



Mr. Eugene Raine Clark Jr.

November 5, 1925 - May 30, 2020

CLARK, Eugene Raine, Jr. – The family of Eugene R. Clark, Jr. mourns the death of our much beloved father, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather on May 30 at the age of 94. An Albany native, Genie was born on November 5, 1925 to Eugene R. Clark, Sr. and Eileen Hope Clark. He grew up with a large extended family and many friends who provided him with deep ties to this area for which he held an abiding love all his life. After graduating Albany High School, he attended the Citadel in Charleston for one year, but as soon as he could legally do so, he enlisted in the Army to fight in the final year of World War II. At the young age of 18, he was assigned to the 330th bomber group as a top gunner on a B-29 where he completed over 16 missions in the Pacific. Sustained by his sense of duty and love of country, he was a prime example of “the greatest generation.” Returning home after the war, he enrolled at Georgia Tech where he graduated from the school of industrial engineering. Shortly afterward he married his adored high school sweetheart, Rosalie Brown, with whom he made a happy home until her passing in 2003. In 1950 he joined the F.B.I. and was posted first to Philadelphia, then to New York City. But Genie and Rosalie felt the pull of home and in 1956 returned to Albany, where he established Clark Brothers Warehouses, along with his late older brother, Chet, and his younger brother Jesse. Genie worked hard to create a successful business, simultaneously developing a reputation for honesty and integrity while becoming a community leader as a member of the

city's Water, Light, and Gas Commission, a board member of the First State Bank, and an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Kiwanis Club. In 1970 he was elected Mayor of Albany to fill out the term of deceased mayor Motie Wiggins, and then re-elected for a full term until 1973. Despite the urgings of colleagues, he did not want to pursue a political career, and returned to the business world.

He is survived by his daughter Lisa and son-in-law Walter W. Kelley, Sr. of Albany, his son Peter and son-in-law Jonathan Rosenbloom of New York, his brother Jesse of Land of Lakes, Fla., his grandchildren Kathleen and her husband Marbury McCullough, and Walter W. Kelley, Jr. and his wife Maggie, both of Birmingham, Ala., and four great-grandchildren, William and Caroline McCullough, and Clark and Rosie Kelley.

The legacy Genie leaves is one of patriotism, civic pride, devotion to family and friends, belief in justice and fairness, and gratitude and humility for the bounteous blessings of our lives. We are profoundly thankful to have had Genie with us for so long, and we are immensely proud of the example he set for us and for succeeding generations. He lives on in our hearts, minds, and spirits.

The family also wishes to express our profound thanks to the devoted caregivers, Ozzie Armstrong, Margaret Bobb, Ann Gulley, and Gloria Seay, whose professionalism and personal warmth made the last months of his life as comfortable as possible.

The family will be having a private burial with a memorial service held at later date.

You may sign our online guestbook and share your own special thoughts with the family of Mr. Clark by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Eugene Raine Clark Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Mr. Eugene Raine Clark Jr.*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I first met Gene & Chet in 1967 at their warehouse. What began as business quickly grew to be a great friendship. It's many years now but I often think of Gene, he was just one of those people that you always looked forward to seeing. My condolences to the family.*

RIP: Mr Eugene Clark

Gordon Hall Kimberly-Clark Corp / retired

Lake Park, GA

Gordon Hall - September 19, 2020 at 07:16 AM

BL

“ Lisa ,Walter and family,we were so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a wonderful person,always kind and cheerful. Albany will miss him.

Bill Landau - June 10, 2020 at 07:51 AM

DL

“ Deane Lamb-Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Raine Clark Jr.



Deane Lamb-Ellis - June 06, 2020 at 06:06 PM

PM

“ Lisa and Walter:
I was so sad to learn of Genie's death. He was such an amazing guy, who made a huge difference in so many ways. His civic responsibility, his love for his precious family, his accomplishments in several careers, and his dedication to everything he cared about.
Albany has lost a true leader in Eugene Clark and we will all miss him.
Our love and condolences to you and your precious family.

Patsy Martin - June 05, 2020 at 05:15 PM

AJ

“ Walter and Lisa, So sorry for your loss! He will be missed by many!
Anne Munde Jones

Anne Munde Jones - June 04, 2020 at 02:24 PM

BR

“ Genie was a regular "fixture" at Uncle Wade's "Cold Duckfests" on Thanksgiving morning. He was an absolute joy to be around. When my daughter Elizabeth was born he and Chet gave us a supply of diapers that had been abandoned at the their warehouse. We didn't have to buy a single diaper the entire time she was a baby. I can hear his laugh now and see his broad smile. I will miss him but delight in thought of Rosalee and him being together again.

