



Charles Edward Clark  
01/21/1925 – 09/18/2020

Charles Edward Clark, our beloved Uncle Chuck, passed away at 12:29am 9/18/2020 on his sister Luna's birthday. Uncle Chuck went home to Heaven to join his sister and all of his other family, friends, and Fu Manchu, his African Grey Parrot, that had passed on before him. He was 95 years old and lived a full and eventful life. He has left us but his legacy and memory will forever live on in our family.

Charles E. Clark was born in Dallas, Texas to Arthur Albert Clark and Mary Louise Wolfram on 1/21/1925. As a child, Chuck moved around quite a bit as his father was a traveling salesman. He lived in Paris, Midland, Sweetwater, Waco, Tyler, Texas –and Tulsa, Oklahoma and Louisville, Kentucky—before resettling in Paris, Texas, when he was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In 1942, he graduated from Paris High School and went to work as a Clerk-Typist at Jacksonville Naval Air Base in Jacksonville, Florida (his father was stationed there in the Navy throughout World War II). After six months Chuck returned to Paris, Texas and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After a semester at Paris Junior College, Chuck was called to Navy V-12 program and was in the Navy for approximately 4 years. His Company was due to leave for the South Pacific the following week when V-J Day came and those orders were cancelled. After serving in the Navy, he went on to get his Bachelor of Fine Arts (Majored in Applied Art) at the University of Texas.

After graduating, Chuck moved to Houston in 1948 and lived for the majority of his life. Chuck's first major job was Advertising Manager at Kroger. Then he went on to Gulf Printing Company where he was commended for his outstanding service and commitment as Advertising Director for many years until he retired after 25 years.

Chuck's primary interest, aside from painting and photography has always been Jazz and Classical vinyl record collecting. One of his unusual claims to fame is that he started the very first jazz F.M radio shows in Houston. Another story he loved to tell us was his friendship with Joan Crawford. They were house guests at the same time for 3 days at a friend's house in Malibu, California. He said his feet didn't touch the ground for all of those 3 days. Chuck had a passion and zest for life, the arts, jazz music, and the finer things in life. The Mayor of Houston even declared a "Charles E Clark" Day due to his commitment and dedication to the arts and jazz.

Uncle Chuck had no children of his own so we (all his nieces, nephews, grandniece and nephews, and great grand nieces and nephews) were all his children and he was always so proud of each and every one of us and loved and accepted us all as his own. He listened but he could talk your ear off, he loved, he cared, he was interesting, and loved to laugh. You always could count on a Birthday and Christmas card from Uncle Chuck. And he was the man behind the fancy camera, our family photographer and historian, capturing all the beauty and uniqueness of each individual.

Charles E. Clark is preceded in passing by his Parents, Arthur Albert Clark and Mary Louise Wolfram and sister, Luna Louise Wheelus. Chuck is survived by his nephew, Charles Shelby Wheelus and his wife Sharon, his nieces, Linda Louise Tijerina, Rebecca Annette Whitten and her husband Mark, and Karen Elizabeth Ng and her husband Raymond.

Chuck will be dearly missed by Family, Countless Friends & Colleagues he made over the years. RIP Uncle Chuck as we hope we all continue to make you proud.

A funeral service will occur at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Those who wish to remember Chuck in a special way may make gift donations in his memory to Alzheimer's Association at [Alz.org](http://Alz.org).



