



Gregory Lee Clark

April 4, 2024

Gregory Lee Clark, age 77, died peacefully on April 4, 2024 after a five year journey with ALS. He travelled that journey with courage, persistence, and humor accompanied by his wife, Joyce.

Greg was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and grew up in Lisbon, IA. He attended Lisbon public schools through high school then graduated from Drake University with a BA in music education. Greg taught music in the Carlisle, IA public schools until he was drafted into the US Army in 1970. Greg served in Savannah, GA and Vietnam.

After an honorable discharge from the army, Greg moved to CT where he apprenticed and became a skilled carpenter/craftsman. Greg continued his interest in music, singing with choirs and choral groups in CT. Greg was the soloist/section leader at the Universalist Church of West Hartford for many years. Most recently he enjoyed singing with the choral group Gaudeamus.

Gregory enjoyed hiking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. With his wife Joyce, he climbed twenty 4000 footers and stayed in most of the Appalachian Mountain Club's High Huts.

Greg was a kind, intelligent, skilled, patient, funny, helpful person who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Greg was predeceased by his parents Donald Dean Clark and Ruth (Ditch) Clark and his brother Gary Dean Clark. Greg is survived by his wife of 29 years, Joyce Rondino Clark, sister Nancy (Clark) Salter, PhD., brother Alan Ray Clark and Alan's partner Billie Helms. Also survived by nephews David Clark and Jesse Salter and Jesse's family, wife Kristen, children Luke and Lila.

Greg and Joyce would like to thank the ALS Teams at Hospital for Special Care and at the West Haven VA Hospital for their excellent care. Thank you also to CNA caregivers and to wonderful friends, neighbors for loving support. Thank you to the staff of ALS United CT for information, advocacy, and spirit lifting support groups.

A memorial service will be held at the Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern St West Hartford, CT on May 2, at 3 pm.

Donations may be made in Greg's memory to ALS United CT, 4 Oxford Rd., Suite E4, Milford, CT 06460
ALSUnitedCT.org.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Universalist Church
433 Fern St.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I will always fondly remember attending Christmas concerts given by Greg's choral group *Gaudeamus* in an old church in Hartford. The church was an old brownstone building almost directly opposite to where G. Fox and Sage Allen used to be. After the concert Greg, Joyce, myself and maybe a few others would enjoy an excellent dinner at a restaurant in Hartford.

In addition to the music, a jolly rotund fellow named John with an excellent voice would say a few (maybe a lot more!) words. He was somehow able to get recipes for Christmas dinners prepared in the Middle Ages. He would name the ingredients and the method used to cook these ingredients. This would usually draw a few laughs from the audience since no one was familiar with any of the ingredients or the methods of cooking.

Steve Braciak

Steve Braciak - April 23, 2024 at 01:18 PM

SB

“ Dear Joyce, so very sorry to read of your loss. Greg was such a sweet, lovely man. Remember having such wonderful conversations with him at *Bookworm* in *W.H.Center*. Peace and Hugs, Sarah Bedell

Sarah Bedell - April 14, 2024 at 01:20 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Don Swanson - April 13, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MM

Gregory was a wonderful person to work with. There was never a dull moment with him. You couldn't help laughing when you were around Gregory because he likes to give jokes. Gregory always look at life in a positive way no matter what he was going through. He is sadly missed. My condolences to his wife Joyce for her loss. I pray her strength will be renewed each day .

Maria May - April 26, 2024 at 11:16 AM

KP

“ Dear Joyce-
Sending much love and comforting hugs your way. So so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your loving devotion to Greg during the past few years is remarkable and inspirational to many who are challenged by this horrible disease. RIP Greg!

Kathy Przywara

Kathy Przywara - April 12, 2024 at 03:23 PM

DS

Dear Joyce, My condolences. I met Greg at Massachusetts Men's Gathering and he was a integral part of the group for years. He will be missed. I shared a photo taken there.

Don Swanson - April 13, 2024 at 11:22 AM

SG

Ohh wow, just ohh wow! Greg is one-of-a-kind! A lion hearted giant, gentle, patient, confident and generous. A memory: dependably, Greg would show up at Massachusetts men's gathering with sheet music welcoming men who love singing together and men who never had, confident that with a couple of rehearsals we would bless the sox off the larger audience during the talent show. His confident faith in his fellow man begot confidence in each of us. I'm holding back tears now remembering those moving experiences.

I was honored that Greg and Joyce drove up from West Hartford to Sterling, MA for my 70th birthday. Upon learning that Greg passed over, I found that gift a picture of bass singing with a funny inscription, set it up on the table and spent several minutes honoring this giant of a human being. I feel blessed to have known him and I'm sending my sincere desire for comfort and peace to you Joyce and the rest of the family.

samuel gloyd - April 13, 2024 at 05:23 PM

EB

My sincere condolences to you Joyce and your family, Greg was an amazing person who never complained about anything a very patient teacher who would tell you every step of his daily routine, he was a wonderful client and will surely be missed

Ellen Buchanan - April 14, 2024 at 08:41 AM

CP

Greg was such a kind a gentle man who put up a valiant fight against that horrible disease. And you were always by his side, Joyce, doing all you could to make his life happy and fulfilling. We hope that Greg is finally resting in peace and that you are comforted by all the wonderful memories that the two of you made together.

Chris & Tom Parker

Chris & Tom Parker - April 22, 2024 at 09:11 AM

LF

Love to you Joyce and condolences to all the family. Greg helped me build a chicken coop that continues to get good use. A great colleague in singing and in person

Louise Fauteux - April 27, 2025 at 06:06 AM