



Renda Kay Clark

November 19, 1952 - May 14, 2020

Renda Kay Clark, formerly Renda Kay Schlitt born to Betty and John Schlitt in November 1952 in Cape Girardeau Missouri passed away peacefully at home on May 14, 2020, at the age of 67 in Louisiana.

She is survived by her husband Charles Wayne Clark, her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, and her devoted daughter, Dr. Cheri Clark Hemelt, her son-in-law Dr. Brent Hemelt, and her four lovely grandchildren: Andrew, Emily, Taylor, and Anna (New Orleans, Louisiana).

Being creative and adventurous, she was a self-taught seamstress and chef. She made scores of beautiful porcelain dolls that she often gave as gifts. She tried out many jobs from secretary, bank teller, model, mail carrier, but finally followed her dream of becoming a flight attendant. She became an outstanding flight attendant for Delta Airlines working for the company for over a dozen years. She radiated and exuded confidence and poise as she travelled much of the world having been based in Atlanta, New Orleans, Newark and Houston.

She hung up her flight attendant hat of more than a dozen years as Wayne took on the lead role of production manager in Malaysia for ExxonMobil, and they moved overseas. They embarked on a continuous adventure to see and travel the world together.

A whole new world awaited her, as her role was social and diplomatic serving alongside her husband meeting, dining and attending parties with the King and Queen of Malaysia and other such dignitaries. She had the opportunity to travel to Singapore, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and most of the world during their five years in Malaysia.

Their adventure continued as Renda became the First Lady when Wayne took an assignment as President of ExxonMobil in Equatorial Guinea Africa. They were in Africa for 5 years had many meals with the president and his wife. They entertained dignitaries and hosted numerous dinner parties. She volunteered in the villages and taught French at the local schools.

After having travelled the world, Renda and Wayne eventually moved back to Houston and retired. They recently moved to Louisiana to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. Renda loved hosting holidays at her house, going by limousine to local restaurants for supper, going to the Saenger Theater and going to concerts. She loved getting dressed up and wearing hats to high tea at the Windsor Court with her family. She loved to play games like Monopoly or Dominoes with her grandchildren.

Renda had a great spirit and was always up for the next adventure. There was almost nothing she couldn't do, and nothing she wouldn't try. She touched the lives of many and will be dearly missed by her dear friends and loved ones.

Renda is the second of six children and survived by her mother: Betty Schlitt Dumas (Doyle) and by her siblings: Ron Schlitt (Pandora), Rick Schlitt (Jane), RJ Schlitt and John Schlitt (Beth) and two aunts: Della Darling and Susan Lee, and two uncles: Msgr. Harry Schlitt and John Reynolds, and many cousins. Her father John Schlitt and brother Roger Schlitt preceded her in death.

The Clark, Schlitt, and Hemelt families will have visitation Friday evening,

June 19th, 5-7 pm at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 20th, 2020 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 741 N. Forest in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Monsignor Harry Schlitt, her uncle, will be presiding over the prayers and celebration.

Her final resting place will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1313
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Mass

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Renda Kay Clark.*



June 17, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ *Terrebonne Place Senior Living Family purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Renda Kay Clark.*



Terrebonne Place Senior Living Family - June 16, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Matt & Susan Sasso purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Renda Kay Clark.*



Matt & Susan Sasso - June 14, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *James Wang purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Renda Kay Clark.*



James Wang - June 08, 2020 at 05:02 PM

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“ I met Renda and Wayne during my assignment at Equatorial Guinea. Renda was a wonderful First lady and a class act. Our friendship continued after their retirement in Houston. We shared many fond memories:
Her birthdays at Mortons, fish fries and BBQ shrimps at the house, drinks on the patio over sunset, games of Dominoes (she always wins), Sunday services at the cowboys church, and most of all her company and friendship.
I will cherish our friendship forever. Rest in peace my friend! Love
James

James Wang - June 05, 2020 at 11:57 PM

MD

“ I offer my sincere condolences to the family. I worked and lived in Equatorial Guinea between 2001 - 2008. Many of us had the pleasure of getting to know Mrs. Clark while they were assigned to EG. She was a very lovely person and we socialized at many functions including the Clark home.

Mr. Clark assisted me with a new assignment and hosted my going away party at their EG home. But there was one condition I had to satisfy and that was to fry the Catfish which Mr. Clark loved so much. I can vividly remember Mrs. Clark gleefully assisting with passing out the food and making sure everyone was satisfied.

I know she will missed and has been rewarded with eternal peace.

Michael Davillier
Slidell, Louisiana
mtdavil@gmail.com

Michael Davillier - June 04, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ To the family of Renda Clark, and especially her brothers, please know that you have my deepest sympathy and are in my thoughts and prayers. I remember you guys from when you were children and I was your babysitter, and you all have always had a special place in my heart.

Barbara (Hagan) Hess

Barbara Hess - June 01, 2020 at 11:44 AM