



Mr. Ernest Dale Clark

October 12, 1961 - January 6, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Barbara Jones Clark and her family announce the death of her beloved husband, Mr. Ernest Dale Clark, 64.

Mr. Clark entered into rest on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, surrounded by his family. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 3 o'clock on Saturday, January 10, 2026, in Cedar Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Jeff Williams will officiate, with burial to follow in Cedar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Memorials may be made in his honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or Society Hill Church of God, 378 Pressley Avenue, Society Hill, SC 29593.

Mr. Clark was born on Thursday, October 12, 1961, at Byerly Hospital in Hartsville, South Carolina. His birth was a joyous surprise for his family, as his parents did not know they were expecting twins until he arrived. He is the son of William Charles Clark and Doris Lee Freeman Clark.

After graduating from McBee High School in 1980, he began his career at A. O. Smith in McBee, SC. He retired after 41 years. Throughout his career, he made life-long friendships and traveled the world.

His life was one of love, kindness, and adventure. Dale was known for his generous spirit and active lifestyle. He loved being outdoors, especially with his father at Lakewood Camping Resort, fishing, hunting, traveling, gardening, woodworking, and spending time with his family and friends. He was a member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church.

Dale is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Jones Clark; sons, Robbie Clark (Rebecca) of Greenville, SC, Kevin Clark (Julie) of Conway, SC, Wade Horton of McBee, SC, and Blake Horton (Tristen) of McBee, SC; daughter-in-law, Susie Horton of Hartsville, SC; brother, Leon Clark (Teresa) of Hartsville, SC; sister, Gail Edwards (Will) of McBee, SC; grandchildren, Kerlton Horton, Nova Horton, Owen Clark, and Myles Clark; aunts, Brenda Freeman Winburn (Ernest), Dottie Clark Moore (Jimmy), and Jane Clark, all of Hartsville, SC; uncle, Terry Snipes of West Columbia, SC; nephew, Dustin Clark (Christy) of Hartsville, SC; nieces, Ashley Starling (Jon) of Hartsville, SC, Sharon Outlaw (David) of Bethune, SC, and Alyssa Clark (Bernie) of Hartsville, SC; special great-niece, Riley Flowers (Alicia and Glenn Mooneyham).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Clark; sister-in-law, Lori Dixon Clark; and niece, Tonya Clark.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

1601 Cedar Creek Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Creek Baptist Church
1635 Cedar Creek Rd.
Hartsville, SC

Visitation

JAN 10. 4:30 PM (ET)

Cedar Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
1635 Cedar Creek Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 08 at 04:34 PM

SC

*Dale you will be miss rest peace in heaven .we will pray for the family .
Sue carr*

Sue carr - January 08 at 11:26 PM

SS

*Teet and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. You all are in my prayers,
I love you.*

Sparkle Shoemake - January 10 at 10:45 AM

MM

*My deepest condolences. My heart breaks for your family and your AO
family has and will miss you so much. God be with us all ❤️*

Mary McPhail - January 10 at 06:53 PM

DS

*Words can't describe how much I miss you Dale I'm glad I got to call
you my friend....*

David sumner - January 11 at 01:58 PM



“ *Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Crystal Minnehan - January 10 at 01:21 PM

CW

“ *We all grew up together at Cedar Creek. I always enjoyed talking with Dale when I would see him out and about. Praying for you all.*



Cheryl J Winburn - January 10 at 12:13 PM

VS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to the family. May God give you strength and comfort at this time and in the days ahead.* 🙏



Vicky Nash Segars - January 10 at 10:11 AM

BM

“ *Billy And Jo-Ann Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews - January 10 at 07:08 AM

CB

“ Carol Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



carol beasley - January 09 at 04:18 PM

DS

“ To the family of Dale, I am so sorry to hear of Dale's Passing he was my supervisor at A.O Smith and a very sweet person. I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you comfort and peace that only he can give now and the days ahead. Cherish all the memories you have of him... RIP My Friend.



