



Rupert Edward Clark

July 24, 1921 - October 16, 2020

Rupert Edward Clark, 99, passed away peacefully on October 16, 2020 in Hurricane, Utah after a brief battle with Covid-19. He was born on July 24, 1921 in Chicago, Illinois, to Rupert Peter and Ruth Mackway Clark. Known as "Eddie" by his family, Rupert grew up in southern Indiana with his parents and five siblings. In 1942, he graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture. From 1942 to 1945 he served in the US Army during World War II in Casablanca, Morocco as an aircraft mechanic and remained there as a civilian until 1947. In Morocco, he met his first wife, Paulette Emanuelli, daughter of a French colonel whose family lived in Casablanca, and they were married in 1947.

Returning to the United States, he earned Master's and PhD degrees from Cornell University by 1952. They moved to Le Sueur, Minnesota, where he worked as a researcher for the Green Giant Company. Favoring a warmer climate, Rupert and Paulette moved to Artesia, New Mexico in 1957 where their three children, Philippe, Anne-Marie and Martin were born. Rupert worked for New Mexico State University in an agricultural research station.

The family moved to Lahore, (West) Pakistan in 1965 where Rupert was an agronomy consultant to Harza Engineering. A war between India and Pakistan in 1966 caused his assignment to be cut short. While he stayed behind to complete his work, the family lived in a hotel in Tehran, Iran. The family

reunited in the summer of 1966 in Washington, DC. In 1967 the family moved to Lyallpur (now Faisalabad), (West) Pakistan where Rupert taught agronomy at the West Pakistan Agricultural University through the USAID program.

Returning to Artesia in 1969, Rupert went on agricultural assignments to Tunisia and India. Rupert started teaching at Artesia High School. In 1974 the family moved to Taos County, New Mexico, where he taught science in the Taos Public Schools. In 1979 Rupert taught in an American school in Nicaragua.

In 1980 Rupert married Erlinda Diaz, from Nicaragua, and moved to Huntington Park, California. Rupert became known as "Clarcito" to his Nicaraguan family. In 1982, Rupert taught middle school in the Los Angeles Public Schools until his retirement.

When Erlinda passed in 2015, Rupert moved to assisted living in Page, Arizona. After suffering a broken arm in 2017, Rupert moved to a nursing home in Hurricane, Utah until his passing. He was well liked by both the staff and residents.

Rupert never lost his curiosity in science and math and even in retirement he kept busy writing, raising Japanese quail, electronics, geometry, math and science. In the nursing homes he would help staff members with math and science homework and would entertain them with his stories.

Rupert is survived by his children, Phil(ippe) Clark (Kimberly) of Page, Arizona, Anne-Marie Emanuelli (Bruce Gomez) of Taos, New Mexico and Martin Clark of Denver, Colorado, stepson Orlando Diaz (Denis Carpenter) of New York City, grandchildren, Paul Clark of Alamosa, Colorado and Marielle Gomez of Taos, New Mexico, brothers Raymond, Alfred and Arthur Clark, sister Dorothy Zumhingst and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also

survived by his 'adopted' children and grandchildren, Salvador and Anita Soza of Downey, California, and three 'adopted' grandsons, Jose, Michael and Eric. He was preceded in death by his parents, wives, and sister, Grace Robertson.

The family would like to thank Beehive Homes in Page, Arizona and Hurricane Health and Rehabilitation in Hurricane, Utah for providing him a home and care. The family especially thanks Dr. Jose Soza, DO, Rupert's 'adopted' grandson, for his help in understanding and obtaining the best hospital care during Covid-19 treatment. The family extends its thanks to the Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George, Utah and all of the doctors, nurses and specialists who helped him into his 100th year.

Services will be held September 13, 2021 at 12:45 p.m. MDT at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences and tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. A memorial tree will be planted in the Dixie National Forest, Utah in his honor.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Khan Academy, which offers free online education resources for parents, students and teachers in science, math, computing, and other subjects.

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Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 13. 12:45 PM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
Santa Fe, NM

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the Clark family. I remember all of you very fondly and I recall with warm memories those social gatherings around the church, your mom's lovely French accent with a hearty laugh and her bright shiny eyes; she and your father brought great enthusiasm aka cariño to our community. I am even more impressed now as I recall all of the tough physical work (plastering the church) and walking the pilgrimage to Chimayo that Mr. Clark did. Those were truly then great physical feats.

In looking back it is even more impressive now when I realize I am still younger now than he was then! Right now I couldn't do those same things and match his energy, he had this great zest for doing things. If anything he kept me from quitting the walk to Chimayo, not because he encouraged me directly, but because he'd wake up o' dark early and keep one foot in front of the other, for hours in the hot sun. If Mr. Clark he could do it I reasoned so could I! My condolences to you all and I appreciate his contributions as well as your mother's in making Taos a better place for us all.

C. Gonzales
RDT Peregrino

C. Gonzales - November 13, 2020 at 11:59 PM

JoAnn
Rojas

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Mr. Clark's passing. When he married my aunt Erlinda and moved to Huntington Park, I had the pleasure of getting to know him. He was brilliant, loving and so incredibly funny. I was so touched by his way of making people feel important and included, and was so honored when he attended my college graduation, being the first in my family to do so. He'll always have a special place in my heart ❤️

JoAnn Rojas - October 22, 2020 at 06:59 PM

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“ *Diane Scott lit a candle in memory of Rupert Edward Clark*



Diane Scott - October 21, 2020 at 09:47 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Orlando Diaz - October 20, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ *A long life full of adventures and interesting experiences. May you fly swiftly and smoothly to heaven where many await you to share hugs and memories. God Bless you, Dad. May you find peace and solace. And may we be healthy and safe on earth. Blessings to all who shared his life.*



*-- Anne-Marie Emanuelli (Clark)
Rupert's daughter
Taos, NM*

Anne-Marie Emanuelli - October 19, 2020 at 11:11 PM

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“ I only saw Uncle Eddie a few times in my life but they were always meaningful. He always talked with us kids, and not at us and I will always appreciate this. He was so much like his momma Great grandma Ruth Mackway Clark kind and patient. He took time to teach us in whatever topic we were interested in at the time.

Yvonne Plummer - October 19, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - October 19, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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1979 when my parents were caretakers of the Ranchos de Taos Catholic church in northern NM. He was tanned from hours spent outdoors replastering the historic church with mud adobe plaster. A year of service to the church we attended as a family.

Anne-Marie Emanuelli - October 19, 2020 at 11:13 PM

DS

This is how I remember uncle Eddie . I remember setting with my father and your father listening to their long visits dad though very highly of your father and so did all of us. Sending hugs Anne-Marie sorry for your loss. You cousin Diane Zumhingst-Scott.

Diane Scott - October 21, 2020 at 09:45 PM