



John Michael Clark

March 17, 1952 - October 2, 2021

John Michael Clark (Mike - Uncle Spike) Clark, passed away at his home in Albany, GA on October 2, 2021 at the age of 69. He was born on March 17, 1952 in Shreveport, LA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Charles Clark, Jr. and Marilyn Riley Clark and his sister, Melanie Lee Clark Andrews.

Mike graduated from Louisiana Tech in 1974, Bachelor of Fine Arts. He started his career in advertising but soon found his passion for art in television graphics where he worked at WBRZ in Baton Rouge, LA for 25 plus years. In 1988, he met the love of his life, Bonnie Bradshaw Clark. They moved from Baton Rouge to New York, where Mike accepted a job with Chyron Graphics. He was the product manager with the INFINIT! line of graphics equipment, which are still an industry standard.

In 1996, he was offered a job as the Lead Graphics Designer for Fox News.

He was instrumental in creating graphics that are still used today on-air.

Mike worked graphics on the 1992 Olympics Albertville, France. He produced graphics for X-games, the Emmys, Tony Awards, the Grammy Awards, the Country Music Awards, the Olympics in Spain and Atlanta. He was instrumental in the process of bringing MTV Japan on-air.

He received an Emmy award for his design of the graphics manual used at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and received a nomination for his design work for Fox News. In 1999.

By far, his greatest achievement was his family. He loved them with all his heart

and soul.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Bonnie Bradshaw Clark, his daughter, Heather Lynn Hicks Spence (Mike), his son, Jake Clark, two granddaughters, Jocelynn Marie Spence and Brooklynn Kennedy Spence. His twin brother, William Charles Clark, III (Ellen), a sister, Doris Parmer Clark, and nephew Luke Parmer.

A memorial service will be held at Kimbrell-Stern on Friday, October 8th at 11:00 am. Family visitation will be at 10:00 am.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Memorial Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ DeLora Rogers lit a candle in memory of John Michael Clark



DeLora Rogers - October 19, 2021 at 04:05 PM

SM

“ Mike, Bill and I grew up in Shreveport and became friends in highschool. After graduation we all went to Louisiana Tech. Bill and I were roommates our freshman year and Mike and I were roommates our senior year.

Mike and I had totally different personalities. I am quite and reserved and Mike could be loud and gregarious. Mike was able to get me try new things and expand my outlook on life. I will always be grateful for that.

Mike was a very talented artist. I was able to see his early work at his studio on campus. He would bring peices home to our apartment. I still have some of his drawings and paintings.

Our life paths took different directions, but we always remained friends. When we talked we would immediately go back to the friendship of our youth. I will miss those conversations.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Steve Middleton

Steve Middleton - October 15, 2021 at 03:33 PM

DA

“ We met Mike and Bonnie back when we were playing Couples Golf at Grand Island Golf Course. They were the first couple that we met, and we fell in love with them immediately. Both Mike and Bonnie were so genuine, unfiltered and fun... and we just loved them. In five minutes, you could have more fun with Mike Clark than you would have, spending all day at an amusement park. With Mike... there were always hugs, good times and laughter. On Facebook, I always enjoyed watching Mike's art creations come to life. He could bring a canvas to life with his vibrant colors. Mike, our dear friend.. you will be so greatly missed by friends and family. Taken from us, way too soon... You will never be forgotten. Our deepest condolences to Bonnie and the rest of the family. Love Ya Bonster.
Deb and Floyd

Ded Allen - October 08, 2021 at 07:53 AM

DL

“ Mike,
My crazy,quirky,artistic,intellectual friend. You will be missed by many.
You were Bonnie's Clyde, her partner in everything. I will miss you my friend...
I will not say goodbye, just this....Love Ya and See you when I see you.

Deborah Langford - October 07, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ "Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of John Michael Clark.



October 07, 2021 at 12:26 PM

RR

“ Goodbye Best Friend...I dearly miss you.
Love from the Rouse House

Rodney Rouse - October 07, 2021 at 07:32 AM

MD

“ He was one of a kind. I know I am lucky to have had him in my life,
even if not for long enough. Rest In Peace my dear friend ❤️

Mary Driscoll - October 06, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family
of John Michael Clark.



October 06, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of
John Michael Clark.



October 05, 2021 at 02:17 AM

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“Desi” - William T Arnaiz purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of John Michael Clark.



“Desi” - William T Arnaiz - October 05, 2021 at 02:12 AM



“Enchanted Cottage” was purchased for the family of John Michael Clark.



October 05, 2021 at 12:04 AM



“Arrive in Style” was purchased for the family of John Michael Clark.



October 04, 2021 at 02:42 PM

GB

“Gary Cascio and Bryan Brown purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Michael Clark.



Gary Cascio and Bryan Brown - October 04, 2021 at 02:33 PM

GC

“ Having known Mike since high school I can say without hesitation he was one of the true forces of life.

There's a lot of wild and crazy stories that can be told about him (Mike up a tree at a schoolyard and then walking back to the dorm in cowboy boots comes to mind) but the problem is, there will be no more stories. And that breaks my heart.

Losing Mike is a pain that is close and hurts deep. Life will never be as colorful or fun without him.

In college and after I always thought of Mike when I read this quote...

“We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold. I remember saying something like "I feel a bit lightheaded; maybe you should drive...." And suddenly there was a terrible roar all around us and the sky was full of what looked like huge bats, all swooping and screeching and diving around the car, which was going about a hundred miles an hour with the top down to Las Vegas.”

All I can say now is, "Mike, I feel a bit lightheaded; maybe you should drive...."

To Bonnie, Bill, Doris and the rest of the Clark family please know Mike's loss hurts a lot of folks today. Much love to you all.



Gary Cascio - October 04, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Michael Clark.*



October 04, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Michael Clark.*



October 03, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Mike Clark was a Genius with a practical side. He had an announcers voice with warm blended Louisiana and International accent. If anything, he was too generous (most of the time) sharing his great creative ideas. His Emmy and awards sat on a not too obvious shelf, but he did nod ownership leaving off any self praise..*

His health in recent years was limiting, and he fought to maintain his active life style as long as he could. He had wonderful canine and family support.

Albany does have people with various talents, but Mike had multiple ones.. His illness and death is a loss to the community.

Elizabeth Chairman - October 03, 2021 at 07:32 PM



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Elizabeth Champion - October 03, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of John Michael Clark.



October 03, 2021 at 12:48 PM