



## Mr. Ernest John Clarke

December 3, 1939 - October 10, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we, as a family, say good-bye to Ernie Clarke, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Ernie passed away at home with his family by his side at the age of 81 years.

Ernie is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Judy; his son Darcy Clarke (Anna); daughters Lori Barry (Gary), and Fonda Vadnais (Chris); grandchildren Cameron Couey, Dawson Couey (Katrina), Autumn Clarke, Jocasta Clarke, Aiden Clarke, DJ Sehn (Jessica), and Devyn Sehn; great-grandchildren Keston Couey, Brody Couey, Alexis Couey, Deegan Couey, Kaylee Sehn, and Jaxon Sehn, as well as his brother Bob Clarke; and sisters Jean Clarke and Carol Sabouain.

Ernie worked hard in several different jobs to support his family until he became part owner of Steeple Jack Services in Calgary. After selling his shares in the company, Ernie reinvented his career and joined the team at Farmway Machinery in High River selling farm equipment. He was a Massey man through and through, just ask any of the grandkids.

Ernie started to enjoy his retirement at the age of 67. He loved golfing, camping, and sharing his love of old-time gospel music as a member of the Over the Hill Gang. He also delighted in sharing the secret ingredient to his famous pancakes with every generation. Many have fond memories of

discovering it was beer... ½ for the batter, ½ for Grampa!

Ernie was always giving back to his community through his many volunteer efforts; Agricultural Society, IOOF Lodge in Cayley, Food Bank, and many more community initiatives. The music program at Cayley School was near and dear to his heart.

The family will be honouring his request to not have a funeral service. There will be a private family Celebration of Life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ernie may be made to the Cayley School Music Program (904 Ross Ave, Cayley, T0L 0P0).

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon & Ann Marshman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Gordon & Ann Marshman** - October 27, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *Oh Judy I am so sorry for your loss. Ernie has left a lot of wonderful memories in our hearts. It's been a lot of years since Steeple Jack Services but will always remember those early years in Calgary. Much guitar picking and happy times spent together with our growing families. Trips out to Sundre and always remembering Ernie and Lyle making fun of the difference in height between the two of them! It was so good that they got to see each other when Lyle moved to High River. My thoughts are with you and the family. Judy and pray God will fill the void with lots of wonderful memories. Thinking about you....*

*LaVera Klassen Davison*

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**LaVera Davison** - October 26, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Judy, Lori, Fonda, Darcy & all your families in the loss of Ernie(the Gentle Giant) We have so many great memories of Ernie & Judy when we first moved to High River. Murray & Ernie were a team at Farmway and all the staff were like one big happy family. Murray has lots of stories that he and Ernie were involved in.both at work and at play. Thanks for the memories Ernie. Hugs to all.

*Murray & Wilma*

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**Wilma Williamson** - October 26, 2021 at 03:25 PM

SC

“ Awesome picture of Ernie, he always had a good joke. Our thoughts are with you Judy, Darcy, Laurie and Fonda and families. We remember many happy swim club camp outs and Ernie's stories. . Sorry for your loss we know it is a sad time for you.



*Shirley Crawford, Leanne, Diane, Greg, Jay and David Senior.*

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**Shirley Crawford** - October 25, 2021 at 05:11 PM

DW

“ Dear Judy and family Sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. I had the opportunity to get to know Ernie while he was working at Farmway and it was always great to stop in and see the Massey Man. It was great to spend time with Ernie whether it was talking about an opportunity or going out on a sales call with him. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss. David Webster

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**David Webster** - October 20, 2021 at 08:40 PM

BK

“ I am sorry to hear about Ernie's passing. I always enjoyed golfing with him in years past, but he will be missed for a lot more than that. You have my deepest sympathies  
Brian Kerner

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**brian Kerner** - October 20, 2021 at 03:13 PM

RL

“ Dear Judy and family, our hearts go out to you all, Ernie will be missed but forever remembered.....a super great guy!

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**Ron and Myrna Lafreniere** - October 20, 2021 at 09:26 AM

AS

“ Dear Judy and Family. We are sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. He was a great man and will be missed by all.  
God Bless Art and Deanna Scott

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**Art Scott** - October 18, 2021 at 04:54 PM

BP

“ Judy, Darcy, Laurie, Fonda and family. I was saddened to hear of Ernie's passing. I always liked the hug I got from your gentle giant. He was such a family and community minded guy. He will be missed in the community. I am thinking of all of you at this time.  
Sincerely  
Bev De Paoli.

