



Wayne Stanley Clark

May 25, 1949 - September 7, 2025

Wayne Stanley Clark stepped peacefully into Heaven from his home in Yakima on September 7, 2025. Wayne was born in Twisp, Washington on May 25, 1949 to Virgil (Stan) and Edna Clark.

Wayne graduated high school and continued his education at St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Yakima, Washington. During that time, he married Sandra Widman in Ferndale, Washington. Wayne went on to continue his education in Spokane and Seattle to become a nurse practitioner.

The family then moved to Payette, Idaho where Wayne worked in a clinic for Idaho Migrant Council. Wayne and his family then spent a year in Ruanguba, Zaire while he worked in a bush hospital. Upon returning to the United States, the Clark family moved to Oregon.

After a brief battle with breast cancer, Sandra Clark died in 1991. After Sandra's death, Wayne moved back to Yakima. Not long after relocating, Wayne married Kara Campbell and added her son to his family. They then made their home in the Yakima Valley for over 30 years. Wayne worked with multiple medical groups over the years in the Yakima area.

If you encountered Wayne Clark personally, professionally, or circumstantially, he was always the man willing to give you the shirt off his back. An avid

caretaker of humans and animals alike, Wayne lived life with his heart leading the charge. You could often find him in the kitchen: nose in a cook book, stirring over a cast iron, cooking and baking to feed his loved ones. He worked closely with underprivileged communities and prided himself on his pain management practice, so he might ease the suffering of others. Wayne was the very essence of a healer, and we are blessed to have lived alongside his open, joyous heart.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Kara Clark; his daughters, Melanie Bartol (Steve), Stephanie Guillot (Sebastien), and Amaya Clark; his sons, Jared Clark and Aydin Clark; his brother, Gary Clark (Anna); his grandchildren, Kaileah Akker, Kasandra Rolles (Grant), Shelan Kuckuck (Jake), Dalen Akker, Nathan Bartol; great-grandchildren, Scotty Joy, Phoenix and Ryder. Wayne is also survived by a niece and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Sandra.

An informal Celebration of Life is planned for Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 2:30pm - 4:30pm at Randall Park located at 1399 South 48th Ave in Yakima, Washington. We have the gazebos off of 44th Avenue by the duck pond reserved. Please bring an appetizer or favorite snack to share.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 21. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (PT)

Randal Park
1399 South 48th Ave
Yakima, WA 98902

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ We will be forever grateful that we had the privilege to have been treated by Wayne in several practices. He was just the absolute best kind of person you could ever meet. We will miss his cheerful personality and positivity. Curt, Judy and Josh Greeley

Judy Greeley - September 17, 2025 at 04:55 PM

RH

“ I graduated with Wayne in Twisp Washington in 1967. After my Navy years I was living in Twisp. Around 1974 I was injured in the saw mill. Dr. Henry fixed me up and sent me home with antibiotics, which later that evening I developed large rashes on me and my air way was shutting down. My wife called and Wayne rushed down to the house and gave me a shot to counter adverse reactions. He truly saved my life.

Thank you Wayne and Rest In Piece with the Lord
Rick Hardy

Rick Hardy - September 12, 2025 at 05:49 PM

ME

Thanks for sharing a story from Dad's early years.

Melanie - September 17, 2025 at 11:44 PM

DO

In her nineties, my mother could never say enough about the care Wayne provided. And she liked his cowboy boots! He was a bright spot in her days.

Donna Oliva - September 18, 2025 at 05:45 PM

DA

I was a patient of his and I was so saddened when I heard he passed away. He was a provider that made me a better person, a better patient. He was so awesome. He shared his life so easily and made you feel at ease. I truly felt blessed being under his care. He didn't miss a beat when it came to his medical care, and he was always right when he ordered radiology. Very folksy is one of his strong character traits and always so attentive. There's no one like him and I fear I will never find someone so caring, so friendly, so just an open book and attentive to your healthcare. A bit heartbroken that I won't have my visits and chats with Wayne. He's one of a kind and I feel so grateful I got to be his patient.

Darlene

Darlene - September 18, 2025 at 10:50 PM

DW

It is with sadness that I learned today of Wayne's passing. He and his family were friends while we were growing up in Twisp. As a graduate of St Elizabeth I used to share with Wayne what a terrific nursing school it was. When he chose St E's, he began a career that served and ministered to others. When my parents moved from Twisp to Yakima, Wayne cared for them. They trusted him so much they would specifically ask if he was available. He was a special man, friend, and colleague. Thought and prayers for all but especially you Kara and also Gary.

Donna Woodkey-Dinsmore - September 19, 2025 at 12:32 AM



Wayne and I were dear friends for 58 years...almost a lifetime. We met as 18 year old incoming freshmen at St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in 1967. Being the only guy in the class and only the 3rd in the history of the school didn't faze him a bit. His jovial, supportive, compassionate nature never wavered. He met dear, sweet Sandy while in training, falling hopelessly in love. Traveling to Blaine for their wedding is a fond memory. I cried a bucket of happy tears! Wayne adored the baby girls who followed and shared with me his devotion to them and his heartbreak for them when they lost Sandy.

In these later years, it was difficult to see Wayne dealing with the myriad of health issues he dealt with. Yet, he rarely complained. He was a man of faith who would simply say, I can't complain; I've been blessed." In 2021, I sustained a critical injury to my left leg and was hospitalized & in rehab for nearly 3 months. At the same time, Wayne was in rehab in the Tri-cities following the amputation of his right leg. We talked on the phone nearly every day, bolstering each other up. Mostly, tho, we laughed a lot at our respective plights.

Wayne was a true light and inspiration in both my professional and personal life. I loved him like a brother and always felt sad that I never got to know Kara and the kids. I will miss him terribly but rejoice in the fact that he is no longer ill and in pain...that he is whole again!

Prayers are ascending for all of the family, friends, colleagues, and patients who are grieving our profound loss. Rest in peace, my precious friend.

Judy Lebens

Judith Lebens - September 19, 2025 at 10:00 PM

CM

Wayne you were a good and faithful servant! I was just fondly speaking of you yesterday and had no idea that you had moved on to your heavenly reward. I loved being your patient and always enjoyed our chats. My grandpa was the first male nurse at St. E's and you always fondly spoke of your memories of both Bob and Myrtle with me. You were a gem, with a gleam in your eye and such joy in your heart! You will be missed, but it isn't goodbye, it is until we meet again!

Cherie McAlpine-Foster - September 30, 2025 at 12:50 PM