



Mark A. Clinkenbeard

January 17, 1949 - November 21, 2020

On November 21, 2020, Mark A. Clinkenbeard, 71, of Stamford rode the chariots home, releasing him from the pain of fighting cancer. Mark married his high school sweetheart, Dorry who was the love of his life and his sole reason for existence the last 49 years.

Mark grew up in Arizona and was a Vietnam veteran. During his time in the Army he packed parachutes and acted as loadmaster dropping jeeps, weapons and medicine all over Vietnam. He also was an airborne infantryman for 3 1/2 years.

Mark's love of cooking lead him to graduate from the Culinary Institute of America which offered him a vast array of culinary experiences and adventures including working in Hawaii, traveling the world (France, China, Malaysia, and Napa Valley) and finally settling in as an Executive Chef at country clubs on the east coast. These experiences changed his palette from a love of Fritos and bean dip to a love of truffles and Pinot Noir. He was actively involved in many associations including Chef de Cuisine and the Chef's Association of Westchester and Lower Connecticut.

Mark was a loving father, devoted husband and hardworking provider. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed spending time with his family, working in the yard and falling asleep at movies. The love he carried for his remaining family

will never be forgotten.

He is survived by his beloved wife Dorry; his daughters, Dione and her husband Shaun McGuinness, and Kristin Clinkenbeard; his grandchildren Jenna Clinkenbeard, Matthew and Christopher McGuinness and a great grandson. He is also survived by a brother Tom Clinkenbeard, his wife Joanne and their family.

Mark was predeceased by his son Eric Todd Clinkenbeard and his parents.

His family will receive relative and friends at the Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford on Saturday, November 28th from 2pm to 4pm. A prayer service will be celebrated at 4pm, which will be live streamed for family and friends to attend virtually. To attend, please select "webcast video" on Mark's obituary at www.bosakfuneralhome.com. His burial will be held private.

In compliance with state mandates and the safety of all those attending the services, it is mandatory to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

If you would like to leave a condolence message online please visit the guestbook to share memories with his family at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
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Stamford, CT 06902
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Prayer Service (Live Streamed)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bosak Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mark A. Clinkenbeard*



Bosak Funeral Home - November 24, 2020 at 07:00 PM

SG

*Dorry, Dionne, Kristin and family
My sincere condolences and prayers.
Shirley Green*

Shirley Green - November 28, 2020 at 01:12 PM

ME

*Dorry, Dionne, and Kristen.
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time. We were so
sorry to hear of Mark's passing. May God comfort you and be with you
during this difficult time.
Peter, Melanie, Abby, and Mark*

Melanie - November 28, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DL

*Im so sorry about marks passing my prayers go out to you and your
family. Im glad to have spent the time I did with him since I knew him. I
will allways be thankful to have been able to get to know him and be a
part of his life. I hope god comfort u all with love.I love you all from
Diego and the Lopez family*

Diego Lopez - November 28, 2020 at 04:48 PM

DC

Thank you for everyone who took the time to comment, view, visit and remember my dad. He was an incredible man and my family and I thank you for all of your support.

Dione clinkenbeard - November 28, 2020 at 07:15 PM

CJ

“ I was a waiter at Tamarack Country Club around 1980 and Mark was the head chef. I remember a joke he and his sous chef Eddy played on me. They were grinding raw horseradish in a low tabletop grinder and asked me to turn it off. The switch was hard to find so I had to get close to the grinder and lean over it to find the switch. Little did I know that horseradish is 10 times stronger than onions. My eyes and sinuses started watering and burning for about 10 minutes! He and Eddy were laughing hysterically! All good fun. I worked my butt off there and learned a ton from Mark. Condolences for your loss Dorry. 40 years later and I remember him like it was yesterday.

Charles Johnston - April 20, 2022 at 10:02 PM

LB

“ Dorry, and your family, we are so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor and human being. I will always remember his helpful kind nature, and great sense of humor. God bless and rest in peace Mark.

*Love,
Dan & Lynne Barton*

Lynne Barton - November 29, 2020 at 03:06 PM

RH

“ Dorry , Dionne and Kristen,
Please know I am thinking of you all in your hour of grief for my brother Matk.
He was a close friend and confidante always willing to serve and to support. He suffered the indignities of his infirmities with such grace and humility. He truly was an inspiration to so many of us in the church. He would always come on Sundays appropriately dressed but with a smile and a ready hug.
I know you miss him so greatly, but be comforted as you can by knowing his long battle is over and what he would want more than anything was to know you were celebrating the wonderful legacy he left.
God bless you,
Dick Helstein

Richard Helstein - November 28, 2020 at 03:25 PM

CM

“ Dorry, Dionne & Kristin: I was sorry to hear of Mark's passing, though I know he'll be with the Lord. We'll miss his quiet presence at church and of course his delicious food! Hugs to all of you. - Chris McCloud

Christine McCloud - November 27, 2020 at 05:52 PM

DI


“ *Mark, thank you for being the best neighbor a person could want! Thank you for being there when Phil and Mary Puzzuoli needed help in their last years!*

Our families are very sad to know you have lost a wonderful husband and father. Life will not be the same without his smile and walks with his grandchildren, wife and dog as he walked passed our home.

We are here for you always, Dory.

*Love,
Diana & Josephine & all our families*

Diana - November 26, 2020 at 04:30 PM


Hermann
Reiner

“ *11 files added to the album chefs de cuisine*



Hermann Reiner - November 26, 2020 at 12:52 PM

DI

Thank you so much for taking the time to post these amazing pictures <3

Dione - November 27, 2020 at 10:18 PM

KS

“ Dorry and family, Our Deepest sympathies on the passing of Mark. A great friend since our days at CIA and one who I enjoyed staying in touch with all these years. God Bless. Kurt and Shari Stimmel

Kurt Stimmel - November 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM

KL

“ Dear Dione and family, So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you at this very sad time, Kim Gutowski Lalli

Kim Gutowski Lalli - November 26, 2020 at 08:42 AM

CS

Dorry and family, We've all lost a truly great man. He had the driest sense of humor and one of the biggest hearts around. He will be missed so much but never forgotten.

Carol Sullivan

Carol Sulivan - November 28, 2020 at 03:50 PM