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**Bev De Paoli** - October 16, 2021 at 04:01 PM

MA

“ *Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Marcia Ayrey** - October 16, 2021 at 12:17 PM

KM

“ *Our dear Aunty Judy, Lori, Darcy, Fonda and family. We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Ernie. He was a gentle and special man. Your family made a huge impact in my childhood memories and we always felt the love and support of Uncle Ernie and Aunty Judy. Uncle Ernie's laugh was special..... and those amazing bear hugs. When he was giving a hug it seemed nothing could go wrong. Love you guys and remembering this amazing man with fondness, cherished memories, laughter and tears. We are happy that Uncle Ernie is out of pain but it is hard to loose the love of your life and Dad. Our love is with you during this time. Hugs, love Kelly and Mark.*

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**kelly and Mark** - October 16, 2021 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ *Dear Clarke family I'm so sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jana Wager (Wardley)*

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**Jana Wager** - October 15, 2021 at 02:38 PM

BS

“ Dear Judy and family. With all our condolences in your loss and ours of a wonderful friend. Ernie made a big impact on our lives and we will cherish our great memories that we made over the years. friends forever. hugs Bruce& Bonnie

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**Bruce & Bonnie Smith** - October 15, 2021 at 02:31 PM

JC

“ Judy and family,  
Tami and I am so sorry for your loss. We shared a lot of coffee and visits over the years. The gentle giant Ernie was one of those good guys we have had the luck and privilege to know. We will miss him too. We all have so many good memories.  
our sincere sympathy.  
John and Tami Cartwright

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**John and Tami Cartwright** - October 15, 2021 at 12:15 PM

BB

“ Ernie our dear friend - our big friend, all 5 foot 20 inches of you!- we are going to miss you. Thank you for all the memories we have. Might involve food and drink, golf, fires and/or barbecues, a backyard or patio or kitchen table. Judy - you both have become such a part of our family - you know that we are here whenever you need us. To Lori and Gary, Darcy and Anna and Fonda and Chris - plus all your families - your Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad meant so much to us - we will honour his memory. We know how much you will miss him. You all have our love, support and prayers.  
Betty & Bruce

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**Betty & Bruce Bridgett** - October 14, 2021 at 10:59 PM

MR

“ Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. May you find comfort in your memories and the stories from friends. We will miss you. Myra & Gordon

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**Myra Rasmusen** - October 14, 2021 at 08:16 PM

FR

“ Fran Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke



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**Fran Randle** - October 14, 2021 at 07:51 PM

TC

“ Judy and family  
Thinking Of all of you at this sad time. Ernie was a lovely gentle, kind soul. Hoping your memories help you all through this difficult time.

*Terina Cybulski*

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**Terina Cybulski** - October 14, 2021 at 06:37 PM

CC

“ Judy, Lori, Darcy, Fonda and families, I will remember Ernie as a gentle giant, with his wide grin and love of music and the many fun and fond memories that our families have shared over the years. I hope that your memories bring a smile to your face, warm your heart and bring you comfort going forward. Sending you all my love and support, Cathy

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**Cathy Couey** - October 14, 2021 at 05:50 PM

PZ

“ Judy, Lori, Darcy, Fonda and families our hearts are saddened by your loss of Ernie. He was one of the good guys. We have so many great memories of times shared with your family and most recently had a little visit at the campground and talked about the many times around the campfire there.

Cherish your memories as they will help you get through the tough days that lay ahead.

Our sincere sympathy  
Len and Pat Zebedee



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**Pat Zebedee** - October 14, 2021 at 04:55 PM

RN

“ So sorry Judy to hear of Ernie's passing. We spent many hours together at the ag grounds and solving problems over coffee at Farmway. He was a gentle giant one of those people I feel fortunate to have crossed paths with in my life. Ralph & Jacquie Nelson

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**Ralph Nelson** - October 14, 2021 at 04:00 PM

DP

“ Dear Judy, Bill & I am so sorry for your loss. May you and your family draw strength and comfort from those around you in this most difficult of times. Our sympathy goes out to you and your whole family.

Fondest regards,  
Dorothy & Bill Peters

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**Dorothy Peters** - October 14, 2021 at 02:13 PM

LW

“ Dear Judy and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Ernie's passing. My thoughts are with all of you. No one has the perfect words to make your sadness go away, but I hope you can find some comfort in knowing how many people wish they did. My most sincere sympathy.



