



David Clark McClinton

June 26, 1938 - March 14, 2021

David Clark McClinton went to the arms of his heavenly Father from his earthly home surrounded by family, on March 14, 2021, at the age of 82. Born on June 26, 1938, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, David was the beloved only child of Christopher Clark and Marie Hardin McClinton.

David is survived by his wife, Imelda Martin McClinton, four children, Michelle Wisdom (John), Kenneth McClinton (Beth), Amy Driver (Mike) and Chris McClinton (Lydia), his grandchildren Alexandra Pummill (Adam), Luke Wisdom, Samuel McClinton, Isaac McClinton, David Driver, Jack Driver, Mary McClinton, Clark Thomas McClinton and Ava Claire McClinton and two great-grandchildren, Lily Pummill and Jack Pummill.

As a teenager, David overcame tuberculosis, spending nine months at the sanitorium in Booneville in 1957. In 1996, he bravely embraced experimental treatment for lymphoma at MD Anderson Cancer Center, claiming as his verse Psalm 119:71, "It is good for me that I have this affliction that I may learn Thy ways." He spent the rest of his days cherishing family and friends. As a long-time member of University Baptist Church, David served the church in many capacities. He also enjoyed many years in Bible Study Fellowship.

As a proud Fayetteville native, David was an alumnus of Jefferson and Washington elementary schools and a Fayetteville High School Class of '56 Purple Dog graduate. He attended the University of Arkansas, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and he was a lifelong Razorback fan.

David began his working life at the age of 14, paving roads as part of the road crew of McClinton Brothers Construction. David became a highway contractor and later served as president of McClinton-Anchor Division of APAC-Arkansas Inc. It is believed that McClinton Anchor Construction at one time had paved or overlaid every road in Washington County and most in Benton County.

Throughout his life, David worked on numerous projects to improve the community and

support the University of Arkansas' education and athletic endeavors. He was one of the original founders of The Bank of Fayetteville, serving as chairman of the board on several occasions. He was a founding member and past president of NARTI, and past chairman of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. David served on the boards of Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield, the Arkansas Board of Corrections, the Arkansas Institute of Theology, Ventures for Christ, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, the Associated General Contractors of Arkansas, and Arkansas Athletes Outreach. He was also a member of the University of Arkansas National Development Council.

While a member of the Washington Regional Board of Directors for 24 years, he served as board chair four times. His drive and determination are often credited with helping to make the dream of building the current state-of-the-art medical center at North Hills a reality in 2002. In 2010, he was a proud recipient of the Washington Regional Foundation Eagle Award.

David loved eating dessert first, hosting family gatherings, watching movies with happy endings, model trains, camping, boating, and trying, often successfully, to persuade his family to travel together in his RV.s. He also loved spending time on the Buffalo River, and he embraced the Low Gap Community, which he came to know and love. He was an avid reader and traveler. He enjoyed jazz, opera, bluegrass, and gospel music. David was the adored patriarch of his large family.

Visitation will be held at University Baptist Church from 5-7pm on Thursday, March 18th. Memorial services will held be at University Baptist Church at 11am on Friday, March 19th.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Second Mile Ministries at University Baptist Church, 333 W. Maple Street, Fayetteville AR 72701; WelcomeHealth, 1100 N. Woolsey Ave. Fayetteville, AR 72703; or The Willard Walker Hospice Home, 325 E. Longview Street, Fayetteville AR 72703.

Livestream link for funeral service:
<https://facebook.com/ubcfayetteville>

Cemetery

Fairview Memorial Gardens

1728 East Mission

Fayetteville, AR, 72703

Events

MAR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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University Baptist Church

333 W Maple St, Fayetteville, AR, US, 72701

MAR **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Berna Funeral Homes - March 18 at 09:23 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with David he was a caring individual who genuinely cared about his employees and his company. I was blessed to have met him. Prayers for your family.

Linda Lewis - March 23 at 08:56 PM



“ Amy and family,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I never met him but enjoyed seeing the pictures you would post of your family together. Prayers for you and the rest of your family as you go through this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is anything you need.
With love,
Monica, Blake and Ashton Ketchum

Monica Ketchum - March 19 at 11:18 AM



“ Imelda, I'm so sorry for your loss. David was a good friend back in the AR AGC days. He was a good christian man and a staunch proponent of the construction industry in Arkansas, and I feel fortunate to have known him.

Diane and my prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Bill Johnston

Bill Johnston - March 19 at 11:08 AM



“ Anna Morrison and The Do College Better Team purchased the Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel for the family of David Clark McClinton.



