



## Richard "Dick" Allen Clark

September 23, 1946 - January 7, 2023

ADRIAN- Richard "Dick" Allen Clark, age 76, of Adrian passed away surrounded by his family on January 7, 2023.

He was born on September 23, 1946 to Rosa Bolin Clark and Elwood Clark in Adrian. Richard married Peggy Abner Clark on June 9, 1967. They were blessed with two children: Sarah and Andrew.

Richard graduated from Madison Schools where he was active in baseball and band. After high school, Richard attended Adrian College earning a degree in education. In addition, he procured a master's degree in English from the University of Michigan.

In 1968, Richard began his 33-year teaching career at Sand Creek Community Schools. He spent the majority of his career at Blissfield Community Schools where he touched the lives of many students in his English classroom, coached his favorite sport, baseball, and also coached football. He also spent many hours advocating for the rights of teachers as a contract negotiator for the Blissfield Education Association. After his retirement from Blissfield in 2001, Richard extended his career in education as a consultant for The LISD Tech Center and as the co-owner of Learning Works and Wonders Education Center (educational toy and teacher supply store) with his wife, Peggy.

Family was the most important thing in Richard's life. He chaperoned band camp with his daughter and Special Olympics with his son. Richard also became the caregiver to his mother, Rosa. He enjoyed many things including puns, dad jokes, a good corn dog, classical music, attending symphonies, and his cat, Mustard Seed.

Richard is survived by his wife, Peggy; and their children Sarah Clark and Andrew Clark. He was preceded in death by his father, Elwood Clark; mother, Rosa Bolin Clark Jenkins; her husband, William (Bill) Jenkins; brother, Gene Clark; and his best friend, Dr. Michael Pratt.

At Richard's request, cremation has taken place. A gathering to celebrate Richard's life will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Please come with your favorite memories of Dick.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or the Lenawee Humane Society.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

JAN 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Heritage Room at Wagley Funeral Home  
1501 West Maumee Street  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Dear, dear Mr. Clark.  
My favorite English teacher of all times. He is the reason I became an English teacher myself. I remember well his wisdom, his instruction, his passion for life, and his dry humor. Blessings to the family on your great loss. It is with great fondness that I remember our time together at Blissfield High School.

Amy (Smith) Beck

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amy Beck - February 22, 2023 at 10:23 AM

LT

“ Dick and his family were our next-door neighbors on West Maumee St. for a number of years. We soon became friends and have remained so, to this day. Our families shared Christmas breakfast and gift-giving at each other's homes until COVID came along. Dick's sense of humor fit me like a glove and we found things to chuckle about or roll on the floor if called for.

Our kids, their kids, our pets, their pets; they all were part of the life we were blessed to share as friends. Peggy's and the children's grief is our grief, as comes with most friendships throughout life. The children had such a great teacher, along with Peg, we have no doubt about their foundation for life. Our prayers for Dick and his family will find fruition in the promises of God, Who cannot lie. Rest in peace our friend, Lyle & Dora Teague

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Lyle & Dora Teague - January 28, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ Richard "Dick" Allen Clark

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Allen Clark.*



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January 27, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Bill Clark lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Clark*



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**Bill "Pat" Clark** - January 15, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ *We were very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. My wife, Julie and I were both teachers and we were like kids in a candy store when we visited the Learning Works and Wonders teachers store, I remember Dick would always show me their newest collection of hand held puppets, which I would purchase over the years and use in our school plays. Those puppets are now at the Acres Elementary school library being used by the various classrooms. Dick Clark was a very good man and we will miss him.*

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**Robert and Julie Pardee** - January 15, 2023 at 06:32 PM

CH

“ I have happy memories of Mr. Clark’s dad jokes, the smell of his pipe, classical music blasting while Sarah and I listened to Top 40s, teasing me about the boy next door, playing Winter Wonderland on the piano, and laughing with us at Pee-Wee’s Big Adventure. He was very kind and always welcoming when I’d visit. He wouldn’t let me buy anything in his store and then bought Alex a sweet gift.

May you rest in peace. 🙏💙

Sending our love to Mrs. Clark, Sarah and Andy.

Christina Howard (Pratt) and family

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**Christina Howard** - January 15, 2023 at 12:31 AM

SA

“ My sympathies to the Clark family. I have very fond memories of shopping at the store and chatting with the Clarks. I was so appreciative of the time and efforts they put into this wonderful shop.

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**Sue Allshouse** - January 14, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JT

“ I had Mr Clark 1973-74 he was a great teacher and had a smile that made the recipient feel good about himself. I don’t think that was by accident he was a very purposely thoughtful. I’m sure he will be missed and I was happy to know him!

