



## Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw

July 4, 1944 - July 30, 2023

"And now the end is here  
And so I face that final curtain  
My friend I'll make it clear  
I'll state my case, of which I'm certain  
I've lived a life that's full  
I traveled each and every highway  
And more, much more  
I did it, I did it my way."

Not only are those the lyrics to his favorite Frank Sinatra song, but they also describe how Clark Weidaw lived his life every single day. He was a husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, entrepreneur, tennis and pickleball teammate, dance partner, surgeon, boss and friend. And for those who knew and loved him in any of these roles, they know he went all-in on all of them.

He was born in Beantown (Boston) and lived most of his early life up and down the East Coast as the son of a traveling salesman, Kenneth Montgomery Weidaw II. He spent many summers as an adult traveling back to Boston and Camden and Rockport, Maine for lobster, halibut and real clam chowder. There he regaled everyone about his naughty escapades with his brother Kenneth (wife Carole Jeanne Weidaw). Stories of stealing golf balls to sell back to golfers, painting front porch steps and then mischievously asking

for payment from the homeowner and a tractor incident story that goes with him to his grave.

He was known by his mom, Virginia Weidaw, as Boopie. She taught him the incredible role a mother can play in the caretaking of her family. Something he'd look for in his own lifelong partner. From "Mumsie's" care, he would learn to appreciate a fresh pressed shirt (even a t-shirt!), a peanut butter fluff sandwich or fresh gingerbread or anything homemade or sweet. As an adult, he happily called her every Sunday to talk for at least an hour about everything and anything (doing more listening than talking most of the time.)

He spent most of his middle school and high school years in Jamestown, NY, meeting lifelong friends and always attending that high school reunion even though he left there six months short of graduating. His sister Janice Winters (husband Mark Winters) blessed his life when he was 13 years old, adding a fun new dynamic to their previous family of four. She also served an important role as a great "chick magnet" for Skippy (his nickname) when he was in high school.

Finishing high school in Grand Rapids, Mich. and not knowing if he should even go to college, he jumped into an engineering school at General Motors Institute that took him to Dayton, OH. There he discovered two important things: He loved being a father and engineering wasn't for him. Lauri Fite (husband Kevin Fite) and Leanne Rayfield, his two blue-eyed (just like Dad) daughters, graced his life in ways he could have never imagined.

Doing it "his way" again, he pivoted from engineering to working with people in the noble field of medicine. In the first graduating class at Medical College of Ohio (MCO), he had the privilege of making lifelong friends with Dr. Lurley Archambeau, Dr. Joseph Schneider, Dr. Ralph Whalen, Dr. Les Domini and Dr. Donna Woodson - other physicians who kept their talents in Toledo upon

graduation.

While at MCO, he met his forever love and eternal dancing partner - his wife of 49 years Grace Weidaw. His patience, persistence and charm finally won her over. And in his own words of wisdom he shared with his grandkids (Hunter, Alex, Leif, Nick, Frankie, Kami, Dominic, Carter and Autumn) a few weeks before passing, "Choose wisely. I did."

He served in the Navy in Corpus Christi, loving his morning shifts and afternoon golf games (which did nothing for him later in life.) In Texas, he and Grace welcomed two more daughters to their family - Dana Arnold (husband Keith Arnold) and Blake Weidaw (husband Paul Martin). "Punk" and "Baker" carry on his incredible balance of work ethic and fun-loving spirit.

Ohio called him home and he built a life and thriving Ophthalmology practice, Maumee Eye Clinic. He literally whistled while he worked, creating a business where other employees and their families were able to thrive too. The "girls" Dorothy, Tina, Celia and Debbie spent their own careers alongside him and became lifelong friends, as well as Dr. Jeff Lauf, his most trusted wingman at the practice. Even his accountant for the business, Tom Idczak, became a forever buddy.

If Grace was his first love, tennis was a very close second. Everything revolved around practice and matches, which paid off in wins on the court and close friendships. Wayne Milewski, Dave Humphrey, Andrew Solacha, Danny Walker, Mark Mitchell and Danny Cable are just a few of his tennis friends (with whom the trash talk was as good off the court as it was on it). Just this past year, his Texas team made it to Nationals (bucket list!). He'd be quick to tell you that while they didn't take it all, he won every match he played.

