



## Benjamin T. Clark Sr.

April 23, 1936 - December 1, 2013

Rye Beach – Benjamin Tilton Clark, Sr., 77, of Hilton Head, SC died Sunday, December 1, 2013 at his summer home in Rye Beach surrounded by his wife and children. Benjamin was born in Utica, NY, on April 23, 1936, a son of the late Harold Thomas Clark and Mary Tilton Clark.

Ben graduated from New Hartford High with the Class of 1954. In 1958, Ben joined the Army and was stationed with the Signal Corp at Lake Garda, Italy for two years. Upon returning to Utica, he finished his college education and graduated from the Utica College of Syracuse University in 1961 with a degree in industrial engineering. In 2012, Ben was honored as Alumni of the Year by his alma mater.

Ben married the love of his life, Diane Owens in 1961. They celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in May. The couple settled in Louisville, KY in 1966 to raise their family. It was while living in Louisville, that Ben founded his company, Farm Innovators, now the leading manufacturer of de-icing equipment for outside water tanks.

After twenty five years in Louisville, Ben and Diane retired to Hilton Head, SC. Because of his love of the sea, Ben opened Harbourside Yacht Sales, a brokerage firm for several yacht manufacturers. Ben and Diane are members of Abenaqui Country Club of Rye Beach, and Wexford Plantation Country

Club of Hilton Head, SC.

Family members include his son, Benjamin Tilton Clark, Jr. and his wife Traci; his daughters, Annie Clark and Diana Gay Clark Wilson and her husband, James. Ben's siblings are Harold Thomas Clark, Jr. and his wife Bernadette, Caroline Clark and Lucy Clark Popkess and her husband Alfred. Ben also leaves eight beloved grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at 1 PM with service following at 2 PM on Friday, December 6 at the Rye Congregational Church 580 Washington Rd., Rye. Family and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his honor at The MDS Foundation, 4573 South Broad Street Suite 150, Yardville, NJ 08620: [www.MDS-Foundation.org](http://www.MDS-Foundation.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rye Congregational Church  
580 Washington Road  
Rye, NH

## Service

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rye Congregational Church  
580 Washington Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin T. Clark Sr.*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Dear Diane and Family,  
Just heard about Ben,he was truly a great friend,I will never forget him.He loved life and most of all his family. I feel honored to count him and you as real friends...we love you and are thinking of you.Hope we can get back in touch....*

*Love,  
Bob and Cathy Wilkinson*

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**bob wilkinson** - December 17, 2013 at 07:22 PM



“ *Dear Diane and Family,*

*So sorry to hear of Ben's passing. Tommy called me when it happened and we reminisced about him and what a great guy he was. My mom died on the same day 3 years earlier. I had a mass said for him at St. Joseph-St. Patrick's on Monday. I think of you often and will remember you in my prayers.*

*Love.  
Eva Clark*

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**Eva Clark** - December 10, 2013 at 04:48 PM

JK

“ *Dear Diane,*

*Bob and I were so sorry to hear of Ben's passing. We have many wonderful memories of times spent with you, particularly the summer we cruised together in Maine. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Jan and Bob Kossman*

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**Jan and Bob Kossman** - December 07, 2013 at 01:18 PM

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“ *The Steven Haines Family purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Benjamin T. Clark Sr..*



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**The Steven Haines Family** - December 05, 2013 at 11:59 AM

GV

“ *George & Rutie Volanakis purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Benjamin T. Clark Sr..*



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**George & Rutie Volanakis** - December 05, 2013 at 11:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin T. Clark Sr..*



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December 05, 2013 at 09:38 AM



“ *Dear Diane,  
Our prayers are with you and your family.  
We know how much you loved Ben as it showed in the way you cared for him in the most recent years of his life.  
He is finally at peace now with his Saviour, Jesus.  
Love,  
Cathy and Sean*

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**Catherine Naughten** - December 05, 2013 at 09:21 AM



“ *Diane, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ben was a wonderful man.  
Always, Joannie Grande*

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**joan grande** - December 04, 2013 at 12:15 PM



“ *Chuck and Shelley Wimberley and Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Benjamin T. Clark Sr..*



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**Chuck and Shelley Wimberley and Family** - December 04, 2013 at 09:23 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin T. Clark Sr..*



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December 04, 2013 at 07:15 AM