



## John Francis Clark

December 24, 1941 - July 30, 2020

Rev. John Francis Clark CM, 78, of Perryville, Missouri died Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Apostle of Charity Residence in Perryville.

He was born December 24, 1941 in Berwyn, IL. to John and Jeanette (Augustyn) Clark.

He was a Roman Catholic Priest for 50 years and served as an Associate Pastor at St. Vincent de Paul in Perryville.

He is survived by one sister-in-law and by one niece and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother: Anthony Clark.

Services are private.

Burial will be at Vincentian Community Cemetery in Perryville.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Vincentian Community Cemetery

Perryville, MO

Perryville, MO 63775

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Francis Clark*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *John Francis Clark*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *He was a remarkable man and priest. I knew him form my days at Precious Blood in Denver CO. A great sense of humor and taught me to laugh in difficult times. He was loved.*

**Mary Williams** - January 08, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *A dear friend since 1970 when we attended St. Thomas University in Houston, TX. It took 5 summers to receive our Masters in Religious Education. Because of that friendship John Francis celebrated my marriage to Jim Seroskie in 1977 in Orlando, FL along with another good priest friend of ours. John came here to our home in Amherst, New Hampshire in 2007 to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. Thank you John Francis for the love and laughter shared throughout the years. You're home now...thank you for blessing our lives while you were with us.*

**Marie M Seroskie** - November 12, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *Thank you, Father, for teaching me at Kenrick!*

**Rev. Tim Henderson** - October 31, 2020 at 09:05 PM

KG

“ One of the main things I remember about John Francis is his laugh and his smile and his sense of humor. He was delightful. Another thing that comes to mind was a very important occasion---- the Baptism of our daughter Colleen. I had requested that her baptism take place in the intimacy of our home. The pastor of our church said absolutely not. However, the night before the scheduled event, the pastor called me and said we would have to have her baptism in our home as the carpeting in our parish church was being cleaned. Well, I did a little jig of joy. To top it off, John Francis had agreed to officiate. So we were delighted to have both of our wishes.

The third thing that comes to mind is John Francis' relationship to a group of us friends who got together often---Joan and Tony Clark, Tom and Carol Swink, Judy and Jere Collins, and Jim and Karen Griesemer. We always included John Francis if he was in town. Several times he heard impromptu confessions or made himself available for celebrating Mass. We bragged that we had our own personal priest on call.

He was a terrific guy.

It gives me great comfort that he and his brother Tony are together sharing more laughs. Thanks, John Francis, for being you and for serving the Lord with joy.

Karen Griesemer

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karen griesemer - August 02, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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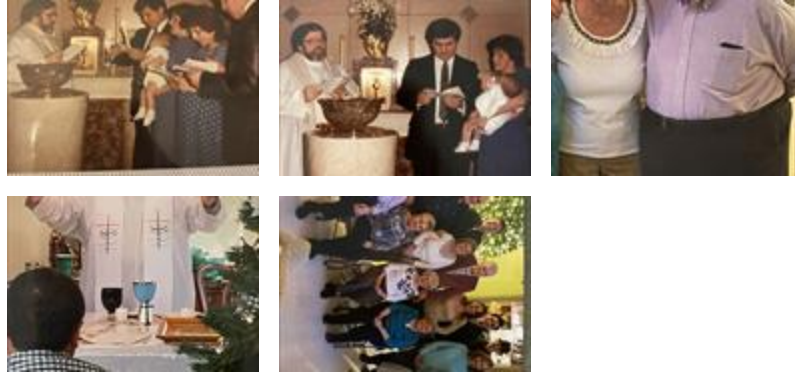
“ Very Blessed to have had a chance to share some great laughs (and some wine and Scotch) with John Francis and Tony over the years. The world is a better place because of you. RIP John Francis.

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Mike Gilboy - August 02, 2020 at 08:40 PM

EM

“ Pictures of Mass in our home 2018 and Baptism of our son Danny 1983.



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**Ellen Marquez** - August 02, 2020 at 02:30 PM

BG

“ Rest in peace, Fr. Clark!

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**Beth Guth** - August 02, 2020 at 08:32 AM

EM

“ *What I will always treasure about my cousin, John Francis, are the times we shared at his parents' home in Chicago during the Christmas holidays. My Auntie Jen, John's mother, would bake the bread that we would use for Holy Communion and John Francis would celebrate Mass. My Dad's large Polish family would gather to pray and eat together and enjoy each others company. I was so proud that my cousin was a priest and felt that it was such an honor to have Mass in someone's home. As time went on and loved ones passed away this tradition faded away, but for me the memory never did. In the back of my mind I wondered if I would ever have Mass celebrated in my home. Then during the Christmas holidays of 2018 I asked John Francis if he would say Mass at my home in Darien, IL. When he agreed to do this, I was so thrilled that one of my dreams would come true. We had such a beautiful family gathering just like the "old days" with food and prayer and fun. I will forever hold dear in my heart that wonderful day with John Francis. Thank you for being such a kind and caring person. This world has truly lost a special man. You have been a true and faithful servant. May you reap the rewards of eternal joy that you have rightfully earned. My condolences to the Vincentian community as well as Joan, Sarah, Steven, and Katie. I share in your sorrow. May your memories of John Francis and the love he had for you bring you comfort at this time of grief and in the days ahead.*

*Love, Ellen*



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ellen marquez - August 02, 2020 at 12:45 AM

LF

“ Love, The Clark/Moellers/Aicher/Schietinger Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Francis Clark.



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**Love, The Clark/Moellers/Aicher/Schietinger Family** - August 01, 2020 at 09:24 PM

GV

“ Mark and I will always remember Uncle's laughter, because laughter seemed to follow him wherever he went. His smile and fun nature were contagious. We will miss seeing him at family events and hope he is at peace.

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**Gretchen Volpe** - August 01, 2020 at 08:24 PM

RA

“ Carol and I only knew Uncle for a short time, but it was our great fortune that we had the chance to do so. What a wonderful man. He will be missed. Enjoy, heaven, John and say hi to Tony for us! - Bob and Carol Aicher

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**Robert D. AICHER** - August 01, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jackie Aicher** - July 31, 2020 at 11:41 PM

SM

“ 2 files added to the album Fr. John F. Clark, CM (Uncle)



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**Sarah Moellers** - July 31, 2020 at 09:33 PM

CS

*John Francis and Tony were two peas in a pod. I couldn't tell which one I was talking to on the phone--they sounded so much alike. John Francis was always an integral member of the Clark family. His presence was truly a blessing to family and to those who knew him. May he rest in peace.  
Tom and Carol Swink*

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**Carol Swink** - August 02, 2020 at 04:38 PM

KC

“ *How can an obituary capture what a fun, smooth jazz, White Sox, and scotch-loving guy Uncle really was. All of his family is devastated that we were unable to see him due to COVID, and we miss him. He was an amazing and special member of our small family. In reality, Uncle was survived by his sister-in-law (Joan Clark), one nephew (Steve Clark), two nieces (Sarah Moellers and Katie Clark) and four great nieces and nephews (Ella, Henry, Abram and Piper), who all loved him greatly. Christmas Eve will never be the same, and I will miss Uncle's famous, post-dinner phrase -- "it's good and good for you!" But, I am so glad that Uncle and Dad are back together again. Rest in peace Uncle. --Katie*

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**Kathryn Clark** - July 31, 2020 at 07:06 PM