



John William Clarke, Jr.

April 9, 1944 - June 20, 2025

John Clarke, 81, of Odessa, Texas, passed away peacefully at home on June 20, 2025. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, John lived a life marked by faith, service, and compassion.

Born in Amarillo, John dedicated his life to helping others. He served as Executive Director of the Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center for 20 years and was a passionate educator with a master's degree in counseling. His commitment to improving lives extended beyond his career—he was a man who genuinely loved people, taking joy in every conversation and connection.

John was a great man of faith whose humor, wisdom, and quiet strength touched all who knew him. He had a talent for woodworking, a love of reading, and a heart that found purpose in hard work and service. His faith in Christ was the foundation of his life and legacy.

He is survived by his best friend and loving wife of 62 years, LaJuanna Clarke; his daughters; Tari Gray and Tamra Franklin and their spouses; siblings and their spouses; Joan Saunders, Calvin Clarke, and Cindy O'Neill; six grandchildren and their spouses; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jane Clarke, and his siblings, Nancy Wansley, Jimmy Clarke, and Mike Clarke.

A memorial service honoring John's life will be held at his home church, Antioch, 4040 Maple Ave., Odessa, Tx on Friday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m.

John Clarke leaves behind a legacy of love, integrity, and faith that will live on in the lives of all who knew him.