

Richard M. "Dick" Clark, 86

Sept. 19, 1930 - Sept. 10, 2017



MANILLA – Richard Milo, son of Milo B. and Helen E. (Lichty) Clark, was born September 19, 1930, in Harlan. He grew up on a farm near Botna. Dick was a 1949 graduate of Manning High School and attended Iowa State College for two years. From September of 1952 to September of 1954, Dick served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, attaining the rank of Corporal. He was assigned to cooking school at Ft. Sam Houston, TX and then

served as Assistant Mess Sergeant in the Officers' Club at Ft. Bliss, TX.

On December 31, 1952, Dick was united in marriage with Laura Lavonne Shinn in Las Cruces, NM. Three sons were born to this union. Upon his return from the service, Dick and Lavonne farmed near Botna. He was a lifelong lover of beef and dairy cattle. In 1946, 1948 and 1950, Dick had the Shelby County Grand Champion Steer. He was active in 4-H, serving as Shelby County 4-H president in 1949 and 1950. During this time, he also had the Champion Heavyweight Steer at Ak-Sar-Ben. Dick was a longtime member and director of the Western Iowa Preconditioned Cattle Feeders Organization. He was very active in several church offices as a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church in Manilla. Dick was also the life-long last host of the Clark-Duvall family reunion at his farm every year; this was his most enjoyable event.

In July of 2016, Dick became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. On Sunday September 10, 2017, he passed away at Manning Regional Healthcare Center in Manning. He was 86 years, 11 months and 22 days of age.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lavonne Clark of Manning; sons: Dick Clark and wife Angel of Creston; Dan Clark of Manilla; and Joe Clark and wife Nancy of LaCrosse, WI; grandchildren: Sean Clark and wife Robin; Sonny Clark and wife Angel; Haley, Brianna, and Kendra Clark; great-grandchildren Madison, Noah, Summer and Mason; step great-grandchildren Jackson and Rylie; a sister Sue Ann Duvall of Des Moines; a brother Lynn Clark and wife Laveda of West Monroe, LA; a sister-in-law Marge Zahrobsky of Fort Dodge; and a brother-in-law Dick Shinn of Erie, CO.

A funeral service was held September 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Church of Manilla with Rev. Vicki Fisher officiating. Honorary casketbearers were Mel Clothier, Lynn Clark, Jay Miller, Kendra Clark, Brianna Clark, Madison Clark, Noah Clark, Summer Clark, Mason Clark and James Rushing. Casketbearers were Sean Clark, Sonny Clark, Jon Duvall, Bradd Duvall, Jim Clark, and Haley Clark.

Interment in Nishnabotna Cemetery in Manilla with military honors was provided by V.F.W. Post 3517, American Legion Post 22, and the U.S. Army Honor Guard.

Ohde Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at ohdefuneralhome.com

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