



Donald J. Clark

March 16, 1936 - June 28, 2023

Donald J. Clark, 87, of Oceanport, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side. Donald was born in Long Branch on March 16th, 1936 to Orrin and Julia Clark, and grew up in Eatontown with his two siblings.

He graduated from Long Branch High School at the top of his class, and put his intelligence and dedication to use in the financial field. First at Central Jersey Bank and later First National Bank of Toms River, Donald worked his way up through the ranks from loan officer, to manager, to Senior Vice President of Garden State Bank until his retirement in 1995. Donald was a faithful and active communicant of Saint Dorothea's Church in Eatontown, serving on the financial committee for many years.

Donald was well known for his generosity and his love of family. This was most apparent around the holidays, especially Christmas where he was known as a generous gift giver to his friends and family, and Easter where he made sure that his many nieces and nephews were ready for the Easter parade in brand new outfits.

He himself was always a snappy dresser, was fond of a good glass of scotch, and loved fine cars – choosing a new one every two years. During his vacation time, he would travel extensively with his partner Clyde. Donald was also an avid fan of Broadway musicals, and proudly cultivated his rose bushes

and vegetable garden at his home in Oceanport.

Donald was preceded in death by his father Orrin Arthur Clark; his mother Julia M. Clark, née Minn; and his brother Edward Clark.

He is survived by his lifelong companion & friend Clyde Brennan of Oceanport; his sister Jean Corcione (Sissy) of Eatontown; many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews; and his longtime friend Basil Asero of Dallas, TX; with special recognition for Monsignor Flynn of Saint Mark's, who was an endearing friend especially in Donald's last days.

Donald's funeral services will be private. Instead of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice at <https://www.rwjbh.org/giving/support-hospice/give> , or to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you, Don. You shared your passion for Broadway and a fine meal in NYC from even before we were married in 1978. Tom and I constantly talk of all our fun adventures and oh – such beautiful music. Show stoppers, Sardi’s, the magical Christmases, meeting Tommy Tune and so many others together, the Dewars and fine conversations...these are truly precious. I will try to upload a picture of us all at Sardi’s.

*With gratitude for being a part of your life. Love,
~Tom and Ruth*



Ruth - July 08, 2023 at 09:09 AM

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“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Donald J. Clark



Bongarzone Funeral Home - July 04, 2023 at 01:07 AM

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“ Don you were a good man - it was always a pleasure speaking with you.

Thank you for being our friend.

RIP

Love, Joan and Dennis (Ed in Spirit)

Joan R Hussey - July 01, 2023 at 04:33 PM

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My beloved friend Don,

Our 53 year close friendship will continue in my heart always. Even after my job related move to Dallas we continued to communicate at least weekly. I will cherish our vacations in P-town and the our Theater jaunts to NYC for exquisite dinners followed by fabulous Broadway shows! You knew the best of everything...I learned so much over the past decades from you. Thank you for you loving friendship...Bas

Basil J Asaro - July 01, 2023 at 05:25 PM