



## GARY E. CLARKSON

April 24, 1941 - March 25, 2026

### VISITATION:

SUNDAY: MARCH 29, 2026

2PM TO 5PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

### PRAYER SERVICE:

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4:30PM

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Gary E. Clarkson, 84 years, of Oak Ridge, NJ, passed away at his home on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 with his family by his side.

He was born on April 24, 1941 in Kearny, NJ to the late Louise (nee Evans) Clarkson and the late William Clarkson.

Gary proudly served in the US Army National Guard from 1964 to 1967.

He married Margaret Service in 1967 and resided in Oak Ridge, NJ where they raised their two sons.

Gary attended Coyne Institute in Chicago to become an electrician; which he

has been for the last 54 years. He served as a Local 102 IBEW electrician; and in 1985 he started his own business, Clarkson Electric, until his retirement in 2016. His son Scott now owns Clarkson Electric.

Gary began flying at an early age. Shortly after obtaining his pilot's license, he bought a plane and headed off through the Bermuda Triangle on his Honeymoon with wife Margaret in 1967. Fortunately, after surviving that he went on to have two sons, Scott and Darren and a marriage to Margaret for 59 years. His love of aviation was handed down to his sons with Scott building two airplanes, and Darren pursuing a career with the airlines. Gary had a love of all things mechanical, including several classic cars and restoring and maintaining a pre-civil war era farmhouse.

Most of all though, Gary was known for his quick wit and sense of humor. Anyone that knew Gary will have heard some of his sayings and 'Gary-isms', many of which will be echoed for generations to come.

He was predeceased by his father William in 1990; his mother Louise in 2011; and his brothers Glen and William Clarkson.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife Margaret; his loving sons Scott Clarkson and his wife Stacy and Darren Clarkson and his wife Libby; his cherished grandchildren Ryan, Colby, Wiley, and Cooper; and his dear siblings Lois, Jim, Rob, Kent, Grant, and Jane.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday, March 29, 2026 from 2pm to 5pm with a prayer service at 4:30pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

Final disposition will be private.

On line condolences and directions: [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home

187 La Rue Road

(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)

Newfoundland, NJ 07435

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## Prayer Service

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# Tribute Wall

LK

“ I am so so sorry for the loss of Gary! As he rewired my house, he shared his stories about why he went to electricians school and how much he loved it. He was a good and trusting friend to our family. He will be missed.

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**Lisa Klepp** - March 30 at 12:37 PM

JM

“ I feel blessed to have spent a great part of my childhood with the Clarkson's... such joyful and unforgettable memories! Our families were so close that our respective parents earned the Uncle and Aunt titles.

Uncle Gary was an awesome guy with great sense of humor and I can already hear laughter from above. He will surely be missed by many. God rest his soul and bring peace, comfort and strength to Aunt Margaret, Scott, Darren and all of this wonderful family... love you all!

With much love and sympathy,

Jeff & Saydees Merrell

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**Jeff Merrell** - March 28 at 01:48 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Gary's family, so many times Gary helped us with our electric problems, it was always a meaningful visit RIP Gary.

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**Ruth Nehrings** - March 28 at 01:15 PM

LS

“ Gary & Scott did all the electrical work at Harmony Salon. They gave me everything I wanted without hesitation or judgment. Scott continues to be the best in the business. This just shows how close they were as a team and father & son. Sending prayers with all my love to your family at this time.

Lynette Skok - March 28 at 12:03 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of GARY E. CLARKSON.



March 28 at 11:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of GARY E. CLARKSON.

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FN

“ Fondly, Brandon & Natasha purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of GARY E. CLARKSON.



Fondly, Brandon & Natasha - March 27 at 05:40 PM

WF

“ *Wendling Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of GARY E. CLARKSON.*



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**Wendling Family** - March 27 at 11:57 AM

TF

“ *The Lopez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of GARY E. CLARKSON.*

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**The Lopez Family** - March 27 at 10:48 AM

CK

“ *Gary was a class act and I share in your sadness. Chet Klimek.*

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**Chet Klimek** - March 27 at 10:02 AM

FC

“ *From all of us at Catholic Charities purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of GARY E. CLARKSON.*



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**From all of us at Catholic Charities** - March 27 at 08:27 AM

DP

“ *Poppy, My heart is broken what a honor to be part of your life I will always cherish our memories our breakfasts, Our expeditions, your wonderful sense of humor, so many laughs and fun times. You and Margaret treated me like a son and part of your amazing family.*

*Your wisdom and guidance over our many years together speaks volumes about you what a privilege to call you my friend.*

*God bless you and the Clarkson family, You will be with me forever, Love you buddy God's speed.*

*Drew*

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**Drew Pawlick** - March 26 at 09:38 PM

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“ *The Kuebler and Mauriber Families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of GARY E. CLARKSON.*



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**The Kuebler and Mauriber Families** - March 26 at 11:46 AM

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“ *The Kuebler and Mauriber Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of GARY E. CLARKSON.*

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**The Kuebler and Mauriber Families** - March 26 at 11:46 AM