



## Martin "Marty" Wayne Clark

August 24, 1966 - September 15, 2023

Martin "Marty" Wayne Clark passed away at his home in Spencer, IN, surrounded by his family and close friends, on September 15th, 2023 at 2:22pm after a long battle with stage four Glioblastoma brain cancer. He was diagnosed on November 19th, 2021 and fought hard until his last breath. Marty was born in Waynesville, NC on August 24th, 1966. He moved to Bloomington in 1989. Marty graduated from Tuscola high school in 1984, Western Carolina University in 1989, and IU (earning a Master's in Sports Administration and Management) in 2006. Over the years he worked for Carolina Panthers, University of Pennsylvania, and most recently, Indiana University Athletic Director for 33 years. He retired from Assistant Athletic Director to Team Purchasing and Licensing in December of 2022; during this time, he also traveled with the IU football team. Marty was the recipient of numerous awards including, the District AEMA Tony Anderson Memorial Award and the I-Association Honorary "I" Award. Marty brought the idea to Coach Cam in 2001 after beating Purdue.

His hobbies included fishing, the Indy 500, hiking, checkers, car rides, concerts, photography and sports! Marty loved listening to music and listened to a variety of music genres since his youth--some of his favorite artists include Tom Petty, Fleetwood Mac, Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, and the Allman Brothers—just to name a few.

Marty was preceded in death by his father, David Joseph Clark; maternal grandparents, Willard and Edith Best; paternal grandparents, Zeb and Eva

Clark; and an uncle, James Autry Best.

Survivors include his wife Michelle (née Hash) Clark (aka the love of his life); his daughters, Ashley Clark and Brittany Clark; stepdaughters, Chelsey (Seth) Wagner, Callie (Logan) Allen, both of Ellettsville; grandchildren, Henry Wagner, Parker Allen, Declan Allen; his honorary sister, Katherine Best McGimsey (Charles); and dogs, Daisy and Bella.

Marty loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be profoundly missed by many who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held at Allen Funeral Home (4155 S. Old State Road 37 Bloomington, IN 47401) on Wednesday, September 20th 2023 from 4-8pm. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 21st 2023 at 12pm with visitation an hour beforehand at Allen Funeral Home with a burial to follow at Chambersville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation of the following charities in Marty's memory:

The Glioblastoma Foundation—[glioblastomafoundation.org](http://glioblastomafoundation.org)

Indiana University Football—Foundation in memory of Marty Clark

C/O IU Foundation

P.O. Box 6460

Indianapolis, IN 46202-6460

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Visitation

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
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Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marty and I started in the equipment field right about the same time. In fact, we both applied for the Indiana job and well we know how that turned out. I always enjoyed chatting with Marty about work and throwing ideas around as young men beginning in the business. When I was hired at Purdue in 97, we would spend time before the bucket game chatting about our season to that point and again tossing ideas back and forth. He was always so positive, and I cannot see how anyone would ever have a bad word to say about Marty Clark. Peace be to your family Marty and the IU family you touched over the years; you definitely left a lasting impression on many!!*



*Mike Shandruck - Purdue University*

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**Michael Shandruck** - September 22, 2023 at 12:50 PM

BK

“ *My heart and prayers go out to Marty and family. He was a true and loyal friend. He made me feel our relationship was something very special but that was true for everyone he spent time with. I'll never forget his happy smile and his laughter . I am thankfful to have known him for all these years and enjoyed his company when we competed on the field as well as off the field.*

*Sincerely , Bob Knickerbocker (MSU)*

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**BOB KNICKERBOCKER** - September 21, 2023 at 01:34 PM

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“ Tom Shannon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" Clark



Tom & Shannon Vincent - September 21, 2023 at 11:31 AM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to Marty's family and friends. It sounds like he was an amazing person who cared deeply about his family, friends and the work he has done for Indiana University and others. Thinking of you all,  
Elizabeth (Univ. of Akron Equipment Mgr)

Elizabeth - September 20, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" Wayne Clark.



September 19, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" Wayne Clark.



September 19, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" Wayne Clark.*



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September 19, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" Wayne Clark.*



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September 18, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" Wayne Clark.*



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September 17, 2023 at 06:17 PM