



## Robert Vaughn "Bob" Clark

September 18, 1937 - October 23, 2023

Robert Vaughn "Bob" Clark, 86, of Mechanicsburg passed away Monday, October 23, 2023. He was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and was adopted by the late Walter R. and Anna Belle Aikens Clark, formerly of Shippenville, Clarion County, where he grew up on the family 300-acre farm. He was married to Thelma Ann (Thomas) Clark, the love of his life, and they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary after dating since the age 13. Bob and Thelma graduated from Annville High School in 1955. He left East Stroudsburg College to serve his country and joined the U. S. Marine Corps. He achieved the rank of Sergeant at age 21 and served 2 tours in the Mediterranean.

He resumed college for a semester and returned to Annville to establish his family and begin his career. He was employed by the PA Auditor General for 10 years as a special investigative auditor. Bob and Thelma welcomed their first son Robert, in 1960, followed by son Michael 1965.

He became Executive director of the PA Jaycees and created Apple Butter Sunday. The State-wide project raised more than 3 million dollars and sent thousands of physically disabled children to summer camps.

In 1973, he became Executive Director of The Pennsylvania Forestry Association for 14 years, organizing the 100th Year Anniversary, and was editor of Pennsylvania Forests magazine. He was elected President of the National Council of State Forestry Associations in 1976 and 1986. He retired from there in 1987. He is also a retired Pennsylvania Deputy Game Protector.

All his life Bob was involved with many outdoor wildlife and hunting nonprofit organizations, many times in leadership positions. He chaired the 2nd National Wild Turkey Federation Convention, winning outstanding State President. He was also elected to its Board of Directors and named to the PA Chapter Hall of Fame with Life Membership. As a renowned hunter he wrote two books on wild turkey hunting and produced a video.

Of all his awards for conservation, he is most proud of his 1980 Pennsylvania Game Commission Senior Commission Conservation Award and his life membership in The Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association.

He was a member of Robert Burns Masonic Lodge No. 464 Harrisburg Consistory; Zembo Shrine Police Unit and Legion of Honor and The Tall Cedars of Lebanon-Harrisburg Forest No. 43. He was also a 50-year member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Harrisburg Lodge No. 13. He was a member of the Annville United Methodist Church for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife Thelma of Mechanicsburg and son Michael of New York City. He was preceded in death by his son Robert Steven Clark in 1991. He is survived by a sister Virginia Ann Clark Hummer of Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 1:00 PM from Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 618 E. Main Street, Annville. Interment will follow at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. A Masonic Service will be held at 12:45pm in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Kidney Foundation of Central PA.

# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road  
Anville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was one of those helpful, experienced members of POWA who helped me more than 20 years ago. His advice and a VHS video he sent me for no other reason than friendship helped me kill my first spring gobbler. He will be missed.

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**JERRY BUSH** - October 31, 2023 at 08:54 AM

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“ Thelma, Betty and I looked forward to spending time with you and Bob each year at the POWA conference and I owe him more than I can express for his help in developing my skills as a spring gobbler hunter. For that, he was a hero to me and when I finally got my Grand Slam two years ago in Florida I said a prayer over that Osceola and dedicated the bird to Bob. God bless and comfort you and I'm sure Betty is making plans to hunt with Bob next spring. -- Doyle

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**Doyle Dietz** - October 30, 2023 at 10:24 AM