



Danny L. Clark

February 12, 1947 - October 10, 2019

In the early morning hours of Thursday, October 10th, 2019, Danny Lane Clark, loving husband and father of two sons, passed away at the age of 72 due to complications associated with his treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Dan was born on February 12, 1947 in Honolulu, HI to William Verne and Doris E. (Beckman) Clark, but he moved to Benicia with his family in 1949, and was a loyal Benician all his life. As a boy, Dan was a boy scout and loved the outdoors. He carried that passion for camping into his adult life, taking his sons camping at his old campgrounds.

He attended Sonoma State University, earning his degree in sociology in 1969, and received his law degree from John F. Kennedy University in 1987. He practiced criminal defense law with the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office in Martinez for approximately three decades.

In January 1971, he married Pacia Winters, a 9 year marriage that produced his two sons, Joshua and Jeremy Clark. On October 22, 1991, Dan married Dyanne Vojvoda, the love of his life, a relationship that lasted 38 years until his passing.

Dan had a passion for the theatre. He and Dyanne met while volunteering with

the Benicia Old Town Theatre Group (BOTTG), and both have been working to produce community theater ever since. Dan has also been onstage as an actor, Director, and has worked behind the scenes building sets, stage managing, and continually served on the BOTTG board. He was an 8 time past BOTTG president. He also loved to attend the theatre; he and Dyanne were regulars at the Aurora and Berkeley Rep, and have been attending the Oregon Shakespeare Festival yearly since 1983, often with groups of friends. His was a life that moved to the rhythm of seasonal openings, long rehearsals, and always, always, getting ready for the next show.

His love for and promotion of community theatre dovetailed with his love for the town of Benicia, and he loved Benicia dearly. Dan served on the Benicia Arts Council and the Benicia Historic Preservation Commission, giving back to the town that had given him so much. In his leisure time after retiring, between his theatre commitments, Dan lived the life of a bon vivant, enjoying fine wine, European travel, good food, cooking, collecting wine and fine art, visiting the wine country, and the yearly vacations with family and friends to the beautiful Club Cascadas in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Dan had a wide-ranging circle of friends, and every trip downtown would bring waived greetings, every dinner or cast party new introductions.

Dan was preceded in death by his father, William, and his mother, Doris. He is survived by his wife Dyanne, his two sons, Joshua and Jeremy (Nikol), his brother Terry Clark, his niece Suzette Castillo, and a world full of the many friends whose lives he touched.

The family would like to thank Dr. David Lee at Vallejo Kaiser, and Dr. Geoffrey Foster and the entire Kaiser Walnut Creek Nursing Staff, who made his last days as easy as they could be.

A private Celebration of his Life is planned for later this year. Donations may be given in his name to Doctors Without Borders or Benicia Old Town Theatre Group.

Tribute Wall



“ *Danny L. Clark*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I yi yi Danny I've been trying to figure out this posting thing and I keep pushing the wrong button and everything disappearsthen I remember something else to write.....haven't seen you in 20 haven't talked to you in 15 and missed you ...now missing you goes forever..my loss as I am sure for all who came to know you....Dyann thank you for being part of Danny's life....Josh Jeremy probably don't remember Mei lived kitty corner from the the fig farm....Danny..Pacia ...Jeff Melbourne...Ronny Milani...Maria rodriguez...brother Terry.... Meg...Larry Milani were all crucial to my survival of my childhood giving me sanctuary and guidance and employment Danny the ring leader sit down you gotta hear this joke he would say...but first you did a really shitty job vacuuming the stair case and landing last week....and I said I know...cuz I seen the ghost you told me about so I got the hell out of here....he was picken up what was putting down and went back to yeah as I was saying you gotta hear this joke Paul....BB king's wife got a B tattooed on each of her but cheeks and when BB came for his birthday she pulled up her dress and bent over to show BB love you Dannye tatoos and BB says who's BOB hey the trips to silver lake were the best time sS*

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“ *Dear Dyanne...we are so very sorry for your loss and so sad to hear of Dan's passing. I met Dan in 1973 when we opened the Public Defender's Office in Pittsburg and he was the Investigative Attorney. From the day I met Dan, I knew he would be one of the nicest people I would ever meet. We feel fortunate to have spent time with you two and enjoy the good times together. Our love and deepest sympathies Dyanne...Gae & Randy Mork*

Gae Neely Mork - November 03, 2019 at 11:54 PM

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“ The BOTTG had a play about Cubs baseball about 15 or more years ago. Dan was the lead actor with a few other actors in the bleachers. In the play, Dan had left the office and went straight to the game. He arrives in a suit and carries an attache case. He quickly takes off his jacket and tie, rolls up his white shirt sleeves and starts looking out to the field (the audience is the field). Throughout the play, he is reacting to what is going on in the field and you really thought there was a game! He interacted with the others in the bleachers too. He was so good!! I will miss him.

Beverly Phelan

Beverly Phelan - November 01, 2019 at 07:13 PM

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Dyanne, Josh and Jeremy, you should know that I feel very luck to have known Dan. Most good things in my life have come through my wife Belinda, and it is through her I came to know Dan. Dan introduced me to great theater, fine wine, spectacular vacation spots and great friends He chose his friends wisely and he enriched my life tremendously. I miss him very much.

Steven Goetz - November 23, 2019 at 05:41 PM