Linda Walsh - October 14, 2021 at 01:31 PM

RC

“ Rosa Cluett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke



Rosa Cluett - October 14, 2021 at 12:50 PM

Janet Soley

“ So sorry for your loss.  
love from Peter, Janet, Jacob and Joe

Janet Soley - October 14, 2021 at 12:49 PM

TL

“ Terry And Dee Dee Linn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke



Terry and Dee Dee Linn - October 14, 2021 at 12:26 PM

LW

“ *Judy and family, we are sorry to hear of Ernies passing. He will be greatly missed.*

*Norm & Laurie Wright*



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**Laurel Wright** - October 14, 2021 at 12:23 PM

RF

“ *Ralph & Brenda Bedson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Ralph & Brenda Bedson & Family** - October 14, 2021 at 11:50 AM

SM

“ *Peter has a lot of great memories and stories of Peter from their Farmway days; he will be missed.*



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**Sheila Macklin** - October 14, 2021 at 11:32 AM

SS

“ *Judy, sending our love to you and your family. Such a special man, the world is a little poorer without him.*

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**susan somerville** - October 14, 2021 at 11:28 AM

TF

“ *Ernie always has a way to make people laugh. His stories were always fun to listen to. He was a joy to work with and be around. He always made you feel like part of the team and the conversation. He was a great man and we are very sorry to hear of his passing. Our thoughts are with Judy and the family through this difficult time.*

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**Troy fiander** - October 14, 2021 at 11:14 AM

EM

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to you Judy and your family!! Ernie was one of the best! Many fond memories, he had a wonderful sense of humour and always made us laugh, but his kindness was always evident!! You have so many memories to treasure!! Jim and I send our deepest condolences and love*

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**Elaine Mitchell** - October 14, 2021 at 11:14 AM

HO

“ *We are so sorry to learn of Ernie's passing. We had great respect and admiration for Ernie, who always had a broad smile for everyone. We enjoyed his music and humour and will miss his cheery greetings. Our condolences to the Clark family. --Dorothy and Bill Holmes*

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**Holmes** - October 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

KC

“ *Ernie, his smile, and his gentle spirit touched so many. Judy, and family- May your love give you strength at this time of good bye.*



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**karen crawford** - October 14, 2021 at 08:34 AM

DP

“ *Don & Carol Petlak lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Don & Carol Petlak** - October 14, 2021 at 01:23 AM

KN

“ *Kathy Niemans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Kathy Niemans** - October 13, 2021 at 11:06 PM

TB

“ *Tammy Beach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Tammy Beach** - October 13, 2021 at 10:22 PM

CI

“ *Judy, Doug and I are so saddened by the news of Ernie passing. Lots of memories of good times and good laughs. Our sincere condolences to you and the rest of your family.*

*Doug & Cindy McDonald*

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**Cindy** - October 13, 2021 at 10:13 PM

BH

“ *Bob And Marilyn Howe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Bob and Marilyn Howe** - October 13, 2021 at 04:27 PM

WL

“ *Thinking of Judy, Lori, Darcy and Fonda and families!! Ernie was great guy and always gave us a chuckle. Our sincere condolences to your families!!*  
*Cal and Wanda*

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**Wanda Longson** - October 13, 2021 at 03:27 PM

BK

“ *Brian @ Dianne Kuhn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Brian @ Dianne Kuhn** - October 13, 2021 at 02:48 PM

DL

“ *Sincere Sympathy to Judy and family. Camille and Darryl Laycraft.*

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**Darryl Laycraft** - October 13, 2021 at 01:45 PM

TS

“ *Ernie was a great guy, always had time to talk to people. He will be missed by his family. My condolences to Judy and her Family.*

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**Terry Storch** - October 13, 2021 at 01:13 PM

CF

“ *Callahan Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Callahan Family** - October 13, 2021 at 11:34 AM

EW

“ *Sorry to hear about Ernie's passing. Judy, you and your families are in our thoughts during this difficult time. Hugs💕. Ed & Leslie Wendt*



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**Ed & Leslie Wendt** - October 13, 2021 at 10:29 AM

SS

“ *Sheila Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Sheila Lawrence Storoschuk** - October 13, 2021 at 09:33 AM

RW

“ *Judy and family, Rusty & I are saddened to learn of Ernie's passing. He was a kind man with huge laugh and a man who enjoyed life to it fullest. Please know that you are in our hearts and minds and we are sending hugs and prayers to all of you.*

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**Rusty & Fran Wong** - October 12, 2021 at 05:00 PM

RW

“ *Rusty & Fran Wong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest John Clarke*



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**Rusty & Fran Wong** - October 12, 2021 at 04:59 PM

SD

“ *So sorry for your loss Judy, the kids and grandkids...I know he will be missed greatly by many. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.*



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**Sharon Doll** - October 12, 2021 at 04:57 PM

BL

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss Judy -sending sympathy to you and your family. Always remember Ernie as the Meadowbank New Years Eve baby with Wayne Smith as father time. Hoping your good memories help you thru this difficult time Barb Lyall*

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**Barb Lyall** - October 12, 2021 at 09:45 AM