



Harold Joseph Clancy Jr.

October 28, 1940 - April 19, 2020

Harold Joseph Clancy, Jr. went to heaven on April 19, 2020, following a fall and brief hospitalization. He was born on October 28, 1940 in Scotia, New York. He was the eldest child of Marguerite Bell Miller and Harold Joseph Clancy, Sr.

Harold graduated from John Carrol University with a Master's Degree in Physics in 1963. Following college, he joined the Peace Corp in Lagos, Nigeria, where he spent the next for 2 years working with the in culture and education of the African people.

Harold began his career at NASA in 1965; it encompassed many different roles and responsibilities within the space agency. His first position was with Manned Spacecraft Landing and Recovery Division where he was responsible for the Apollo Command Module training of astronauts for recovery and splash down. Because of his attention to detail and thoughtful planning, splash down and recovery efforts at NASA have been safe and successful throughout the Apollo program.

In 1966, he was one of the three test subjects that spent 48-hours in a Command Module deployed in Gulf of Mexico to test its systems and habitability.

In the Apollo 16 project, he was promoted into the Mission Control Center as a Flight Controller for the propulsion system of the Command Service Module. After supporting Skylab program, he led twelve Space Shuttle missions as a Guidance Navigation and Control (GNC) Flight Controller during all mission

phases...launch, on-orbit and re-entry and landing.

Before retiring, from NASA, he served in the Missions Operations Directorate as Chief of the Data Processing Section; Chief of the Communications and Data Systems Branch and Assistant to the Division Chief of the Mission Operations Division, at testament to his leadership abilities.

Harold loved his family first and foremost. He loved spending time with his kids at swim meets, Indian Guides and Indian Princesses. Harold loved Corvettes, and Houston Rocket Basketball. He was an 8-year season ticket holder for Rockets games.

As a way of giving back to the M.D Anderson Cancer Center, where both he and his father had been patients, Harold volunteered at the hospital. He often cited this as one of his life accomplishments and, one, in which he was most proud.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 49 years, Anne Clancy, and daughter Cathleen and son Sean, brothers, John and Charles Clancy and sister, Nancy Strabel. His parents, Marguerite and Harold Clancy Sr, preceded him in death.

Burial services will be in Riverside, Texas on Saturday April 25, 2020 at 1:30pm. With Memorial Services to be held at a later date.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Cemetery

Riverside, TX

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **25**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Pioneer Cemetery
Riverside, TX

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mr. Clancy was like a second dad to me. I was over at their house almost every day after school growing up. He was such a cool person. Always blasting his favorite tunes and the Clancys were the first to adopt every new technology: cable television, beta max cassettes, then the good ‘ole vcr. I can still remember how Mr. Clancy smelled, like the sweet cherry tobacco he used to smoke out of his pipe. He was the strong, silent type, but you didn’t want to get caught doing anything naughty because when Cathy and I would get caught, we would hear CATHY! Across the house. He was a softie but he had his limits, and boy did we push them. Mr. Clancy, I loved you and thought so highly of you. I know you are in heaven looking down smiling and of course occasionally shaking your head on the rest of us left here on earth. With all my love to Cathy and Sean. Love Molly Fullerton*

Molly Mansubi - April 17 at 09:11 PM



“ *Harold Joseph Clancy Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

LM

“ *Anne & Family: So sorry to hear of Harry’s passing. Paul & I had him over right after he went to work at NASA. After you two met, we shared many happy get-togethers and dinners at each other’s homes. I remember some specific dishes you made! As I recall Harry enjoyed pistachios in the shell & untangling puzzles. He will be missed. Love to you, Linda*

Linda Chaput McCluskey - April 27, 2020 at 10:22 AM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Joseph Clancy Jr.



M. Hyvl - April 24, 2020 at 08:26 PM

DH

“ Anne, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Harold 😞. I remember our 50th Class Reunion, and the time Odis and I spent with you and Harold. My thoughts and prayers will be with you today, tomorrow, and the days to come. Love, Dorothy Cauthen Hammock

Dorothy C Hammock - April 24, 2020 at 07:56 PM

MM

“ I went to St. Joseph's Academy with Harold. He was always a fun person in any of our get together. My sympathy to his sister, Nancy, and Harold's family. May he Rest In Peace.

MaryAnn Millett - April 24, 2020 at 06:27 PM

BC

“ Anne, Bobby and I are so sorry to hear about Harold. We know he was your special love. We would love to be at his service, but we cannot be close to anyone and would need to sit. We are sending you love and prayers. BOBBY and Jean Clepper.

BOBBY AND JEAN CLEPPER - April 24, 2020 at 05:42 PM

BN

“ *Anne and family. So sorry to read about Harold. Prayers and thoughts!* ”



Beverly Niederhofer - April 24, 2020 at 05:21 PM