



MR. RICHARD WYDELL CLARK

February 16, 1940 - March 26, 2026

Funeral services for Mr. Richard Wydell Clark will be held at 2 PM Saturday, March 28, 2026, at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Don Savell, Rev. Brian Weir and Rev. Eric Sharp officiating. Interment will be in Arlington Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be held 12 PM – 2 PM Saturday, March 28, 2026, at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Richard Wydell Clark, 86, passed away on March 26, 2026. He was born on February 16, 1940, and was born and raised in the Arlington Community outside of Philadelphia, Mississippi, where he lived his entire life.

He was a proud member of the first graduating class of Neshoba County High School in 1959. Richard spent 31 years as the Machine Shop Technology Instructor at East Central Community College, and he was very proud of the many students he taught through the years who went on to work in the industry. He also spent many hours over the years in his machine shop at home doing independent and contract work. All his children have stories of working in the shop with him, yes, even the girl.

He was known to his colleagues as Richard, to his friends as Wydell, to his children as Daddy, and to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren as Papaw.

He loved all things antique farm equipment, especially tractors, and he also loved gardening—big gardens filled with corn, peas, tomatoes, and more. He enjoyed raising cattle, and he loved playing guitar and singing. His favorite pastime was camping and fishing, and some of our fondest memories of him were made on the water, fishing together.

Richard was a faithful member and deacon at Arlington Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Lynette Clark; his son, Richard Kent Clark (Melissa), and their children Jonathan Clark (Stacy), Amanda Sharp (Eric), Hannah Warren (Dillan), and Noah Clark; his son, Robert Glynn Clark (Jennifer); and his daughter, Debbie Grear (Jeremy), and their children Emily and Ethan. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren Madison Eickhoff (Wyatt Pilgrim), Anna Leigh Clark, Elijah Sharp, Zade Clark, Evan Sharp, Darren Warren, Asher Warren, Luke Clark, Micah Warren, and Ella Sharp.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Maudie Clark, and by his daughter, Stacie Lea Clark.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, daddy, and papaw who loved his family deeply. We will remember his time in the shop, his love for tractors and gardening, his music, and the many treasured memories made fishing together. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Pallbearers are Eli Sharp, Evan Sharp, Jonathan Clark, Zade Clark, Noah Clark, Dillan Warren, Jody Addy, Nathan Kirkland.

Honorary pallbearers are Ethan Grear, Darren Warren, Asher Warren, Luke Clark, Micah Warren.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to CenterWell

Home Health and Quality Hospice Care for the support, compassion, and care they provided.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Gideons International, or to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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CEMETERY

MAR 28 (CT)

Arlington Baptist Cemetery
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Wydeill, you will be missed! I know you are in the arms of the Lord and conversing with Him about all the Blessings you received over the years. Our cousins reunions won't be the same without your humor and antics. Lynette and family that are still with us, our prayers are with all of you.*

Wilda May McColley - March 27 at 07:15 PM

PB

“ *Should say Pam and Teri*

pam Betts - March 27 at 07:02 PM

PB

“ *Sweet aunt Lynette - we are so very sorry for your loss and are keeping you in our prayers. Mapmaker and Teri*



pam Betts - March 27 at 07:01 PM

LS

“ *LHBC Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of MR. RICHARD WYDELL CLARK.*



LHBC Staff - March 27 at 03:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of MR. RICHARD WYDELL CLARK.*



March 27 at 01:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of MR. RICHARD WYDELL CLARK.

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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MR. RICHARD WYDELL CLARK.*



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