

## Frederick William Clark Jr.

July 29, 1938 - August 31, 2017

Born July 29, 1938 in New Orleans where he resided in the Ninth Ward until 1967. A 1957 graduate of Frances T. Nicholls followed by a marriage to JoAnn Clause Clark in 1957. Freddie served in the U.S. Coast Guard stationed in Galveston, Texas where daughter Donna was born in 1958. After returning home, Freddie and JoAnn had Freddie the third in 1961 and Robbie in 1965. The family moved to Meraux in 1967 where the Frances Place subdivision provided a great place to raise a family. Freddie work as a truck driver until 1979 when he suffered a massive heart attack. No one expected that he'd be around telling silly jokes for another 38 years and not succumbing to heart failure until Thursday, August 31, 2017.

Freddie served as a Borgnemouth Park Coach, Boy Scout Leader, Chalmette High Athletic Booster, St. Bernard Parish Sheriff Office Auxiliary Deputy, and longtime President of the St. Bernard Pistol and Rifle Range. He was a talented craftsman especially with woodworking and painting. He loved to fish and was a collector of many things including doubloons, guns, coins, music, movies, and German beer steins- most of which was lost when the Katrina levee failure inundated their now Violet house with 14 feet of water. After relocating to Mandeville, Freddie enjoyed frequent family gatherings, gardening, sleepovers with the grandsons, and dining out with the "Old Farts."

His 79 years were full; the fun and happy times outweighed the sad ones.

Freddie was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick W. Clark Sr. and Carmen Pourciau Clark; father-in-law, Wilbert Clause Sr.; and mother-in-law; Anna May Hadley Clause; sister-in-law Phyllis Clause Constantine; beloved grandson, Robert "Robbie" Clark Jr.; and lifelong friend, Joe Stephany.

Survived by his wife of almost 60 years, JoAnn Clause Clark; daughter, Donna Clark (Mary); sons, Frederick "Freddie" Clark III and Robert Clark Sr. (Nicole); grandson, Wesley Ruffino; and step grandchildren, Jace, Cedric, Victoria Martin, and Tabitha Lepine. Will be sorely missed by in laws, Wilbert and Carol Clause, Connie and Russell Constantine, and P.J. and Donna Clause; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family would like to thank the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Hospice Team for their compassionate care provided to Freddie and the entire Clark family. In lieu of flowers donations, to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, would be greatly appreciated.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until the Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m.

Condolences and other information are available online at [thompsoncares.com](http://thompsoncares.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA  
1190 Highway 51  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
(985) 370-9296

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Fred and I go back along way. He was a very good friend, and I'll miss him very much. We had some great times together, scouts, Chalmette High School sports and executive board, gun club, and of course Gerald's for donuts and coffee after sporting events. I miss pur visiting together and phone calls. Fred ,Barbara and I will miss you !!!! Love my good friend. One day I will joint you and we can BS again...God Bless you Donna, little Freddie and family.....

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**Dennis Redman Sr** - September 25, 2017 at 01:15 PM

RC

“ Donna and Freddie... Margaret, Becca, and I wish to send our condolences to your family for your dad's passing. I know how you will miss him because I miss my dad so much as does Margaret her dad. But you have to find comfort in the fact that he loved you and you loved him. As difficult as it is, passing is a natural process and when accompanied with love and devotion it provides comfort during the coming years. I know this. So much love to you and family. Margaret, Becca, and Ron

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**Ron Chapman** - September 04, 2017 at 02:58 PM

JO

“ Freddie and Family, with my deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.Jean Ocman

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**JEAN OCMAN** - September 03, 2017 at 11:56 PM

GU

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Was so glad that your family was part of the Frances Place family. There are so many happy memories.

*May your happy memories far overshadow the grief you are experiencing at this time of loss.*

*Grace, Donna, Donald and Jodi Urban*

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**Grace Urban** - September 02, 2017 at 09:13 AM

VI

“ Dear Clark family,  
My sincere condolences

*Mr. Fred will be missed by many, He touched many lives with his friendly and loving ways*

*I will always remember all our talks truly a great friend.*

*victor j schmit III*

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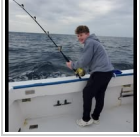
**victor j schmit III** - September 02, 2017 at 08:28 AM

GS

“ Glad to have been able to spend time with Fred.  
Gerald and Bonnie Stephany

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**Gerald Stephany** - September 01, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ *Dear Clark/Clause families,  
My sincere condolences. Donna you were a  
big help to me at Nunez. Thoughts and  
prayers for God to comfort all of you. May he  
rest in peace.*



*Sincerely,  
Katherine Saavedra Kendall*

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**Katherine Saavedra Kendall** - August 31, 2017 at 11:04 PM