped business was going good in the community. He will be missed.

Sean Juett - November 19, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David Lynn Clark.*



November 19, 2018 at 10:44 AM



“ *so sorry to hear about Dave..we had great times at Atchley Ford...Steve Jensen*

steve jensen - November 19, 2018 at 10:44 AM



“ *The Clark, Barry, and Oster families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Lynn Clark.*



The Clark, Barry, and Oster families - November 19, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Dave was always such a kind person and interested in catching up with our lives and activities as we were growing up and as our families grew.*

*Take care & our condolences,
Melinda (Mullenix) & family*

Melinda Hood - November 19, 2018 at 08:59 AM

KB

“ *Dee and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Dave was a great man and did so much for our community. He will truly be missed by all who call Bennington home. May God give you comfort during this time.
Konni and Bernard in den Bosch*

Konni in den Bosch - November 19, 2018 at 07:23 AM

JM

“ *So sorry to hear of your families loss Dee. Dave will be greatly missed by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you.
Jim&Cindy*

Jim and Cindy Mullenix - November 18, 2018 at 07:51 PM