Bill Russell - June 04, 2020 at 11:49 AM

HB

“ Lisa and Walter, Kay and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family in the loss of Eugene. May God strengthen and sustain you at this difficult time.

Hilliard and Kay

Hilliard P. Burt - June 04, 2020 at 10:49 AM

HD

“ I've always been a big admirer of Genie, both from a personal and business standpoint. Always so cordial and congenial, we spent many days chatting at the YMCA and at our time spent together at First State Bank, where he was a Board member.. A friend of my father's as well as mine, we'll miss him.

Henry C. Duggan,III

Henry C. Duggan,III - June 04, 2020 at 06:03 AM

DB

“ Sorry for your loss your father was a true gentleman and a pleasure to know

Don Butts - June 03, 2020 at 11:00 PM

RW

“ Lisa and family - so sorry for your loss but we cherish the many great memories of Genie and that smiling face. He was like an extra granddad to our girls - especially Kathryn. What a kind and likeable gentleman! Prayers are with you all. Susan & Randy Wages

Randy Wages - June 03, 2020 at 03:16 PM

KS

“ Sympathy and prayers to Lisa and her family. I am so sorry for your loss.



Kim Spicer - June 03, 2020 at 12:40 PM

CH

“ So sorry to lose this wonderful man! So kind, fair and intelligent. Love to Lisa and family.

carolyn hatcher - June 03, 2020 at 11:23 AM

CH

“ Carolyn Hatchet lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Raine Clark Jr.



carolyn hatchet - June 03, 2020 at 11:16 AM

LW

“ *Lee & Freda Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Raine Clark Jr.*



Lee & Freda Wiggins - June 02, 2020 at 10:20 PM

LW

Thank you for the many years we have lived in your apartment. You was always so good to us. Thoughts and prayers for your family.

Lee & Freda Wiggins - June 02, 2020 at 10:22 PM

LP

“ *We will all miss our friend and Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County member Genie Clark. Such a true southern gentleman always with a heart of serving to our community and to his fellow man. Thanks Genie for your patriotic example as you mentored others to make City of Albany indeed to be the Good Life City. God bless family and friends. Larry Price*

Larry Price - June 02, 2020 at 09:16 PM

SP

“ *Carlos's and I send our condolences to each of you. Genie was such a gracious southern gentleman. We remember him fondly as Marianne's companion. Prayers for all. Carlos and Sheila Phillips*

Shila Phillips - June 02, 2020 at 08:11 PM

DH

“ *Love and prayers to Lisa and family. Genie Clark was a well respected member of our community and of the Saint Paul's church family.*

Debbie Hambley - June 02, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ *A great man and a great Kiwanian. I had the pleasure of having lunch with him many times over the years and seeing what a true gentleman and great Patriot he really was. We will all miss Genie Clark. Mike Elder*

Michael Elder - June 02, 2020 at 12:37 PM

AO

“ *Have some great memories of delivering meals on wheels with him... He would tell me all about old Albany.... Ann McMath-Owen*

Ann Owen - June 02, 2020 at 10:19 AM

SB

“ *I am sorry for your loss. He was such a great and generous man. I remember him always having kind words and wisdom. A great role model.*

Steve Byrne - June 02, 2020 at 08:49 AM

TP

“ *So sorry for your loss ! I remember him as Albany's Mayor and he was the best! His love for Albany was admirable in every way and it was some of Albany's best days! God bless and comfort his family and friends! 🙏*

Tommy Powell - June 01, 2020 at 09:01 PM

FC

“ *We loved Genie, and are so very thankful for the happy times we shared with him over the years. He was a special friend to all of the Marburys.*

Felix and Carol - June 01, 2020 at 07:07 PM

NR

“ Thinking of you Lisa!
Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer - June 01, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DC

“ Peter and Lisa, I am so sorry to hear this news. I'll always have fond memories of our beach trips when we were children. You dad was a very fine man. So sorry for your loss.

Debbie Cothren - June 01, 2020 at 03:42 PM

SS

“ Peter, Lisa, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'm holding you both close in my heart.
Susan Dowdell Smith

Susan Dowdell Smith - June 01, 2020 at 02:00 PM