

DANIEL BURRELL CLARK

Commander Daniel B. Clark, USN (Ret.), of Alexandria, VA, passed away on 26 October 2001. He was 63 years old.

He was born and raised in Paris, TN, where he was a mainstay on his school's football team. He also continued his football while at the Naval Academy.

After graduation with the Class of 1960 and a summer back home in Tennessee, Dan reported to MULLANY (DD-528) in San Diego, CA. Following an immediate WestPac deployment where he felt he spent a good part of the time submerged, Dan decided on submarine duty. Following Sub School, it was back to San Diego and VOLADOR (SS-490). A tour at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, earned Dan a degree in underwater acoustic physics. This was followed by tours on POMFRET (SS-391) and TIGRONE (SS-419). Dan's next tour brought him to Washington and the Deep Submergence Systems Project where he first met his wife, Ruth. Following another sea tour, this time aboard LONG BEACH (CGN-9), Dan and Ruth tied the knot. A break in deployments and a new duty station in the Bahamas turned out to be a great reward for the newlyweds.

Following two and one half years in the Bahamas, Dan returned to Washington as special assistant to the Oceanographer of the Navy. During this tour, the Clarks decided Alexandria, VA, was the place for them and decided to make it their permanent home. Dan commenced the study of law at Georgetown while he completed his Navy career with a tour at NavSea.

Following completion of his degree and passing the bar, Dan settled in as a solo practitioner in Old Town, Alexandria. Dan and Ruth were able to spend good time in the following years raising their son, John, and sailing on the Chesapeake.

Commander Clark is survived by his wife, Ruth M. Clark, and their son, John A. Clark, both of Alexandria, VA. He is also survived by one sister, Joy Gates, of Key West, FL.

A funeral service was held at Fort Myer Chapel followed by burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

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