

Mr. John Clark

Mr. John Berry Clark, 76, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at Brinton Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Sykesville. He was the husband of Virginia Thomas Clark, his wife of 54 years.

Born March 4, 1932, in Washington, he was a son of the late Thomas John and Ruth Berry Miller Clark.

Mr. Clark held a degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Maryland, and a degree in international studies from the U.S. Army War College. He also attended the U.S. Naval Academy, and served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force Air Research and Development Command.

He was employed by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory as an aerospace engineer, and the U.S. Department of Army as a civilian research analyst. He was active in civic work and local politics, having been a candidate for school board and Maryland state legislature, and was a founding member of a national independent political party. He had been active in the Glenwood Lions Club, and in the Maryland Association of Health Underwriters.

Surviving besides his wife are three children, Kristy McKay, of Santa Cruz, Calif., Erik K. Clark, of Mount Airy, and Val Krupin, of Germantown; two sisters, Margaret Bouch, of Mahaffey, Pa., and Irene Petrlik, of Silver Spring; and six grandchildren, Lindsay and Blake Tallman, Whitney and Ellie Clark, and Benjamin and Megan Krupin.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Molesworth-Williams, P.A., Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Mount Airy Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Md. 27, Mount Airy. Interment with military honors will be in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that donations, in Mr. Clark's name be made to The General Humanitarian Fund at ldsphilanthropie@ldschurch.org.