



## David J. Clarkson

October 29, 1951 - June 19, 2019

David J. Clarkson, 67, passed away at home on June 19, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Husband of Ellen (Kolis) Clarkson, with whom he shared nearly 45 years of marriage. Born in Adams, MA on October 29, 1951, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Corine A. (Georgini) Clarkson. He was raised and educated in Adams and went on to receive his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His career as a Certified Public Accountant and Human Resources executive began at Arthur Anderson in Boston in 1973 and continued with Caturano and Company and RSM until his retirement in 2014. Following retirement David taught at Bentley University, served on the Foundation Board at Bunker Hill Community College, and was Secretary of Ipswich Fish & Game where he enjoyed shooting trap with his teammates throughout the year. He developed new skills as a voiceover artist and expanded on his many hobbies from making homemade pasta to gardening and playing guitar. He loved classic cars, including his Cobra, 1966 Mustang and 1957 Oldsmobile Rocket 88, in which he and Ellen had many adventures from rides up the coast to Maine and across the mountains to Vermont.

A resident of the North Shore since 1973 and Danvers, MA since 1984, he was very involved in his children's lives coaching his sons in youth soccer and Little League baseball. He enjoyed bring new experiences into their lives and encouraging them to follow their dreams. He was an avid outdoorsman and would take the family on hikes through the Berkshires, or simply trekking through their backyard hunting for 'clues' to unknown mysteries. In his youth he would hike up Mt. Greylock in the middle of winter. David was exceptionally kind, giving and gregarious, making anyone who met him feel immediately welcome. He will be sorely missed by all who loved him.

In addition to his wife Ellen he leaves his three children, Kathryn Clarkson Burne and her husband Andrew of Long Beach, CA, Jeffrey Clarkson and his wife Kimberly of Gloucester, MA and their daughter Dylan Rose and Jonathan Clarkson of Dorchester, MA. He also leaves his sister Nancy Kelley of Adams, MA and is pre-deceased by his brother Robert Clarkson and brother-in-law Martin Kelley. He leaves sisters-in-law Dorothy Clarkson of Florida, Gail Sellers and her husband Phil of North Adams, Lynn Herlihy and

her husband Jim of Pennsylvania, a brother-in-law William Kolis and his wife Donna of Ohio, his mother-in-law Mary Jane Kolis of Adams and many nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9AM on Saturday, July 13th in Saint Richard Parish, 90 Forest St., Danvers followed by a Celebration of Life tribute at 10:30AM Danversport Waterfront, 161 Elliott St. Danvers.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Friends of the Adams Memorial High School (AMHS) Class of '69 Scholarship, 2 Center St., Adams, MA, 01220 or Boston Children's Hospital, 401 Park Dr., Suite 602, Boston, MA, 02215.

# Events

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**JUL** **Funeral Mass** 09:00AM

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Saint Richard Church  
90 Forest St., Danvers, MA, US, 01923

**JUL** **Celebration of Life** 10:30AM

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Danversport Waterfront  
161 Elliott St, Danvers, MA, US, 01923

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Lyons Funeral Home** - July 18, 2019 at 03:37 PM

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“ David was 'one in a million' person, gentleman, and fellow classmate. My heart and prayers go out to all family and friends who loved him dearly. It was wonderful and a privilege to know him.  
Best,  
Nancy (Kowalski) Kenison

**Nancy Kenison** - July 23, 2019 at 12:37 PM

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“ Dear Ellen and the entire Clarkson Family,  
I was terribly saddened to hear the news. My heart is aching for you with your loss. Your family has been a strong anchor in the Danvers community for a long time. I hope you feel the love you've shared with Danvers coming back to you now 10 fold.  
Peace & Blessings, Rev. Julie Lombard, Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church

**Rev. Julie Lombard** - July 09, 2019 at 01:08 PM

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“ Dave always took the time to know your name and something about you. Great man who will be missed.

**Dan Sullivan** - June 29, 2019 at 08:25 PM

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“ Miss ya buddy!  
One outstanding human!  
Rick



**Rick Berti** - June 28, 2019 at 06:44 AM

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“ Dave was simply one of the best! Grateful for his wisdom and friendship for so many years and the privilege of working by his side. So many great adventures together. Missing him already. Thinking of the entire Clarkson family.



**John Micalizzi** - June 26, 2019 at 12:58 PM

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**Marilyn Kuhar** - June 26, 2019 at 10:37 AM