



Paul Estes Clark

February 1, 1942 - January 7, 2019

Elder Paul E Clark passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, January 7, 2019, at the age of 76, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, where he was a long-time resident and returned upon retirement. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Haitian Crisis, Cuban Crisis and the Vietnam War. He was a graduate of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. He was a pastor for the Seventh Day Adventist Church for over 45 years, serving in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee. He and his loving wife of nearly 57 years, Rebecca Louise Mitchell Clark, traveled many places, including the Holy Lands and Canada.

Leaving legacies near and far, he was known for building churches across the country, with his last big project the convention center in Hammond, Louisiana. His biggest passion and hobby was trains and railroads. It led to monumental accomplishments in the collection, and restoration of old trains and railroad memorabilia, helping to establish railroad museums along the way. Pastor Paul, dearly loved bringing a smile to a child's face by pulling a balloon out of his pocket and making balloon animals for them. Hence, through the joy of thousands of children, he was often referred to as the "Balloon Man". Paul, a wonderful and loving husband, father and grandfather, is survived by wife, Rebecca Louise Mitchell Clark, son Raymond Clark, daughter Paula Lajara (Phillip Riley), daughter Mary Deckard (Dean), son Mike Clark (Janna), and son in law Juan Lajara. Grandchildren, Jeremy Deckard, Jeffrey Lajara, Brandon Deckard (Alisha) and Jenny Lajara (Randall Coleman), and great grandchildren, Annika, Aubrynn and Xander. Brothers, Donald Clark (Bebe), Melvin Clark (Dianne) and Dudley Clark (Sue) and numerous relatives.

He is preceded in death by parents, Danna and Ethel Clark and infant sister.

PONCHATOULA, LA.

Family and friends are invited to attend the visitation at the chapel of Brandon G Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until services at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Mitchell Cemetery.

Cemetery

Events

Mitchell Cemetery

Ponchatoula, LA, 70454

JAN Visitation 10:00AM - 02:00PM

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Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 U.S. 51, Ponchatoula, LA, US, 70454

JAN Funeral Service 02:00PM

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Comments



“ With sadness of the passing of Paul. I know my Mama (Aunt Edna) always enjoyed ya'lls visit with her. R.I.P. Paul.



Barbara Drude Hebert - January 12 at 10:08 PM



“ Bryan Fox and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Estes Clark.



Bryan Fox and Family - January 12 at 12:01 PM



“ Paul was a funny man. Seemed he could come up with some amusing story to fit any situation. I first met Paul when we went to Brookhaven, MS to hold meetings for Amazing Facts. Paul was still in the process of building the new church and had much work left to complete. He taught me how to stain wood, the "easy" way. Paul was a person that loved life and loved people. One time he invited us to his house to eat boiled peanuts. Never had seen such big peanuts and they were good. His kindness will be missed but we shall meet again at the resurrection.

Neil and Sheri Dye - January 10 at 11:30 AM



“ Paul was our Pastor at BSDA Church. I was baptized by him & really enjoyed his wit, kindness, knowledge. Mine & Raymond's hearts go out to Louise & his family.
Denise and Raymond Evans
Pearl River, La.



Denise Evans - January 10 at 02:16 AM



“ Paul has been a true example of a Christian gentleman all his life. Wise beyond his years as a young person, he continued to share that wisdom to touch countless lives for good.

Kathryn J. Martin - January 09 at 03:36 PM



“ Paul was our Pastor at Floral Crest church on top of Sand Mountain in Alabama for several years and during that time he and Louise became very special friends to us. My husband went down to help on a couple of the church building projects. We spent several days in Paul and Louise's house and had boiled peanuts (the biggest I ever saw) and had a guided tour of New Orleans. Paul offered to take us on a canoe trip out in the swamp but I just wasn't brave to even think about that. Not long ago he told us about some things he had done to help another pastor and was happy that "God is still using me to help others" He was a very special person and will missed but he left a long history of bringing Souls to the Lord. While Paul was pastor here he and my husband shared a mutual love of "good junk" When the two of them left with an empty trailer it was not good news for me and Louise because we never knew how many "treasures" would be piled up in the yard. There is just no end to all the wonderful memories we have of Pastor Paul Clark. Dean and Linda Ferguson

Linda s Ferguson - January 10 at 04:46 PM



“ Hilton and I are deeply saddened about the passing of Elder Paul. He always had unending interesting and uplifting stories to relate. We so enjoyed our time with him and Louise. No matter his troubles, he was always filled with hope and ready to lead anyone to the Lord. May God welcome him with open arms and complement him for a job well done. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Linda Hoover - January 11 at 12:06 PM



“ Bill and Georgia Wyatt
Paul was here in Ga. pastor at Grandview SDA church when we moved here from Texas. He was Bills friend right off and the first pastor to make an impression on Bill. Paul performed our Daughters wedding in 1989. We thought of Paul and Louis often. So sorry to hear of his passing

Georgia Wyatt - January 13 at 06:08 PM