

✧ OBITUARY ✧

Arthur Watts Clark Sr. passed away on June 22, 2023, at the DuBose Health Center in Chapel Hill, NC, at the age of 100. Born in Seattle on November 28, 1922 to Irving and Nell Watts Clark, Arthur and his older brother Irving Jr were grammar-schooled in France and Switzerland. The family returned to Washington State and the boys graduated from Lakeside High School, each as Valedictorian of his respective class (Irving 1937, Arthur 1939).

Love of geology drew Arthur to UNC, where he met the love of his life, Mary Cannon. Married on November 21, 1942, having received his degree, Arthur enlisted at age 19. It was wartime. He trained and served as an Intelligence Staff Officer, focused mainly on aerial photo-reconnaissance missions in China and Southeast Asia.

After the war, and then earning a Master's in Geology at Berkeley, Arthur joined Home Security Life Insurance Company in Durham, NC. With personal attributes of high intellect, self-discipline, and integrity, Arthur advanced through the Company ranks to become President, Chairman and CEO.

Meanwhile, the "War to End All Wars" didn't, and Arthur (a perpetual member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves) was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict. Later, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, he led a "Recovery Squadron" at the Raleigh-Durham Airport.

Over the years, Arthur achieved remarkable success in military, corporate, and civic life. As a military officer, he received some of our nation's highest honors including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star. He retired as a Major General in the Air Force. After retirement from business, he published *Eyes Of The Tiger*, sharing his experiences and photos from WWII. Elsewhere, Arthur served as Board Chairman of the North Carolina Zoo Society, and as a member or chair of too many boards and councils to list.

Having many interests, he was a pilot (flight instructor), master marksman (made his own bullets), avid tennis player, woodworker, rower, and photographer. He served as a ranger in the Olympic Mountains. A member of the prestigious Explorers Club, Arthur's personal and professional adventures took him to all seven continents and both Poles. He always came home with great stories and fabulous photos. In later life, many trips included accompaniment by members of his family who have all inherited his love for travel.

Arthur is missed, loved, and survived by three descendant generations: The sons include Arthur Jr., and Claiborne (with his wife Jessie), and John (with his wife Joyce). The grandchildren include Megan, Christina, Julie, William, and Heather Daurity (with her husband Jason). The three great grandchildren are Andrew and Ben (Heather), and Margaux (Megan). He loved animals and is also survived by his Bichon Frisé "Snowball" who, aged 21, is far older than Arthur in "dog years." Predeceased by his parents of course, Arthur also mourned brother Irving Jr. in 1978, and then his dear wife Mary in 2018. In a century of living, Arthur also lost many other family members, and countless friends and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made "In memory of Arthur Watts Clark" to:

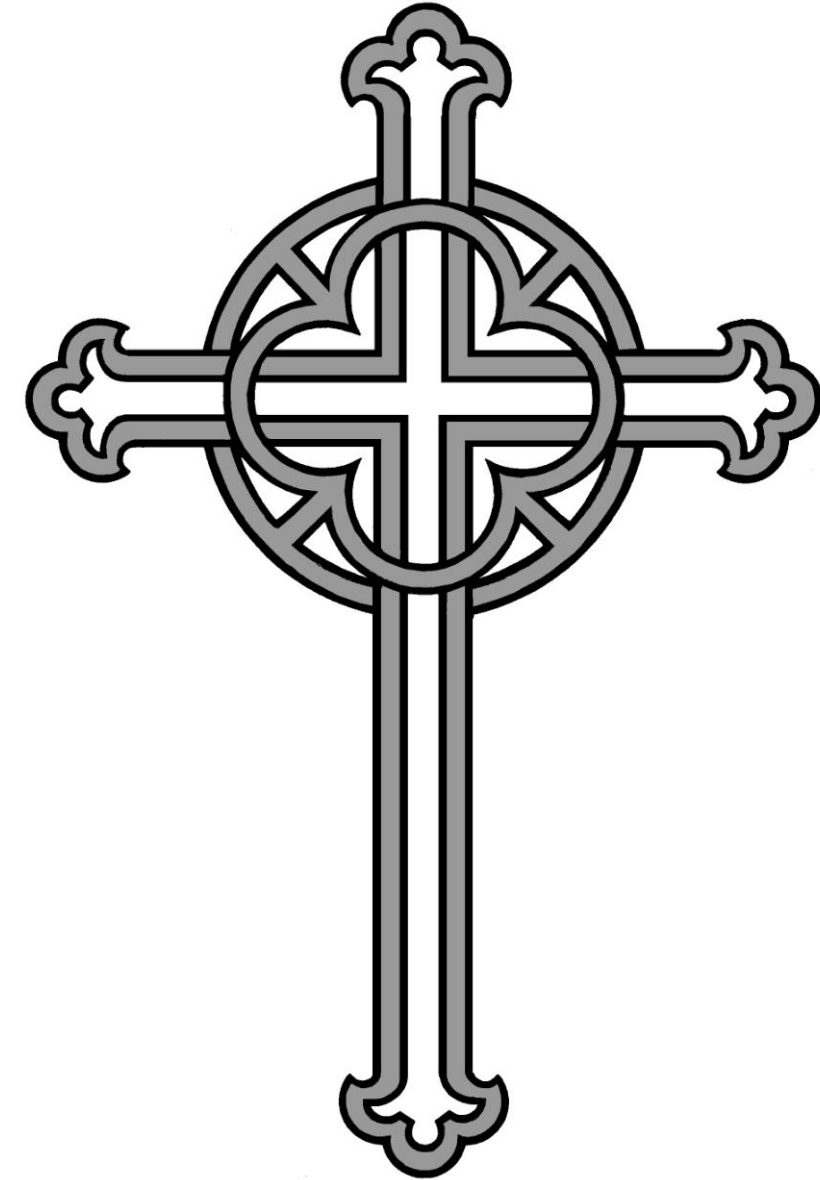
- The North Carolina Zoo Society: <https://www.nczoo.com/forms/store/honorariums-amp-memorials/>
- The UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center: www.unchf.org/aclark
- Or to a charity of your choosing.



WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

The resurrection is a doctrine of the Christian faith and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses in the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow, and grief to all. In the face of death Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith. The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve. The service of Witness to the Resurrection is an affirmation of faith in God's love for all people, a love that strengthens and supports even in the midst of grief. In this service we bear witness to the sure and certain hope of eternal life, promised in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
ARTHUR WATTS CLARK, SR.

NOVEMBER 28, 1922 – JUNE 22, 2023

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

*PRELUDE Kathryn Parkins

* SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

WELCOME Mindy Douglas

REMARKS FROM THE FAMILY

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100) Esther Hethcox

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

People: **Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

*HYMN NO. 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix

OPENING PRAYER Esther Hethcox

SCRIPTURE READINGS FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:28-31 Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (in unison) Joseph Harvard

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTIONS Joseph Harvard

SCRIPTURE READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Mindy Douglas

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 4:4-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

HOMILY *"The End is Life"* Mindy Douglas

*HYMN NO. 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* *Amazing Grace*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Esther Hethcox

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) *The Apostles' Creed* Esther Hethcox

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 326 *For All the Saints* *Sine Nomine*

*COMMENDATION Mindy Douglas

Leader: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.

We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.

This you ordained when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

All: **All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Leader: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with all your saints,
where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing, but life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Arthur.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All: **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in e minor* Johann Pachelbel

The family will greet friends at a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following the service.

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MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Ministers Mindy Douglas, Pastor
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Musician Kathryn Parkins, Minister of Music