David & Gloria Shoemake - January 09 at 04:06 PM

RL

“ Rick Lowry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Rick Lowry - January 09 at 12:13 PM

EN

“ I am sorry to hear of Dale's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with and for the family. Earl Newman



earl newman - January 09 at 10:23 AM

MG

“ *Marlene G Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Marlene G Griggs - January 09 at 04:06 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Dale's passing, will be keeping the family in our prayers*

Dennis West - January 08 at 08:41 PM

AC

“ *Ann Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Ann Crowley - January 08 at 08:21 PM

CM

“ *Connie & Mark Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Connie & Mark Mixon - January 08 at 08:13 PM

PJ

“ *Perry James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Perry James - January 08 at 06:51 PM

KH

“ *Kathy And Leland Huggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Kathy and Leland Huggins - January 08 at 05:48 PM



“ *My condolences to the family* 🙏



Nathan Brown - January 08 at 05:39 PM

GG

“ *Geraldine Jordan Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Geraldine Jordan Griggs - January 08 at 04:58 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 08 at 04:31 PM

DP

“ Teet, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

Dana plummer - January 08 at 01:06 PM

TF

“ My heart goes out ti the Clark family at this time of loss. God bless you all. Maxine Haywood.



Tetesa Haywood Fisher - January 08 at 01:01 PM

MR

“ Prays for this family !!



Mike Rivers - January 08 at 12:28 PM

RS

“ RIP...Dale! Prayers for all the Family as you make preparations and continue in days ahead.



Ricky Sullivan - January 08 at 12:26 PM

SP

“ My deepest condolences.



Sandy, West Propane - January 08 at 12:13 PM

CH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers 🙏 are with you all.



Connie Smith Ham - January 08 at 11:19 AM

QB

“ Quincy & Wendy Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Quincy & Wendy Brown - January 08 at 10:45 AM

CC

“ *Christel Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Christel Copeland - January 08 at 10:07 AM

SM

“ *Teet and family we are so very sorry for your family's loss. He was such a good man, We are going to miss our friend. Thankful for all the memories we all made together. Know that we love y'all*



Stanley and Julie Potthoff & Mason - January 08 at 08:58 AM

MS

“ *sending prayers to Dale's family may he rest in peace now with Richard and the other family members that have gone on before him.*



Melissa D Spires - January 08 at 08:56 AM

JS

“ *My condolences to the family of Dale- I went to McBee High School (class of 1979) with him and he was just a prince of a guy. I'll be thinking of and praying for the family. Janie Hodges Smith*

Janie Smith - January 08 at 08:47 AM

BI

“ Bitsy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Bitsy - January 08 at 08:38 AM

RJ

“ Sorry to hear this news. Have known Dale at A.O. Smith since 1996. A very good person. Praying for his family.



Ronnie Johnson - January 08 at 08:30 AM

MT

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Mike really enjoyed working with Dale at AO Smith. Praying for all of Dale's family and friends. 🙏



Mike and Loretta Tiller - January 08 at 07:44 AM

RS

“ Ronnie Segars lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Ronnie Segars - January 08 at 07:34 AM

RJ

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for all the family!



Regina Jones - January 08 at 07:28 AM

DM

“ Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Doug and Scarlett Mason - January 08 at 06:29 AM

FW

“ May God's healing grace bring comfort and peace to the Clark family during this very painful time. Frank and Shirley Watts

Frank Watts - January 08 at 05:53 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss.



John Bass - January 08 at 05:40 AM

EG

“ *ELIZABETH GRIGGS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



ELIZABETH GRIGGS - January 08 at 04:30 AM

RD

“ *Praying for comfort and peace during this difficult time*



Rita Darnell - January 08 at 12:28 AM

AB

“ *Amy Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Amy Blackburn - January 08 at 12:26 AM

GM

“ *Dale was a nice person. He was always friendly.*



Glenda Mangum - January 07 at 11:39 PM

MG

“ *Marlene Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Marlene Griggs - January 07 at 10:35 PM

DP

My deepest condolences to the family we have had times at AO SMITH my supervisor 😭you're truly going to be missed Dale sleep in peace

Deloris Phillips - January 07 at 11:38 PM

LS

“ *Sending prayers for God's comfort. I'm so sorry.*



Louretta Smith - January 07 at 10:34 PM

JM

“ *Johnny McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Johnny McKenzie - January 07 at 10:32 PM

CH

“ *Christine Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Christine Huggins - January 07 at 10:17 PM

FG

“ *Frances Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Frances Griggs - January 07 at 10:01 PM

KM

“ *Prayers for family and friends. Dale will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him 🙏*



Kim McWhorter - January 07 at 09:56 PM

JT

“ *Barbara, you and the family have my sincere sympathy and prayers. It was so sad to hear*

Joy Johnson Thiele - January 07 at 09:04 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Capell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Sheila Capell - January 07 at 08:25 PM

