

Melvin "Gene" Clark



Melvin "Gene" Clark, 79, succumbed to cancer at his home on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 after a courageous and valiant fight.

He was the son of Margaret and David Clark of Enhaut. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Phyllis Clark and by his big brother John Clark.

Gene was a Korean War Veteran who served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 until 1956. He traveled the world aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte. Gene retired from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Gene was a fierce competitor in every game or sport he played. He continued the Clark Family tradition of not liking to lose. Gene was an exceptional Swatara High School athlete, starting varsity football as a freshman. The highlight of his track and field career was placing second in the pole vault at States. He was a good gardener, though not by choice. Gene enjoyed time with his "girls" and was used to being surrounded by women. He loved a good cook-out and enjoyed watching college basketball, any level football, the Orioles and the Phillies. He was an avid Penn State fan for 69 years.

Gene will be missed by his loving family and friends. He is survived by his daughters Brenda Clark and her companion Ralph Lindquist and Vicki Clark and his son-in-law Dale Thomas; granddaughters April and Kelly Thomas; his companion Jane Grimes; sisters Alice Weaver and Margaret Cox and his brother James Clark.

A celebration of Gene's life will be held at 12PM Monday, July 9th, 2012 at Sullivan Funeral Home in Enola. Visitation will be from 11AM-12PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to the [American Cancer Society](#), 2 Lemoyne Drive, Suite 101, Lemoyne, PA 17043 or Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Gene's soul will live on forever because he is so beautifully loved. We'll miss you always Poppy.

The Sullivan Funeral Home is honored to serve the Clark family.

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