



## Melvin Gene Clark

September 28, 1929 - February 7, 2025

With love and gratitude, we honor the life of Melvin Gene Clark, 95, of Midland, Texas, who passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025, at Legacy Ranch Alzheimer's Special Care Center.

Born on September 28, 1929, in Vowells Mill, Louisiana, to Americus Vespuccius and Delia Mae Clark, Melvin lived a life rich with service, dedication, and unwavering love for his family.

Melvin proudly served in the U.S. Air Force, seeking to see the world, though he spent much of his service in Pyote, Texas. Afterward, he devoted nearly 60 years as a math teacher, inspiring students at the junior high, high school, and college levels, teaching at Midland College and Odessa College later in his career. His impact on generations of students is immeasurable.

Summers saw Melvin on the road, where he logged over 100,000 miles without a ticket, driving for Dr. Pepper, Groendyke Transport, and other companies. His love for the open road also led him to drive a school bus and ensure every school sporting event ran smoothly by keeping time on the clock.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Melvin cherished the outdoors, but his greatest joy was always family. His wisdom, humor, and quiet strength created a

foundation of love that will be felt for generations to come.

Melvin is survived by his four children, Toni Holland (Bob) of Birmingham, AL, Chet Winn Clark (Tammy) of Seminole, TX, Michelle Marie Colson (James), and Rachael Marie Stout of Midland, TX; eight grandchildren, Ian Gage (Deborah), Andrew Gage (Rhinnon), Jonathan Gage (Kristin), Aaron Burrell, Mandy Danley (Todd), Josh Clark (Crystal), Eric Clark (Melissa), and Monica Booth; ten great-grandchildren; and his brother, Hulen Clark.

He is reunited in heaven with his beloved wife, Donna Marie Clark; his daughter, Rhonda Adamson (survived by son-in-law Glenn Adamson); and eight siblings.

Melvin's dedication to education, his love for adventure, and his deep devotion to family will never be forgotten. His legacy lives on in the lives of those he touched, and he will be dearly missed.

A viewing will be held prior to the funeral at 1:00 PM.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM at American Heritage Funeral Home; interment immediately following in American Heritage Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home  
4100 N FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 563-9767  
info@thehealingstartshere.com  
<https://thehealingstartshere.com>

## Funeral

FEB **13**. 2:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home  
4100 North FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Gene Clark.*



February 13, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Gene Clark.*



February 11, 2025 at 07:17 PM



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

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“ *Maryann Szafarczyk purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin Gene Clark.*



**Maryann Szafarczyk** - February 11, 2025 at 05:28 PM

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“ *Kimbra D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Gene Clark.*

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**Kimbra D.** - February 11, 2025 at 04:59 PM

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“ *Chet, Toni, Rachel, Eric and Josh, Melvin was such a kind, gentle and sweet man. He was always willing to help with whatever was needed. We remember how helpful he was getting a rent house ready for Eric and Melissa when they moved back to Midland. He painted and painted some more, scrubbed floors and ran many errands helping to get everything done. He was a joy to be around. Never ever speaking an unkind word. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.  
Dee and Jeanie Finn*

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**Dee and Jeanie Finn** - February 11, 2025 at 03:28 PM