

Art Clemens (1928 - 2017)



Art Clemens passed away on Nov. 2, 2017, in Durango Colo., at the age of 89 of natural causes.

He is survived by six children, Art Clemens Jr of St. Louis Mo., Rick Clemens of Bloomington Indiana, Tim Clemens of Durango Colo., Kitty Clemens of Meeker Colo., Jim Clemens of Denver and Chris Clemens of Cedar Edge, Colo. His former spouse, Joan Clemens, lives in Denver.

He is also survived by four grandchildren, Daniel Clemens (son of Tim Clemens) of Birmingham Ala., Mathew Mienke (son of Kitty Clemens) of Denver, Dorothy Clemens (daughter of Tim Clemens) of Durango, and Claire Clemens (daughter of Chris Clemens) of Fort Collins, Colo.

Three of his great grandchildren, Liliana, Uriah, and Judah Clemens reside in Alabama and the fourth great grandchild, Dominic Caton, the son of Dorothy Clemens, resides in Durango.

Art was born as the youngest of three sons of Edward and Anna (Hay) Clemens in Cannelton on Aug 12, 1928. His older brothers, Jim and Dave passed on before him. In his youth he attended St. Michael's Grade School in Cannelton, and graduated from boarding school at St. Joseph's Academy in Rensselaer. He attended Indiana University business school and was in the United States Army prior to and during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, Art worked in sales for the Cannelton Sewer Pipe Company, later called Cantex Industries, from 1953 till 1970, and became vice president in charge of sales toward the end of his tenure.

A lifelong Democrat, he was active in Indiana politics on the state and local level.

He served as a Perry county councilman, and helped in the election of Vance Hartkey to the United States Senate. Art also was active in the charitable organization the Jaycees in Indiana. In his younger years he enjoyed hunting and fishing, going deep sea fishing in the Caribbean and hunting elk and deer in Idaho. His love of the Ohio River was great as was his enjoyment of boating. He kept a boat at the Tell City marina for several years.

In 1970, he moved his family to Denver, working for a short time in sales for Redfield Rifle Scopes, and then starting a business that sold water treatment equipment in Western states. He remained active in this business into his mid-1980s. In Denver he was an ardent Denver Broncos fan, served as a volunteer with the Denver Stock Show for several years, served as a volunteer for the Denver Museum of Natural History with the King Tut Exhibit, and volunteered for the Denver community reception of Pope John Paul II in 1993.

In February of 2016 Art moved to Durango into assisted living. He loved Durango and the surrounding mountains and enjoyed rides in the mountains to see the sights. He attended St. Columba Catholic Church when he could.

It was his wish to be cremated and that his ashes be scattered in several places in Perry County and into the Ohio River.

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