



David H. Clemens

November 8, 1931 - September 19, 2020

David Henry Clemens, 88, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Hallstead, PA on September 19, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Carol Jennings. His love of the outdoors and nature began at his birth on an apple farm in Stow, MA on November 8, 1931. He met his life-long partner Carol while they were students at Middlebury College; they were married December 22, 1953. Together, they raised 3 daughters, Sarah Smith (Michael), Paula Clemens (Jonathan Sewall) and Karen Dennis (Kevin Gates). Dave earned a PhD in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, and then spent his working career as an organic chemist at Rohm and Haas in Philadelphia, PA. Upon retirement in 1990, Dave and Carol moved to the Endless Mountains where they were embraced by a loving community of friends. They were careful stewards of their forests, recognized as Tree Farmer of the Year for the northeastern region of the US in 2005. Dave and Carol were early members of the community-based collaborative non-profit, Friends of Salt Springs Park, Inc. With others, they supported the creation of trails and programs at Salt Springs Park and the Florence Shelley Preserve. Dave pursued many hobbies including woodworking, gardening, birding and growing orchids. For many years, he brought one of his blooming orchids to Franklin Hill Presbyterian Church, his home congregation, for each Sunday service. Dave was gracious, generous and kind. He loved his family and cherished their visits, especially by his grandchildren Arthur, Laura, Melanie, David, Alex and Mary Versa and his great granddaughter Layla. Dave loved

living on the hill with the view down the valley. Interment will be at Franklin Hill Cemetery. Details of a graveside burial service will follow. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, may be directed to Franklin Hill Presbyterian Church and Friends of Salt Springs Park.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Hill Cemetery

Hallstead, PA

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sad to hear this... May the Lord comfort you all!

I got to know Dave when I started working at Salt Springs Park, and quickly recognized his passion for nature, especially his love and care of birds! I first met Dave on a tour of his forest, and was impressed with the awesome deer enclosure he built.

My favorite memory is when we worked in his wood shop together getting ready for our Bluebird Nest Box program! Dave always had a great smile on his face & twinkling eyes when he talked about trees and birds!

*What a kind, wonderful man! =)
Prayers and love to him and the whole family,
~Concetta*

Concetta Schirra - September 24, 2020 at 07:50 PM

BM

“ So sorry to learn of Dave's passing. We have so many memories of dinners together, birding, walks in his beautiful woods. He took me skiing when I was first learning - he was in his 70's. I always thought if I could only learn to ski like him I would be doing great. A great friendly man, always willing to share his wonderful love of nature. May he Rest In Peace!

Bruce McNaught - September 23, 2020 at 08:40 PM

PW

“ It was my pleasure to welcome Dr And Mrs Clemens to the Hallstead community through my job at the Post Office. My pleasure increased when Karen and her children moved to Hallstead. I thoroughly enjoyed the daily interactions when they came to pick up their mail. Wonderful people who never failed to share their vast knowledge and experiences of so very many topics. It was my privilege to know them. May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace and comfort during this time of mourning. My deepest sympathies! ❤️🙏

Peggie Walworth - September 23, 2020 at 10:32 AM

KJ

“ I only met Mr. Clemens once. I had heard of him and wanted to meet him. My son Kirk and I went to his house and he invited us to tour his forest on his ATV. It was most informative and I was very impressed by him and his work.
God bless you.

KIRK HINKLEY JR - September 23, 2020 at 08:08 AM

KJ

“ **KIRK HINKLEY JR** lit a candle in memory of David H. Clemens



KIRK HINKLEY JR - September 23, 2020 at 07:56 AM