



Burnell "Pete" Clark

August 8, 1922 - June 8, 2015

Burnell E. Clark (Pete) died early Sunday morning after living a full and successful life. He was preceded by his wife Jean Clark, son Tom Clark and grandson Tyson Clark.

Pete was born 8/8/1922, the first child of Walter Clark and Bernice Fritz Clark. Pete's early life was marred by the death of his father when he was just 5 years old in a plane crash. Consequently he spent a lot of time with his grandfathers, grandmothers, aunts and uncles while his Mother worked with him taking on jobs to help.

Pete graduated High School in Dayton, Ohio started working as a carpenter and eventually moved to Alabama to work at a shipyard where he heard about radar being spoken of in whispers before America joined the War effort. Pete enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1942 where he was trained as radar mechanic in navigation for airplanes. After training he was dispatched to England and served his tenure there being discharged from the 351st Army Air Forces as Staff Sergeant in 1945. On one of his two week leaves his sister introduced his future wife. He told her after he was discharged they were going to get married.

In 1955, a partnership was created between Pete, Ed Rumpf and Harold Paul formed and named Specialty Contractors, Inc. Their business thrived and spread through out three states and 15 offices. Upon the partners retiring, they divided the company but remained fast friends. Their children continue the businesses.

Pete was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather & friend. He was loved by many and respected by everyone who knew him. Pete loved to do wood working and worked on projects his whole life of which many benefited from his skills. He was known as a man that once he gave his word or shook hands on something it was considered a contract and set in stone.

In his earlier days he loved to be out on the water fishing, boating and skiing with friends & family. He was a decisive man and a good judge of character and was from the "Old School".

Pete is survived by son Walter H. Clark (Lana Dixon) of Tallahassee, Janet Clark (Ronnie Cloud), Crawfordville and Deborah J. Clark, Tallahassee, his sister Bernice "Buni" (Bob) Williams, New Port Richey. Thirteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren and numerous Cousins, nieces and nephews. A gathering in Pete's honor will be held Thursday, June 11, from 3:00-5:00pm at Bevis Funeral Home, 2710 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303. In lieu of flowers please make donations in his memory to American Heart Association, 2851 Remington Green Cir, Tallahassee, FL 32308, or American Cancer Society, 2619 Centennial Blvd # 101, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Elizabeth Chambers of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrange

Previous Events

Gathering

JUN 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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