

# Raymond E Clark

December 1, 1927 - August 17, 2016

Duke Clark of Freeport, FL passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at home with loving family and friends nearby.

Born December 1, 1927 in Erwin, TN and reared in Maryland, Duke had been a local resident since 1953.

Duke was a proud member of The Greatest Generation, having served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific from 1944-1946, and in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-1970 retiring after a distinguished career as a Chief Master Sergeant.

After military service Duke spent 20 years as Director of Maintenance for the Okaloosa County School Board, a job he embraced fully making many lifelong friends.

After a second retirement Duke worked on his farm in Freeport and doted on his family.

Duke was preceded in death by his beloved son, Jonathan, in 1988 and by his mother and father, Lacy and Otto Clark and two sisters, Margaret and Patricia.

He is survived by his loving family, his wife of 62 years, Dorothy, Son, Matthew (Lorijo), Daughter, Lori Goodwin (Greg).

Six grandchildren who will serve as pallbearers Gabe Goodwin (Celeste), of Freeport, Cody Goodwin (Mary Ellen), of Nashville, TN, Morgan Goodwin of Freeport, Shana Clark of Niceville, Chandler Clark of Destin, and Jonathan Clark of Pensacola and two best buddy great grandsons, Grant and Davis Goodwin.

Also, a special brother and sister in law, William Frank and Peggy Davis.

In Maryland a brother, Bob Clark and an Uncle Scott Lark and many nieces and nephews.

Duke attended Freeport Presbyterian Church where his family has been embraced and comforted by his church family

A time of visitation will be held at Heritage Gardens Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday 19, 2016.

Honorary pallbearers will be:

Bill Holloway, George Gaspard, Dustin Roach, Roger Caudill, Frank Schissler, Kemp Caudill, and David Rhodes.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 20th at First



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Baptist Church in Niceville where Duke and Dorothy were married June 5, 1954. Pastor Gene Harris of Freeport Presbyterian will officiate.

Interment will follow at Early Cemetery beside his beloved son, Jonathan, with full military honors.