Anna Morrison and The Do College Better Team - March 19 at 10:14 AM



“ Sending condolences to you and your family Michelle. Visits with your dad at the ag experiment station were so much fun. Much love to you, Doug Karcher

Doug Karcher - March 19 at 09:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Davis's passing, prayers and condolences to the family, Randy Cale

Randy Cale - March 19 at 12:47 AM



“ Sending love to all. Sandy Prince

Sandy Prince - March 18 at 03:39 PM



“ What a wonderful sweet man! Always a thankful and gracious human. He will be missed
Praying for the family,
Therese and Brown Pendleton

Therese Pendleton - March 18 at 02:03 PM



“ David and I were childhood friends and neighbors. Our families went to the same church. The many successes of he and his family never changed David or his parents. They were wonderful people. I am so glad he met and married Imelda who grew up in our church in Fort Smith. Imelda, I am so sorry for your loss of David.
Martha Dalton McAlister, Fort Smith.

Martha McAlister - March 18 at 12:41 PM



“ Michelle we are thinking of you guys in this time of loss. Alan Ostner & Molly Jensen

Alan Ostner - March 18 at 10:56 AM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Mr. McClinton has been and will always be an example of someone I strive emulate.

Bo Bittle - March 17 at 07:01 PM



“ I've never met a more faithful, kind, generous, humble Christian man than David. I am thankful for sharing Ushering duties & learning from him @ UBC from '74-82 before we moved away. It was great to reunite with him & Imelda when we moved back in 2016.

He is resting now in his new Heavenly Home. Imelda, I'm so sorry for yours & your familys' loss.

May God bless & comfort you all,
Randy & Wendy Dodge

Randy & Wendy Dodge - March 17 at 06:39 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of David Clark McClinton.



March 17 at 03:56 PM



“ I'm so sorry. Please accept my deepest condolences.

Margaret Taylor

Margaret Taylor - March 17 at 02:11 PM



“ Imelda and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this sad time.
Donnie Sloat and family.

don sloat - March 17 at 11:05 AM



“ I was so fortunate to work with David. I say work with instead of for because though David was the boss he always made us feel like we were just a part of his family taking equal responsibilities for getting the job done. I will never forget his kindness. Even after he retired if you saw him he would always hug you and want to hear what you were doing. He was just a great person! My sympathies to this family. I hope you find much comfort in your many memories.

Sincerely,
Pat Higgins

Pat Higgins - March 17 at 10:38 AM



“ We lose the presence of another great one but there is rejoicing in heaven, the Angels are singing, and The Lord has already said “ Well done thy true and faithful servant”! What peace and joy we have in our hearts that David is now with HIM! Imelda and family, we have our memories.
In His Llove,
Dr Jim Hunt

Dr Jim Hunt - March 17 at 07:57 AM



“ David was a wonderful person. My time with David on the Board of Washington Regional revealed David's passion for service to his community. His incite was always clarifying to so many issues. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jay McDonald - March 17 at 12:54 AM



“ Sending you all my love and prayers for the coming days. What an amazing man- always had a smile and a quick witty thought when I would see him. Thank you all for sharing him with so many of us through the years!!
Robin Hall Guadagnini

Robin Guadagnini - March 16 at 08:39 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I will never forget the beautiful eulogy David gave at my grandfather’s service over twenty years ago. It was so comforting to our family and a testament to David’s kind heart, gracious spirit, and character. Condolences to Ms. Imelda, and prayers for comfort and love to my friend, Amy; and the rest of the McClinton family.

Tracy Stansell Easterling
Huntsville, AR

Tracy Easterling - March 16 at 05:04 PM



“ my sincere condolences to Imelda and the entire McClinton family. They have meant so much to myself and our family. May God bless and comfort all of you. Jim Neel

james neel - March 17 at 11:51 AM



“ It was a great privilege and honor to have known David and work for a great company. My prayers go out to the family. Charles Holiday

charles Holiday - March 17 at 01:48 PM



“ David left us with a wonderful legacy of a gracious man with a heart for our Lord Jesus. We will miss him dearly.

Ben Israel - March 18 at 03:41 PM



“ Praying for this entire family. We were members of UBC when we first moved to Fayetteville and David and Imelda were true servant-leaders in that church. Funny story - as Michelle’s graduate advisor, the last time I saw David was at the UofA ag farm with Michelle. He had a StoneMill sandwich and did not want the second half of the sandwich and he offered it to me. I accepted it, enjoyed chatting with him while eating it, and that is a memory that will always be with me! Thank you for feeding my hungry body and so many hungry souls...

Mike Richardson - March 18 at 06:35 PM