



## Richard C. Clark

November 14, 1946 - December 8, 2014

Clark, Richard C. "Dick"  
Saline, MI

Age 68, passed away peacefully Monday morning December 8, 2014 at the Saline Evangelical Home. He was born on November 14, 1946, in Detroit, MI, the son of James and Doris (Davis) Clark. Richard "Dick" grew up in Detroit, MI, and attended Henry Ford High School. He attended Eastern Michigan University and began a career in sales, working with a major food distributor and then many years in motorcycle dealer supply. Dick also worked with his brother in design and furniture distribution for another 17 years. Dick prided himself on his work ethic and independence throughout his life. Though enjoying work as a means to support himself, his true passion was sports, mostly baseball. Dick spent almost 40 years as a baseball historian and a major contributor to the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). Dick was a chairman of the Negro Leagues committee and helped many black ball players to find their home in Cooperstown in the Baseball Hall of Fame. Dick's knowledge of the game, its history, as well as, current and past teams and players was unmatched. In addition to his passion for baseball, Dick was a fan of most all sports. From his local favorites of the Tigers, Red Wings, Lions and Pistons, he also became a fan of European football, and his favorite team was the Manchester United. Dick spent most of his "free" time watching and supporting youth sports and activities. Anyone that knew Dick, knew about his

grand kids and their respective sporting events and activities. From dance to music concerts, soccer, swimming, basketball and baseball, Dick was at most all of his grandkids games and events with supportive comments throughout and encouragement and guidance after. Dick was a fan and even coach to many within the community as a whole. It was expected that his grand kids would call him "Grandpa Dick", but it was also special to have the kid's friends and teammates calling him "Grandpa Dick" as well. Dick had a big heart, a great sense of humor, and was a friend to many. Dick was a loving brother, father and grandfather. He is survived by his brother, Charles "Chuck" Clark and Step Son, Kristian (Tara) Holmberg, and four grandchildren: Macy, Kelsey, Chloe, and Nathan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Society for American Baseball Research, SABR, 4455 E. Camelback Road, Suite D-140, Phoenix, Arizona 85018, with funds earmarked to the Jerry Malloy Conference. Or click here to donate: <https://sabr.site-ym.com/donations/donate.asp?id=6149> A memorial service on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. at the Eastern Michigan University Student Center in Event Room #300 - EMU Student Center 900 Oakwood Street, Ypsilanti, MI, 48197. Please check back for additional details. To sign Dick's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eastern Michigan University Student Center in Event Room #300-EMU Student Center  
900 Oakwood Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard C. Clark*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Our Hearts are heavy as we just learned of Dicks passing. We always enjoyed seeing/talking with him at Krogers. He was our one and only "Dick from Dairy". You have our Prayer as you face this next year without him. .... With Sympathy & Condolances Dale & Gail Valor-Tucker PS: I will never forget making him laugh when I told him about following/getting back my \$10.00 that I gave to what I found out was just a scammer in the Kroger parking lot. He would always SK if I had seen any scammers! As he chuckled!!!*

**dale & Gail** - April 02, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Holmberg family for the loss of their loved one, and my friend, Dick Clark. Dick was a true friend, who would share his life, what he believed in and his vast knowledge of being an historian and researcher of Negro League Baseball, which was one of his true loves. I will truly miss you, my friend. Wayne Stivers*

**Wayne Stivers** - December 17, 2014 at 04:09 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry for you loss. We pray that you feel the comfort of God's grace and love during this time of loss. Love, The Kuebler Family.*

**Suzanne Kuebler** - December 15, 2014 at 11:59 AM

TM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. We have had the privilege of knowing Rich for over fifty years. Our family has so many wonderful memories of our time spent together. Rich was a wonderful person who we loved as part of our family. To our children, Uncle Rich, to us a brother. He will be missed! Tom and Mary Monty

Tom & Mary Monty - December 13, 2014 at 09:59 AM

KS

“ We always enjoyed talking soccer in the stands of the Hornet games with Dick. He was a true fan and just a great guy. Our prayers are with his family at this time. The Sturms Family

Kenn Sturms - December 11, 2014 at 08:23 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hieber lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Clark



Cheryl Hieber - December 11, 2014 at 06:02 PM

CH

Larry and I will miss Dick's presence at all the kids' events and family functions. Now he will be watching from Heaven.

Cheryl Hieber - December 11, 2014 at 06:05 PM

RM

*A big loss to the SABR community especially the Negro Leagues which he so dearly loved. A great Detroit sports historian who never found a sport that he didn't love.*

*A close personal friend who will truly be missed.*

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**Rick Meister** - December 12, 2014 at 11:41 AM

LE

*A true friend to so many especially those in the Negro League community, He will be missed*

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**leslie** - December 13, 2014 at 10:25 AM

BA

*I miss Richard at Kroger. Many customers ask about him. He was someone rare in today's world. A good listener. Say hello to Jesus for me Richard.*

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**Bart** - December 14, 2014 at 08:32 AM

KH

“ *Kelsey Holmberg lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Clark*



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**Kelsey Holmberg** - December 11, 2014 at 03:13 PM

JO

“ *I worked with Dick for 25 years as a black baseball researcher. He was invariably kind and giving of his time and efforts when a colleague needed help. I don't know if I have ever run into anyone so dedicated to anything as Dick was to the Negro Leagues. He will leave an enormous void in our lives.*

*Jim Overmyer*

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**Jim Overmyer** - December 10, 2014 at 07:55 PM

BC

“ *Dick was an outstanding baseball researcher. He will be missed.*

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**Bill Carle** - December 10, 2014 at 11:05 AM

RM

“ *Kristian, Tara and Holmberg children, so sorry for your loss. Grandpa Dick, touched our hearts also. We are so happy you shared him with us too. Will miss sitting with him in the stands cheering. Taylor will miss him dearly. He was always so kind to her. He will be missed but never forgotten. Hugs to you all.*

*Dave, Renee, and Taylor Mulder*

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**Renee Mulder** - December 08, 2014 at 07:48 PM

BS

*A very unpretentious gentleman who had a very positive impact upon others. Dick was a magnet and many were drawn to his wonderful presence. I will miss you my friend.*

*Bryan Steverson*

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**Bryan Steverson** - December 12, 2014 at 12:51 PM

RS

*Dick has a special place in my heart. Dick had a love for baseball, which included the Negro leagues, and because of his efforts, determination and know-how, my dad "Turkey" Stearnes, is in the baseball hall of fame. I will never forget him.*

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**Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown** - December 13, 2014 at 11:39 AM

JH

*Talking sports or life in general with Dick in Kroger's was always a pleasure. I miss his genial spirit every time I'm in that store. My good thoughts to his whole family.*

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**Jim Holoka** - May 15, 2015 at 11:45 PM