



Clark Miley Derr

August 14, 1954 - December 26, 2024

Clark Derr, age 70, of Burnsville, Minnesota and formerly of Pennsylvania, passed away suddenly and peacefully at home on December 26. He was a beloved husband, stepfather, step grandfather, brother, and uncle. Clark was known for his unwavering love for his family and his silly sense of humor that brought joy to all who knew him. His knack for lightening any moment with a joke or a funny story endeared him to everyone around him.

Clark was born in Delaware and raised in Maple Glen in Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He was recognized as a star football player at Upper Dublin High School, and was selected to play in the regional all-star football game. He received a scholarship to play football at Kutztown State College in Kutztown, Pennsylvania. He tried out for the New York Jets NFL team. In 1976, he received a Bachelor of Science in Art Education from Kutztown. He was very talented with art, but never had a career teaching it.

He moved to Clearwater, Florida in the 1980s and opened Clark's Place, a saloon and eatery. He later opened the Rusty Harpoon as well. His brothers, Eric and Chris, both moved to Florida and worked with him at the businesses. He moved back to Pennsylvania in 1993.

Clark worked as an operations manager for most of his career, most recently for Lexmark International for over 21 years. He was due to retire in the first

quarter of 2025. His manager and coworkers honored him at a gathering in mid-December.

He met his wife, Debbie, in early 2003 when they both worked as contractors for AT&T in Minneapolis. Debbie was drawn to his gregarious personality and charisma and, most importantly, his love for his family. He moved to Minnesota in early January 2004. They were engaged that August and married in early 2005; they had almost 22 years of much happiness together. They enjoyed summer visits from Clark's mother, siblings, and nephews when they came to Minnesota, and Clark and Debbie always visited Pennsylvania around the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Clark was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and June. He is survived by his loving wife, Debbie; his stepchildren, Mark Jeffrey (Sarah) and Stephanie DeJean (Tony); his step grandchildren, Sullivan and Jaxon; his siblings, Eric (CeCe), Chris (Debbie), and Donna Zeigler (Alex); nephews, Tim (Tram), Zachary (Lexi), Alex, and Shane Zeigler; niece, Jessica McGonigal (Sean) and great niece, Brienne; and many other cherished family members and friends. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love and laughter will live on in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to know him.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th Street, Edina, MN with a visitation at 10:00 a.m., service at 11:00, and luncheon to follow. Clark was a very colorful person. To celebrate him in a special way, the family invites you to wear his favorite color, teal.

For those unable to attend the memorial service in person, it will be livestreamed at <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTczNTgzMDk1NTM0MzUyNCZvbWVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

He loved animals and nature. Memorials may be directed to the Animal

Humane Society (animalhumanesociety.org) or to the Como Zoo (comofriends.org).

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Reception

JAN 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Clark Miley Derr in memory of Clark Miley Derr



Washburn-McReavy - January 02, 2025 at 10:17 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Debbie as well as Clark's family. I just learned of his passing today when I googled his name trying to locate him. How saddened I am learn this. Clark had been a wonderful person, friend, college buddy, business associate, and room-mate. I have missed him! I would love to hear from Debbie (whom I've never met) as well as Chris, Eric and Donna. I am still living in Florida today, only 10 miles away from where I used to live. How I have missed Clark over the years.... Mike Fisher mikef2121@yahoo.com



Michael R. Fisher - April 26, 2025 at 02:56 PM

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“ Walt derr purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Clark Miley Derr.



Walt derr - January 18, 2025 at 09:45 AM

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“ *Morrie, Paulson girls & families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clark Miley Derr.*



Morrie, Paulson girls & families - January 16, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Clark Miley Derr.*



January 14, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clark Miley Derr.*

January 14, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Clark Miley Derr.*



January 13, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Washburn-McReavy - January 09, 2025 at 04:44 PM