

## Dean Clark, 77

Dec. 5, 1930 - Aug. 3, 2008

**MENA, AR** – Dean Wandell Clark of Mena, AR, passed away Sunday, August 3, 2008 at his home at age 77 years 7 months and 29 days. He was born December 5, 1930 in Guthrie Center, IA. Dean was the son of the late Hobart Clark and the late Elnora Marie Flynn. Dean lived in Guthrie Center until the age of 9 before moving with the family to Bedford, IA. At the age of 17, Dean enlisted in the United States Air Force serving from 1947 until his retirement from Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, NE. After being honorably discharged, Dean returned to the Bedford area, sold insurance with his brother Shorty Clark and then enrolled into Northwest Missouri State University where he received his Master of Science in Education (teaching degree). After graduating, Dean began teaching Industrial Arts at Bedford High School. He taught for 21 years before retiring in 1992. During this time Dean also owned and operated the Sears store in Bedford for several years.



Dean was united in marriage to Sally Stoll on July 19, 1986 in Indianola, IA. Together they lived in Indianola and Harlan, IA before making their home in Mena, AR after their retirement. During their eleven years in Mena, both Dean and Sally volunteered countless hours teaching literacy classes. They then purchased the Curves Fitness Center Franchise in Mena which they still operate. Dean was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He enjoyed cooking with his pressure cooker, wood working, and spending time with his family and friends.

Dean's parents and one brother Howard Clark precede him in death. Survivors include his beloved wife Sally of the home; daughter Deana Marie Maxwell of Hollywood, FL; two step-sons Brad Bartlett of Gainesville, FL and Matt Bartlett of Iowa City, IA; two sisters, Maxine Wallace of Stuart, IA and Phyllis Clark of Johnston, IA; two grandchildren Gregory Maxwell of Albany, NY and Scott Maxwell of Hollywood, FL and a host of friends all of whom will miss him greatly.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 7, 2008 in the Mena Christ Episcopal Church with Father Jim Davis officiating. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery in Van Meter, IA with visitation prior to from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Johnson Family Funeral Home – Stuart, IA. Pastor Ernie Biaotto officiated the graveside service.

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