



Steven K. Clarke

September 27, 2025

Steven Kenyon Clarke, 83, of Auburn, NY, passed away at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ on Saturday, September 27th, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1942, he was the son of Ford Kenyon and Ahvagene Clarke. Steve graduated from Central Bucks High School in Doylestown, PA. He went on to graduate from Alfred University, where he studied business and joined the Kappa Sigma Epsilon fraternity. It was there that he met the love of his life, Roberta Anne Perry of Saranac Lake, New York. Steve and Roberta were married in July 1965 in Plattsburgh, New York.

After several early moves, the couple settled in Auburn, New York, where Steve built a successful career in computer programming. Together they raised four children: Steve (Jennifer Ashbrook), David, Gwyn (Max Chang), and Tim (Kristina Marley).

Steve was an extraordinary husband, father, and grandfather, remembered for the many sacrifices he made to put his family first. He coached sandlot baseball, taught religious education at St. Alphonsus and loved playing basketball with his three sons well into his sixties.

After retiring, Steve prioritized family vacations with his grandchildren in

Lewes, DE and became an avid pickleball player known for his wicked serve, ultimately going on to compete in the Empire State Senior Games.

He is survived by his sister, Gwynneth Beil of Elyria, Ohio, his brother, Tim Clarke of Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania, his children and their spouses named above and his nine beloved grandchildren Matthew, Kenyon, Elliott, Katy, Owen, Aaron, Noah, Oliver, and Aliya.

Known for his sense of humor, love of music and tremendous humility and kindness, he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A small family service is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck NJ. A memorial service in Lewes, DE will be announced at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
info@volkleber.com
<http://www.volkleber.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SN

“ Steve, Dave, Gwyn and Tim

Today is 3/28/26 and I just read about your father's passing 9/27/25 but also your mother's passing 1/14/26. That is such a hard loss loosing both parents only 109 days apart. You and your families are all in our prayers for strength, understanding and healing.

I understand your parents were married July 1965 - so wow that means they celebrated over 60 years of love together! I know your mom liked to plan extended family summer vacations in Lewes Beach, DE. So I like to think of your mom not wanting to wait to catch up to your dad and so she planned the best vacation with him in heaven!

Your parents were both so loving and supportive. I know because I watched and witnessed it as I grew up often hanging out at your house. I have many memories of playing games inside and probably a lot more games like football and basketball outside with your father! Both of your parents were very active in pouring themselves into you and now it is amazing there are 9 grand children to carry on their love into the world!

*With deepest sympathy, sending virtual hugs! - Scott (& Missy)
Naiva*

Scott Naiva - March 28 at 07:19 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I have great memories of him (& Bobbi) from our years at Red Star! Great guy and friend! Always had a smile 😊

Cindy Major - October 03, 2025 at 09:05 AM

JB

“ Uncle Steve always made me feel comfortable, loved, and prioritized. Somehow, I think he made everyone around him feel that way. Visiting Uncle Steve and Aunt Bobbe was always a highlight, creating many truly cherished memories. Thanks Uncle Steve. I'll always love you!

James Blystone Beil - October 02, 2025 at 06:49 PM

PW

“ So as kids the Clarke's and Wilson's got together as much as we could one year in particular they were visiting us in RI we had just finished clamming and Steve and I were passing the bucket back and forth I forget who took the film which I still have in my closet. Love to all the Clarke's at this sad time!! Cousin Paul

paul wilson - October 02, 2025 at 01:07 PM

GB

“ What a dear, dear man my older brother was - so wise, so kind and caring, so intelligent and faithful. His witty sense of humor, his appreciation of good music , and his great dance moves were great fun. I miss him sorely, but I'm feeling so thankful that I got a chance to say goodbye minutes after he passed and be with his darling family as they gathered round. Much much love and peace to Bobbe, Steve, Dave, Gwyn, and Tim and their wonderful families. Gwynneth Beil

Gwynneth Beil - October 02, 2025 at 09:02 AM

RB

“ I will always remember Uncle Steve's kind and gentle smile, great sense of humor, and his groovy dance moves. My heart goes out to the family, sending peace and strength and lots of love to you!

Ruby Beil - October 01, 2025 at 06:25 PM

KB

“ Bobby, Stevie, Dave, Tim and Gwyn - Many prayers for all of you. Mr. Clarke was a great dad and raised 4 incredible children with amazing families. I am sure that you will all continue the Clarke Family legacy with pride. Wish I could be there with you all.



Keith G Battaglia - October 01, 2025 at 04:12 PM

SB

“ I remember with fondness family gatherings at Uncle Steve and Aunt Bobbe's, walks around the park, dancing in the living room, playing games, and putting on our own little production of Snow White just for fun.

Suzannah Beil - October 01, 2025 at 08:35 AM

JT

“ Oh my heart aches to hear the news. I knew Mr. Clarke (Steve) from my teenage years in Auburn, NY through adulthood and was honored to know and witness one of the very best father's in the world. What an amazing father, husband, grandfather, and friend. I mourn for you all and pray that you all have time to spend with each other to celebrate the memories, especially at your home on South Marvine Ave and later at the Clarke kids' homes as their beautiful family expanded.

A special thanks to Gwyn and others who overextended themselves with the daily caregiving during these last few years. A long and loving hug to Bobbie, Steve, Dave, Gwyn, and Tim. I love you all very much. Amazing family. XxooxX.

Julie Harllee Tucker - September 30, 2025 at 10:03 AM

GB

There are no words adequate to describe the feeling of loss I have for my dear older brother. 3 years older than I was, he never was unkind or bossy. But he was always there if I needed his help. I loved his sense of humor, intelligence, love of games, sweetness, and dance moves.

Unfortunately, geographical distance kept us apart more than we wanted, especially this last few years. But I was very fortunate to be at his bedside minutes after he passed. Then I was able to tell him how much I loved him and missed him and that he was the best big brother a girl could have. Then it was so beautiful to see so much family gathering and sharing memories of this wonderful man.

Gwynneth Beil - October 01, 2025 at 12:39 PM

TC

My big brother Steve carved my initials in a baseball bat and put it in my crib after I was born. He was ten years old. It's a symbol of the love that he gave to me all my life. I always looked up to him. When penny loafers and white sox were popular in the early sixties, I had to wear a pair just like him. I remember him driving with me in the car and when we approached our house, he was tapping on the brakes in time to the music playing on the radio. I thought that was so cool, something so whimsical and funny. I miss him dearly.

Tim Clarke - October 04, 2025 at 03:46 PM

GC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gwyn Chang - September 30, 2025 at 06:21 AM

GC

“ *Daddy I loved our walks and talks and thank you for always taking care of me and my loved ones.*

Gwyn Chang - September 29, 2025 at 10:31 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gwyn Chang - September 29, 2025 at 10:29 PM

KK

“ Bobby, Dave, Steve, Gwyn and Tim - my deepest condolences. Please take care of each other as you remember, grieve and hopefully smile as well.



*Thinking back, lots of memories flood back to Marvine Ave. Lots of laughs and good times. For some reason I seem to be focusing on Herman practically eating the inside of the Chevy station wagon. So celebrate, laugh and have lots of tears to remember a wonderful husband and father.
All my love
Kris K*

Kristian Kjelstrup - September 29, 2025 at 05:05 PM