



## Mr. Philip James Clark III

October 3, 1931 - September 14, 2018

Philip James Clark died peacefully on September 14, 2018. He was living in Nashville, Tennessee with his children. He is survived by his son, Philip N. Clark (Kimberly), his daughter, Lyn Clark McRainey, and brothers Jerry Clark and Jackie Clark (Harriet). A special acknowledgement goes to Philip's best friend, Mike Givens, who stood faithfully by his friend with a vanilla milkshake at the ready. Philip's grandchildren are Hannah Clark, Hayes Roberts (Amy), Walter Roberts (Kelly), and Delaney Roberts. Philip is predeceased by his parents, Philip J. Clark, Jr. and Winnie C. Clark, his brother Cleve Clark, and his daughter, Kelly Clark Stanland.

Philip was born in Albany, Georgia on 10-3-1931 and graduated from Albany High School in 1950. He started his baseball career in 1951 with the Albany Cardinals. He was in the Navy during the Korean War and then played for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1958-59. He ended his professional baseball career with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1960 and returned to Albany, where he was a coach, a teacher, and an assistant principal from 1960 through 1988. He is remembered by many as "Coach," and over the years, he was loved by many students who went to public schools in Dougherty County.

Visitation with the family will take place on Friday, September 21 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home at 1503 Dawson Road, Albany, Georgia, 31707. Coach Clark's funeral will take place on Saturday,

September 22, at 11:00 a.m. at Kimbrell-Stern with burial to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery at 1907 Dawson Road, Albany, 31707. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Peterson's Foundation for Parkinson's at 4205 Hillsboro Road, Suite 307, Nashville, Tennessee 37215. Please indicate Rock Steady Boxing on the "for" line.

To share your thoughts with the Clark family you may visit our website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **21**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern  
1503 Dawson Road  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-4152  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

## Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Philip James Clark III*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Philip James Clark III*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Condolences and prayers to Coach Clark's family. Coach has been a part of my entire life. Always a big grin and hardy laugh. He was always respected and loved by the Field Family. We will keep y'all in our prayers. Warren, Connie, Blake and Lindsay Field*



**Warren P Field** - September 20, 2018 at 10:59 PM



“ *i GRADUATED WITH PHILIP IN 1950 AND REMEMBER SO WELL - WITH WARMTH AND AFFECTION - OUR TIME TOGETHER IN SCHOOL.i FOLLOWED HIS CAREER WITH THE CARDINALS EVEN AFTER I MOVED TO COLORADO. I HAD A DELIGHTFUL VISIT WITH HIM AT OUR '60th (I THINK) REUNION AND TALKED ABOUT HIS PITCHING DUELS WITH THE GUY FROM THOMASTON. HE WAS A GREAT GUY AND WE'LL MISS HIM. IN CHRIST'S LOVE,  
JIM CALHOUN*

**Jim Calhoun** - September 20, 2018 at 02:13 PM

PM

“ Dear Jerry and Jackie,

*I am so sorry to learn of Phillip's death. I went to college in Nashville and lived there two years after graduation before moving back to Albany in 1961. I got to know Phillip well when I worked as Sports Editor of The Albany Herald. I followed his major league career with the Cardinals. We shared many wonderful conversations then and afterwards when he retired to coach and teach. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. He was a fine gentleman. The Clark brothers will always be special to me.*  
*Paul McCorveyl*

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**Paul McCorvey** - September 20, 2018 at 09:35 AM

RH

“ Coach Clark was my PE coach at Merry Acers Middle School from the seventh thru ninth grade He was a great guy a friend and a few times I had to get a few corrective swings of his leather strap. It did me good and we would joke about it the next day. One of my most favorite teachers through all the years of school. Great man.

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**Richard Hambric** - September 19, 2018 at 08:25 PM

JW

“ I was a fan of the Albany Cardinals especially Phillip. Most of them hung out at Radium Springs and were very friendly with the locals, especially Phillip since he knew a lot of us. Recently, I found out he was at a local nursing home recuperating from a surgery or illness. I was able to talk old times with him several times. A blessing for me.

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**Julian D. Whiting** - September 19, 2018 at 07:15 PM

ML

“ Have had many memories of Philip through the years especially of playing basketball together. Wish I had known he was in Nashville. We could have visited and shared a few lies.

*Mack Lipsey  
Class of 1950*

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**Mack Lipsey** - September 19, 2018 at 04:17 PM

PL

“ I'll never forget Coach Clark. What a likable guy. He never had a big head regarding his time in the Big Leagues. Always had a smile and a twinkle in the eye.

*Phil Lanier*

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**Phil Lanier** - September 19, 2018 at 02:18 PM

MS

“ Sorry to see this. Great memories of Coach Clark from Merry Acres and growing up with Neal. I'm in the Nashville area now as well. Maybe we can catch up sometime.

*Mel Stripling*

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**Mel Stripling** - September 19, 2018 at 01:41 PM

CD

“ Had the pleasure of having Coach Clark as my Albany High baseball coach in the mid 1960's. Sincere sympathy to the family and God bless...R.I.P. Coach.

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**Cal Duke** - September 19, 2018 at 11:23 AM

CA

“ *Mr. Clark led a storied life. I'm so glad he was close by with loved family in his last months. Lyn and Phil and the rest of your family, sending you hugs.-- Caryll*

**Caryll** - September 19, 2018 at 10:29 AM

BE

“ *It was my great fortune to meet Coach this year. He loved his kids, and it was so sweet to him adore his eldest child. How wonderful to see paternal love endure over decades, through adversity. The students in Albany were lucky to have a Coach like him. Condolences to his family and friends.*

**Beverly** - September 19, 2018 at 09:19 AM

BI

“ *I will miss the man who struck out Willie Mays in three pitches! He was a caring father, a beloved teacher and administrator who had a brief but spectacular pro baseball career. Blessings, "Doc" Clark.*

**Barbara Ide** - September 19, 2018 at 07:11 AM

RK

*So sorry to hear Phillip passed away. R.I.P. my friend. I remember when he played baseball for my dad, "The Hancock Butchers" in Albany, the early 1950's, he went pro after that. Phillip was a fine man..*

**Rose Hancock Kemp** - September 19, 2018 at 04:42 PM

AC

*I remember Coach Clark well. Coached me at East Dougherty Jr. High Great guy. Learned a lot from him.*

**Andy Cyganiewicz** - September 19, 2018 at 05:17 PM

HM

*His was a life well lived. He will be missed!*

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**Hedy Morrison** - September 19, 2018 at 10:38 PM

RB

*Coach Clark had a profound impact on my life . As an emotionally fragile eighth grader at Merry Acres after a very close game in which we lost to Albany jr. ruining our undefeated season. I missed the last pas of the game and the coach of that team berated me in front of everyone. I was overcome with pain upset and crying walking back across that long field toward the gym. Coach Clark came and put his arm around me and walked with me the whole way encouraging me in that soothing way he could. I will never forget him. Rest In Peace Coach Clark.*

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**Reid Baynard** - September 21, 2018 at 09:08 PM