As Sinatra said, he lived a life that's full. Countless dinners out with Grace and friends (Toledo Tuesdays with Kang's, Croak's and Doneff's!), concerts, travel, rollerblading for miles, time with kids and grandkids, pints of java chip ice cream, rousing renditions of the song Tequila Sheila, bourbon nights, action movies (the less talking, the better) and dancing anywhere he could if the song was right, and his partner was by his side. His last dance was to Garth Brook's "The Dance" - by a campfire, on a lake, surrounded by his family.

He leaves this world far too soon - but goes out with a bang, just like he lived his life (which makes sense for someone born on the 4th of July.) He indeed did it his way.

A Memorial visitation will be held at the Coyle Funeral Home at 1770 S. Reynolds Road in Toledo on August 10 from 3:00 until the time of the Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. A man of quiet faith, his funeral mass will be at St. Joan of Arc Parish on Friday, August 11 at 11:00 a.m. with an hour of visitation beginning at 10:00. In lieu of flowers, he asks for donations to be made to Tunnel to Towers - or, as all of you know from Facebook, take a loved one out for an awesome dinner.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **10**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Vigil

AUG **10**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral Mass

AUG **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ I knew Dr. Weidaw from working at The Medical College of Ohio, his alma mater. He was a remarkable man – an excellent practitioner, very considerate and very generous. One time my husband, Barry, and I were returning from a week-long golfing trip in Tennessee. I was having problems with one of my eyes. It was end of the business day and Barry said, “Let’s stop by Dr. Weidaw’s office to see if he is in and if he could take the time to look at your eye.” My husband, who worked at St. Luke’s Hospital, in Maumee, also knew Dr. Weidaw, whose office was adjacent to the hospital. We went to Dr. Weidaw’s office and he was still there. He looked tired but, nonetheless, he saw me and reassured me that everything was all right with my eye. I will always remember that gesture of consideration.

Mary Jo Bellner Swartzberg

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**Mary Jo Swartzberg** - September 12, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ Loved having you guys as our neighbors in Abrantes. Lots of good times as we worked through Covid. Clark was a model of youth through his active lifestyle. May the Lord give you peace.

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**Jeff 7 sylvia Johnson** - August 25, 2023 at 08:07 PM

KW

“ It's hard to put into words how one feels when losing such a special friend. Gary and I have known Clark since we were about fifteen. We went to high school together and Gary and Clark were in the same fraternity. I can still remember them wearing their Braw Caddie Clan jackets!

Over the years we always looked forward to being with Clark and Grace at our class reunions. Wow, could they dance! At our 50th reunion Clark swung some of us girls around and we each thought we would fall but Clark didn't even let us stumble once.

We will always cherish the time the four of us spent together at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel on the lake. We sat on the balcony sipping great red wine, enjoying appetizers and each others company. I always felt so comfortable around Clark. Every time we saw Clark he'd say "Hey Kath". He was like a brother to me and a good buddy to Gary.

We shall greatly miss Clark. We hope to see you, Grace and take you out to one of those fabulous dinners like Clark posted of Facebook. We love you Grace and we're praying for you and your family.

Kathie & Gary Williams

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**Kathie Williams** - August 21, 2023 at 02:40 PM

PN

“ Grace, there are no words to describe the heaviness in my heart right now. Clark and I were brothers, both at GMI and through life. The experiences we shared through GMI and after will be with me forever. Clark was one of a kind and I loved him for that.

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**Paul Neumeier** - August 18, 2023 at 04:15 PM

BM

“ To all the Weidaw family,

*We loved being neighbors to Clark and Grace. They were the Hollywood people who lived next door. Always ready for fun, parties, and lots of laughter.*

*We will miss him, but will always remain in our hearts.*

*May he rest in peace and you be at peace.*

*Love,*

*Laurie and Bob*

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**Bob Moore** - August 10, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.



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August 10, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.

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August 10, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.*



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August 10, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.