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**John Tuckerman** - January 13, 2023 at 11:28 AM

BD

“ *Mr. Clark was a great teacher, I had him for Mythology at Blissfield. I used to talk quite a bit in class when I was not supposed to be talking and he would just stop and give me this stern look but he never had to say a word, I just knew that look. I enjoyed seeing him in the community after HS and always enjoyed talking to him. He was one of the kindest people I knew.*

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**Bonnie Duke** - January 11, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CU

*Peg, Sarah, and Andy.....  
I was so sorry to read that Dick died. I really enjoyed working with him as a parent of one of my students and the friendship continued over many years when I would stop into the store and buy my school supplies for each year.  
We would always chat about one thing or another and he was so happy to suggest items he thought I would like to have in my classroom. And, he was usually correct!!  
May you find peace in the coming months and enjoy the wonderful memories you have of Dick.  
Cindy Urash*

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**Cindy Urash** - January 13, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *I read and learned so many great things in his class. As I'm going through my memories of him I remember his habit of looking at one student, while talking to another. It was quirky and kind of uncomfortable, but it was uniquely Mr. Clark. I am saddened by his passing.*

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**Ray Pratt** - January 11, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ Mr. Clark was a great teacher and I was a horrible student. He woke me up one day in his class. He set a book down in front of me and told me to read him a paragraph. I did (to his shock) he said "I Don't Get It! You're Not Illiterate!" He went back to his desk shaking his head and I went back to sleep. I prioritized working after school over taking advantage of the great educational opportunity I was offered. He was a really funny guy and like I said A Great Teacher. I watched him inspire many students who valued their education. I wish I could say I was one of them. If it's any consolation Mr. Clark, I rather enjoy reading now as an adult and I never forgot you as the teacher who thought I was Illiterate.

*R.I.P. Mr. Clark*

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**Pedro Garza** - January 11, 2023 at 07:31 AM

PJ

“ Dick will be greatly missed💕 May his memories comfort you. Sending the family love.



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**Patti Steinem Jones** - January 11, 2023 at 07:24 AM

RW

*Great teacher. Great person. He made a mark on me and I'm sure many others. Godspeed, Mr. Clark*

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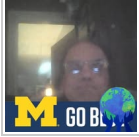
**Randy Weeber** - January 14, 2023 at 04:08 PM

TP

“ My absolute all-time favorite teacher, as well as my inspiration to study English and Education.

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**Tracy Papenhagen** - January 11, 2023 at 06:50 AM



“ Uncle Dick , i'm sad to see you go. R.I.P. you will be missed dearly. your nephew mike.



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**Mike Clark** - January 10, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“ Dick was the best next-door neighbor you could ever ask for. My husband Steve and Dick spent many evenings together chatting about life. Dick was always willing to help in any way possible. I am so sorry for your loss, Peggy, Sarah and Andrew.

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**Cheryl Watters** - January 10, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ Hugs to the family. He was an amazing person, loved talking to him! Great sense of humor... and so much more... he will be missed



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**Gabi & Barb** - January 10, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ Peggy, Sarah, and Andy, we are sad to hear about the death of our good friend, mentor, and teacher. Dick made a difference in our lives, both in the classroom and in the community. We have great memories of conversations at Meijer with Dick he was while shopping with Andy.

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**Stan and Alysia Masters** - January 10, 2023 at 05:32 PM

DI

*My sympathies go out to Dick,s wife and family sorry for your loss always enjoyed my time with Dick while we were both a Bissfield Schools*

**Dick Iottio** - January 11, 2023 at 12:26 PM

CW

*When I was a young elementary music teacher at Sand Creek, I trained the elementary students for Dick's production of "The Wizard of Oz". Then I accompanied on the piano for the performance. What a creative person! And super with the kids. It was a fun experience. Then later on, our own children were fortunate enough to have Mr. Clark as a teacher in Blissfield. He was a wonderful teacher.*

**Carole Warner** - January 11, 2023 at 06:15 PM

MP

*We were sorry to learn of Dick's death. We have great memories of sharing Project Bloom family potlucks with the Clarks. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories.*

**Mary Poore** - January 17, 2023 at 01:35 PM

RW

*I worked next to Dick at the tech center. He was a wonderful colleague and a joy know. Whether it was a Foghorn Leghorn impersonation, Badge you don't need no stinkin badge, he chose poooooorly, every day was a unique and great experience. My deepest sympathies to the family. I will cherish the memory of being with Dick. He was one of a kind.*

*Rich*

**Richard Wilkins** - January 21, 2023 at 07:27 PM

LC

*Peg, I was sorry to read about Dick's passing. Alot of great memories were created as my boss when I worked at Learning Works and Wonders. Take care of yourself.*

*Lana Callihan*

**LANA CALLIHAN** - January 24, 2023 at 12:34 PM