

James F. Clark Sr.

James F. Clark Sr., 78, of Canterbury, husband of Carol A. Kent, died suddenly on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Jim was a Christmas baby and proud of it. He was born on Dec. 25, 1938 in St. Stephen, Canada – his mother choosing to cross the border from Calais, Maine where he was raised, to give birth - an oft repeated story Jim liked to tell along with his many other stories.

Jim had three children, Jim Jr. (fiancée, Amy Littlefield) and grandchildren, Bryan Gordon and Rachel, Danielle and Dylan Clark; Mary Jane Murphy (husband, David) and grandchildren, Devlin Dorval (partner, Kim and great-grandchild, Madison) and Samantha and Colin Murphy; and David (spouse, Lyn and son, Nathan) and his stepchildren, Todd Doolittle and Tracy Doolittle (grandson, Jake).

He was the first born of Frank and Doris (Hammond) Clark. Brothers and sisters to follow included: Ruth Baldwin of Pittsfield, Mass., Janet Moulton of Windham, Maine (spouse, Joseph), Barbara Ouelette of Pembroke, N.H. (spouse, Leo), Larry Clark of Calais, Maine (spouse, Shirley), Nancy Dennet of South Berwick, Maine, (spouse, John) and Donald Clark of Point Kittery, Maine (partner, Susan MacNicholl). He also had many nieces and nephews. Family reunions, initiated by Jim, were large and important affairs.

Jim and Carol, wife of 25 years, have lived in Canterbury for the past 27 years -a town where Jim served on the Planning and Zoning Board, the CERT Team and Democratic Town Committee. He was also a board member of United Services, Inc. and board member of Trout Unlimited, Thames Valley Chapter. An important part of his life was the Rotary Club of Mystic for which he was past president, Paul Harris Fellow and member of many committees. He spent most Mondays in Mystic assuring his 17-year "perfect attendance" record.

He was a graduate of Nasson College and got his MSW from UCONN. He retired in May 2008 after more than 30 years as executive director of several multi-million dollar non-profit agencies, including Community Mental Health Centers of Bangor, Maine, Springfield, Mass., southeastern Connecticut and Hartford, retiring from the Noank Baptist Group Homes, Noank.

His creative outlet was designing and building a cottage on the St. Croix River in Canada and the house, numerous outbuildings and stone walls in Canterbury. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with brother Larry and kayaking and numerous trips nationally and internationally with Carol.

Celebrations of his life will be held in Connecticut and this summer in Canada at dates to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Rotary Club of Mystic
P.O. Box 153
Mystic, CT 06355-0153

OR

United Service, Inc.
1007 N. Main St.
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