Kenneth George Clark



Capt. Kenneth G. Clark USN (Ret.) SWANSEA - Capt. Kenneth G. Clark, USN (Ret.), 80, of Swansea, died May 10, 2017, at 1:54 p.m. at his home, surrounded by his family and loved ones.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joanne Clark, and their two children, Steve (Alicia) Clark and Suzanne (Kevin) Hackett. He loved all of his grandchildren, immensely: Kevin Jr., Andrew, Ali, Arica, Casey, Alana, Hunter, Chandler and Lani. He is also survived by his older brother, Albert (Caroline) Clark of Littleton, CO, and his older sister, Gloria (Michael) El-Batanouny of Sharon, MA, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Albert and Anna Clark, sister, Gladys Laderwager, brother-in-law, Matthew Laderwager, and brother, Wayne Clark.

He faithfully served the Lord at numerous churches, including Faith Baptist Church, Swansea, and Antioch Baptist Church, Gaston, serving as a deacon, and holding many leadership roles. Born September 15, 1936, in Brooklyn, NY, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1954, as a hospital corpsman.

After receiving an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, he graduated in 1960, and continued to serve his country, until his retirement in 1986, after 32 1/2 years of service. He held a master's degree from American University in public administration (MPA), comprehensive fields: computer systems and computer software (1967).

He was a decorated captain, having served in many prestigious positions including serving in Vietnam in 1968 and as captain of the destroyer, USS Hawkins. He then served as the chairman of the Computer Sciences Department at USNA, returning to his alma mater for three years.

He retired in 1986 from the U.S. Navy, and went on to serve in the civilian world, with his extensive leadership skills as vice president for Information Systems at Andrulis Research Corporation, Cinncinati Bell, and DYNCORPS, and the S.C. Department of Revenue. His final employment, before fully retiring, was as president of Christ Central Institute, a growing Bible College in Wagener, SC, serving as their first president.

He served as Swansea-Gaston School District 4 School Board member for four years and as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, District 96.

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