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It is with much sadness we share the news of the passing of Samuel Putman Clark fondly known by his friends as "Sam" or "Sweetie", and by his immediate family as "Highness". Sam passed away on June 13, 2023 after a long battle with heart failure which he fought courageously and defied all of the odds. Sam was born on June 23, 1933 in Cherokee, Oklahoma to Eugene Samuel Clark and Irene Clark.

Sam was a very special man who was loved deeply by his family and friends. He started his adult life in the United States Marine Corp and the Marine Corp Reserves and served his country from 1954 through 1968 and achieved the rank of Major. While in the Marine Corp, he became a fighter pilot and flew numerous aircrafts including the F6F Hellcat and the F8A Crusader. In 1961 he married Nellie Jo Buford whom he loved dearly, and celebrated nearly 62 years of marriage. Sam started his civilian carrier in 1958 and became a commercial pilot for Central Airlines who later merged with Frontier Airlines in 1967. While at Frontier, he excelled to be a check airman and then the Director of Flight Training. His career concluded on June 22, 1993 with Continental Airlines.

When not working, Sam enjoyed golfing, water skiing, snow skiing, crossword puzzles, watching numerous professional and amateur sporting events and playing or receiving any practical joke. He also loved flying, visiting his family and being a greeter at the Lone star Cowboy Church with his wife Jo.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dan Clark and countless good friends.

He is survived by his wife Nellie Jo Clark, and sons Samuel Kevin Clark, Kenneth Buford Clark and grandchildren Kelsy, Kory, Mackenna and Maren.

Sam was a kind man who cared about everyone. It would be his wish for donations in lieu of flowers to be made in his name to the 3 Cross Meat Ministry who has provided over 521,000 meals to people in need since their establishment in 2004. <https://www.threecross.org/>

The Family is grateful and thankful to everyone at the Lone Star Cowboy Church for all of the prayers and support they have given.

Services will be officiated by Randy Weaver on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 10:00 am at The Lone Star Cowboy Church located at 21627 Eva St. in Montgomery Texas.

Sam loved and was loved. He will be dearly missed. We thank God for every day he was in our lives

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lonestar Cowboy Church
21627 Eva St
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sam Clark was one of the finest men I have ever known. We flew together at the original Frontier Airlines. He administered my last check ride there. He was an extraordinarily gifted people person who brought his calm demeanor to every situation. His smile would disarm the worst belligerent! The world needs more people like him not fewer!* ”

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