



Fred Charles Clark

September 8, 1924 - December 3, 2017

Fred Charles Clark, better known as Fritz, passed away at Delmar Gardens in Lenexa Kansas Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, 2017. Fritz reached the impressive age of 93 years. Before being moved to the Kansas City Metro area in, 2016 he resided in Wymore, Nebraska and prior to that lived in Rushville, Nebraska, with his wife Pat, from 1960 to 1989. Fritz was born September 8th, 1924 at home in Odell, NE to Fred Thomas and Clara Amelia (Thomas) Clark. Fritz was the youngest of four children and the only son. He grew up in Odell, NE where he attended grade school. He attended high school in Wymore, NE, graduating in 1942. Fritz joined the Navy right after graduation in June of 1942. When home on leave he married Patricia Lou Stoll on May 8th 1943 in Marysville, KS at the Christian Church parsonage. They spent the next 70 years together. Patricia Lou Clark passed December 6, 2013. Unto this union one son was born in 1951, Timothy Charles Clark.

During World War II Fritz served on two Crater-class cargo ships that delivered troops, goods, equipment, and ammunition to locations in the war zone, the USS Lakewood Victory and the USS Allioth. Cargo ships were the lifeline during World War II. The Lakewood Victory received two battle stars for World War II service. The USS Allioth's ports included Funafuti, Ellice Islands, Makin and Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, Kwajalein and Eniwetok, Marshall Islands and Peleliu and Angaur and Palau Islands. During this time the Allioth was under attack by enemy aircraft and suffered structural damage. The crew of the Allioth received several Metals of Honor. Fritz also sailed on the USS Boris while his previous ship was out of commission. Fritz received many honorable awards, citations, and we are ever thankful for his service to country. After the war Fritz served in the Navy Reserves during the Korean War and was discharged 1952.

Fritz's first civilian job was with Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Rail Road as a Brakeman. He then went to work as a lineman for Consumers Public Power District in Beatrice, NE. This is the job that brought him to at Rushville, NE, for Sheridan County and Pine Ridge, SD as a district manager. in 1960. Fritz left Consumers and branched out on his own as an electrician forming his company Clark Electric. Pat & Fritz remained in Rushville until 1989 when he & Pat moved back to Wymore, NE. Fritz was an active member of the Wymore Church of Christ and assisted in their expansion project. He also frequented the

Wymore Golf Course until he gave that up to care for his wife. Fritz was a master fixer, there was nothing he could not make, build or fix. He took great pride in his home and his yard was immaculate. He grew an abundance of tomatoes & green peppers but did over water Pat's flowers.

After moving to the Kansas City area Fritz was reunited with his oldest sister, Gladys', son Tom Lindstrom. Tom was a blessing, visiting Fritz and taking him golfing whenever possible. The family is very thankful for Tommy and our reconnection to family.

Fritz is survived by his Son Timothy and Kathryn Clark of Kansas City, Missouri, Granddaughter Sibyl and husband Brad Schrock of Henry, IL who have 3 daughters Hunter, Braden and Harper, Grandson Ian and wife Crystal Clark of Monticello, IL who have a daughter Cloe and son Hudson. Fritz is also survived by Pat's sister Shirley Martin from Omaha, a sister-in-law Betty Stoll of Nebraska City, NE, niece Kimberly Lincoln & family of Omaha, NE and nephew Fred Stoll & family of Lincoln, Tom Lindstrom & family of Kearney, MO, Joan Brejcha and family of Western, NE and Marge Thomas and family of Prescott, AZ . Fritz was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Lou Clark, his parents, Fred Thomas & Clara Amelia, sisters Gladys, Doris & Maxine. Donations suggested to Wymore Church of Christ.

Graveside Service, 1pm, December 18, 2017 at Wymore City Cemetery, Wymore, Nebraska. Fond memories and words of comfort may be shared at:
www.CashattFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Events

DEC **Graveside Service**01:00PM

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Wymore City Cemetery

Wymore, NE, US

Comments



“ Tim and Kathy, Sybil, Ian and their families,

We just heard of Fritz's passing and we are so sorry but yet, we know that he and Pat are having a great time together now. They so enjoyed one another. Your parents were very kind to us when we moved to Rushville in 1987. They became surrogate grandparents to Brandi and especially, Brooke. Many hours were spent singly or in a group in the Clark tv room or out on the patio laughing, visiting and drinking lots of coffee. Francis Cottier would nearly always join us. Most mornings would find your dad on the front step smoking a cigarette with our cat sitting on his lap. Minutes later either Brooke or Bill would join him and the talking would begin. There wasn't anything Fritz couldn't fix or anything he was afraid of trying to fix. We both learned a lot from him - especially how to be a good neighbor and a good friend. Many tears were shed in our house when they moved "back" to Wymore.

And now, let your memories keep you smiling and know that your parents/grandparents have never been forgotten in our home. Blessings to you all always...

Sincerely,

Patti and Bill Dean

Patti and Bill Dean - December 16, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ Even though Fritz was my Uncle and we shared a number of times together, I never really got to know him until recently when he was a resident of Tabitha Home in Lincoln.

During our visits there I enjoyed learning about his life including his childhood, his careers, his time in the Navy and his retirement. Those were great conversations.

I was aware he served in the Navy but had no idea of the hardships he endured and the fact a number of his ships were attacked. He was a hero but never once spoke of it in the entire 55 years I've known him.

I'm grateful I was able to finally get to know him.

Rest in Peace Fritz.

Fred Stoll - December 13, 2017 at 02:38 PM



“ I work at the assisted living her was Living for a while. He was an amazing man and always thought of others before himself. He will always be remembered!



Alyssa Goncalves - December 09, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ Dear Tim and Kathy: fritz was such a great guy. He and dad spent many good times together. I remember him so well. Love and prayers to you and your family! Kathy Tiensvold Wolkow

Kathy Wolkow - December 07, 2017 at 10:07 PM



“ Tim & Kathy, & Family. So very sorry to hear about the passing of Fritz. Tim I sure had some very special times with your Dad, I can see him and Dad up in heaven discussing a golf game, or rolling dice, or doing something at the legion. May he Rest In Peace.
Dave & Ruby Tiensvold

Dave Tiensvold - December 07, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ Please know you and Tim will be in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss of a dad who led such a fulfilling life. Hugs

Goldie Arnold - December 07, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ Fritz and Pat were very faithful to The Morse Memorial United Methodist Church, while my Parents Served here in the 1960's and when I Served here in the 1980;s. Both Fritz and Pat encouraged each Pastor who Served the Rushville Church. We will long remember their involvement in our Community and our Church. We will continue to pray for the Clark Family, and extend our heartfelt condolences.



Pastor Al Trucano - December 06, 2017 at 11:45 PM