DJ

“ *Prayers for the family during this difficult time,,,
So sorry 🙏🙏*



Dianne James - January 07 at 08:08 PM

LB

“ *Prayers for Dale's Family & Friends 🙏🙏🙏*



Laverne & Miriam Brown - January 07 at 08:01 PM

SB

“ *Family, So sorry for your loss. Bobby and Sandra Bennett*



Sandra Bennett - January 07 at 07:49 PM

SC

“ Stacey Gregory Catoe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Stacey Gregory Catoe - January 07 at 07:35 PM

DE

“ David Edenburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



David Edenburn - January 07 at 07:22 PM



“ Norma Jean Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Norma Jean Parker - January 07 at 07:20 PM

BK

“ Brian Knapko lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Brian Knapko - January 07 at 07:19 PM

JJ

“ *John Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



john johnson - January 07 at 07:17 PM

VB

“ *Vanessa Belvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Vanessa Belvin - January 07 at 07:05 PM

TR

“ *Dale was my supervisor and a good one for years at A.O.Smith, he very was dedicated to his job. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this difficult time. RIP Dale.*



Terese Riley - January 07 at 06:56 PM

FJ

“ *Prayers for the family.*

Faye Jackson - January 07 at 06:49 PM

DG

“ Duck and I are so very sorry to hear about Dale’s passing.
We will be praying that his sweet family find comfort and peace during this very difficult time.



Duck and Jean Gullede - January 07 at 06:42 PM

FH

“ Rest easy my friend and coworker

frank hoffman - January 07 at 06:39 PM

BJ

My thoughts and prayers are with the Clark family. May God give you strength during this time.

Bennie James - January 07 at 06:58 PM

PH

“ Rest easy my friend and coworker.

Paul Hoffman - January 07 at 06:38 PM

WH

“ Dale was my first supervisor at AO Smith. We worked well together.
May God be with the family during this difficult time

Willie Hudson - January 07 at 06:28 PM

MD

“ *Im so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family*



Margaret and David Dixon - January 07 at 06:25 PM

AH

“ *Dale was a member of our McBee High School Class of 1979. We all have fond memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of loss.*



Aaronda Horton - January 07 at 06:24 PM

PG

“ *Patty Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Patty Gainey - January 07 at 06:06 PM

JB

“ *O my this breaks my heart. I remember those days of going up and down the road with Kenny and Boyce. Leon and Dale was always with us and we all enjoyed eating, laughing and playing together. May God bless your family in the days and months ahead and keep you wrapped in his loving arms. Love in Christ.*

Janelle Teal and Walter Britt - January 07 at 06:02 PM

MR

“ *Marty Robbins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark*



Marty Robbins - January 07 at 06:01 PM

GP

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about sales passing. I've known him for many years and his brothers, he will be missed by so many friends. All my prayers to the family.*



Gene player - January 07 at 05:40 PM

EG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

Earl and Jennifer Gainey



Earl Gainey - January 07 at 05:38 PM

KS

“ *Prayers for the family 🙏*

Kimberly Simmons - January 07 at 05:34 PM

RM

“ Robert & Lisa McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Robert & Lisa McKenzie - January 07 at 05:33 PM

WG

“ Wilford Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Wilford Griggs - January 07 at 05:30 PM

DS

“ Dawn Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



Dawn Sanders - January 07 at 05:22 PM

GK

“ George Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



George Kelly - January 07 at 05:15 PM

CN

“ Sorry to hear of Dale. A good friend who I worked with at AO Smith. Praying for the Family during this time. RIP my friend



Chris and Rhonda Norton - January 07 at 05:14 PM

LR

“ Prayers for peace and comfort at this time. Thought the world of Dale.

Linda Riley - January 07 at 05:10 PM

GV

“ To Dale's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I worked for Dale at AOSMITH for many years. So sad that he didn't get enough time to enjoy his retirement, you are in my thoughts and prayers today and the days ahead



Gary Vann - January 07 at 05:01 PM

DC

“ DeeDee Chisholm lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Dale Clark



DeeDee Chisholm - January 07 at 04:49 PM



Rip ole son

Bradley Easterling - January 08 at 02:27 AM



Rip ole son

Bradley Easterling - January 08 at 02:28 AM

BJ

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Dale. May the Lord continue to strengthen the Clark family now and in the days ahead. Blessings and peace!

Bennie James - January 09 at 02:31 PM