



David Bartlett Clapp

June 16, 1955 - May 4, 2021

On May 4, 2021, David Bartlett Clapp, 65 of Greensboro, NC, departed for his heavenly home.

Born on June 16, 1955 in Pittsburgh, PA, David was the second of three children of Harry and Patricia Clapp. David spent his whole life exceeding expectations. A confirmed member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Wilkesburg, PA, David spent many years serving as an acolyte. He was active in Boy Scouts and achieved the rank of 1st class. He also had a neighborhood paper route. After graduating from Eastern Area School in Churchill, PA, he continued taking classes at Allegheny Community College to expand his skill set.

David moved with his parents to McLean, VA in 1979, and took classes at Northern Virginia Community College while working and commuting to several jobs. An active member of Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, David enjoyed participating in all church activities. He was a member of a bowling league and served on several self-advocacy groups for those with special needs. He worked for the Fairfax County Recreation Department for several years.

David's parents retired with him to Greensboro, NC in 1991 where he continued his working career with positions at Food Lion, Hobby Lobby, Weatherspoon Museum, and Twin Lakes Memory Center. He then worked as a chef at ArcBARKS, a company founded by his mother for individuals with special needs. David was featured on several TV shows and in newspaper articles. David had many hobbies and interests. He loved to bowl, was a talented painter, participated in Special Olympics and was a singer with the Inner Rhythm Choir who performed all over the state of North Carolina.

David is survived by his parents, Harry and Patricia Clapp of the home, brother Jeffrey (Lynn) Clapp of Pittsburgh, PA, sister Jean Clapp Groome (Tim) of High Point, NC, nephew Brian (Barbie) Clapp and great-niece Samantha of Austin, TX, niece Megan Clapp of Pittsburgh, PA, special caretaker cousin William Mitchell Causey III of Randleman, NC, aunt Esther Clapp Livengood Irby of Burlington, NC and 29 first cousins

across the country.

The family would like to thank his longtime caregiver, Felecia Gilmer for all of her love and dedication to David over her many years with the family. Likewise to LaTosha Irving for providing loving companionship and healthcare in his recent years. You both made a difference in his life. And finally, the family would also like to express their gratitude to Authoracare/Hospice of Greensboro for their devotion to David and his care in his final months.

Arrangements are being attended to by Forbis & Dick Funeral Service. Visitation, service and burial will be held at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church at 5120 Burlington Rd in Greensboro on Monday, May 10. Visitation will begin at 2:00 with the service at 3:00 and burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Authoracare/Hospice of Greensboro at 2500 Summit Ave. Greensboro, NC 27405 or to a local community group serving those with special needs.

Cemetery

**Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
Church Cemetery**
5120 Burlington Rd.
Greensboro, NC, 27405

Events

- MAY 10

Receiving friends prior to the Service

02:00PM - 02:45PM

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
5120 Burlington Rd., Greensboro, NC, US,
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- MAY 10

Funeral Service

03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Comments



“ David had Downs Syndrome. But he didn't let that define him. He defied definitions. He painted—and won awards for his paintings. He sang in a choir with all his heart, he gave speeches, he enjoyed bowling, he was featured on TV.

David was also a teacher. He didn't teach in a classroom, but he taught with his smile that greeted us, he taught with his arms wrapped around us, he taught with his heart toward us. David taught us to love. And they are few who could teach better. He loved with all he had, fully, without prejudice, without condition.

I'll miss his whole-heart greeting, “John!” I'll miss his barrel-chested hug that practically lifted me off the ground, I'll miss his playful, wink-eyed sense of humor, and his unfettered laughter.

Most people with Downs die in their thirties. David lived to 65. He defied definitions. And by his the way he lived life, he taught us to do the same.

Missing him, but also celebrating him...
John

John Forno - May 10 at 11:17 AM



“ I knew David from Pulmonary Rehab where I volunteered. He was a fun loving guy and a delight to work with. Prayers for all his family & friends as you share memories and celebrate a life well lived.



Jean Mabe - May 08 at 12:35 PM



“ About 10 years ago, I met David at Cone's outpatient Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehab department. I can see why David always exceeded expectations during his life. He was always friendly and worked hard to strengthen himself physically. I know your family will miss David and trust your wonderful memories and the love others had for David will comfort you at this sad time.

Janice Shaffer
Greensboro, NC

Janice Shaffer - May 07 at 02:21 PM



“ Sharon Parrish lit a candle in memory of David Bartlett Clapp



Sharon Parrish - May 07 at 09:00 AM



“ May the Lord wrap His loving arms around you, comforting you with the Peace that surpasses all understanding.

Sharon Parrish

Sharon Parrish - May 07 at 09:07 AM



“ I was blessed to know David in Pulmonary Rehab. I still pause to look at a painting that he did that hangs in my living room and have great memories of the the time we had together. He accomplished many things , touched many lives, and brought love and joy to many people. Praying for strength, comfort and peace as you share your memories of David. He will always hold a special place in my heart

phyllis strock - May 09 at 12:08 PM



“ Sending love and prayers for the whole family! What a beautiful life well loved and lived.

Rhonda Reeves

Rhonda Reeves - May 07 at 08:53 AM



“ Dear Pat and Harry Clapp we are so sorry about David. David was a happy person at the Cockerham family.

Grey Cockerham - May 07 at 08:40 AM