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August 10, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.*



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August 10, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ *Love, Paul & Kaye Hert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.*

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**Love, Paul & Kaye Hert** - August 09, 2023 at 01:41 PM

LH

“ Love, Paul & Kaye Hert purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.



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Love, Paul & Kaye Hert - August 09, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.

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August 09, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.



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August 09, 2023 at 12:54 PM

MM

“ *Dear Grace and Family,  
I was very sorry to learn the sad news of Clark’s passing from reading his beautiful obituary in yesterday’s Blade (8/8/23). May the memories of all the good times you shared together help to ease the pain of his loss. Dr Clark Weidaw will be greatly missed but warmly remembered by his family and friends and by all who new him; especially his patients. I treasure warm memories of Clark from his days as a member of the Iconic Charter Class of 1972 at the Medical College of Ohio( MCO) and greatly admired all of his accomplishments and very much enjoyed our many chance encounters with the two of you post MCO. Carmel joins me in sending you and your family our deepest sympathy*

*Maurice Manning*

*Ps We regret not being In Toledo to offer you our condolences in person*

*at St Joan of Arc on August 11*

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**Maurice Manning** - August 09, 2023 at 11:22 AM

FF

“ *From The Cichocki Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.*



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**From The Cichocki Family** - August 09, 2023 at 10:23 AM

AM

“ *Andie & Rudy Morin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.*



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**Andie & Rudy Morin** - August 09, 2023 at 09:08 AM

DC

“ *1 file added to the album Georgetown, TX*



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**Danny C Cable** - August 08, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.*



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August 07, 2023 at 09:08 AM

7C

“ *7 of us - I will send a card purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.*



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**7 of us - I will send a card** - August 05, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.

August 03, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.



August 03, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Clark was a gentleman, great tennis player and Buckeye friend. We at Georgetown, Texas missed him as he stayed in Ohio during the summer months and we were always looking forward to his return. Everyone who met Clark loved him. He had a great personality and was very good with the trash talk on the courts. I always considered him as almost a brother to me. We Buckeyes always supported each other. I loved Clark deeply and prayed for his recovery. It breaks my heart to know that he is gone, but I know where he is because he loved our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray that the Lord will bless Grace and family with His peace that surpasses all understanding during this time!

Danny C Cable - August 03, 2023 at 10:25 AM

DD

“ To the entire Weidaw family we extend our deepest condolences to you .

Clark was our friend , a great neighbor for a long time and then a wonderful dinner partner to our weekly outings , we looked forward to which exotic cocktail was going to be his choice for the evening or if would sing 🎤 or dance .

We share kids wedding's together, outdoor graduation parties and oh the happy formal affairs at St Luke's Hospital staff dinners and the fun outdoor summer parties, the memories won't stop .

We are so grateful for the time we spent with him till his final wish was granted.

Love forever

Don and Donna Doneff



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Donna Doneff - August 01, 2023 at 02:02 PM

JW

“ Lifting family & friends in prayer. I was blessed to know & work with Dr. Weidaw & the crew at MEC for a few years in early 2000's. I would schedule his surgeries, which he allowed me to borrow his office to chat with patients. One of my favorite memories is the day I taped a piece of paper over his name plaque on the door with my name (claiming it as "my office now") to which we both had a good laugh when he saw it.

Dr. Weidaw's legacy and amazing sense of humor will live forever in the hearts of everyone blessed to know him.

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Jaime (Smith) Weik - August 01, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.

August 01, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.



August 01, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ I am so sad to hear about Dr. Weidaw's passing. He was a wonderful doctor. We could count on his smile (what a smile!) and his happy disposition. It made his room in Surgery a privilege to work in. I always loved having orientees and students in his room for a learning experience. I'm sure God opened his gates wide for Dr. Weidaw. My heartfelt prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time.



Paula Sue Russell - August 01, 2023 at 09:03 AM

ME

“ *The time we spent together was too short, but I will always cherish the memories especially our visit to Austin. Clark & Mark will ride no more!* ”



*“Death leaves a headache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal”*

*I will miss you Clark  
Your Bother-in-Law  
Mark*

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**Mark A Egginton** - August 01, 2023 at 12:38 AM

LM

“ I wish Dana could write this for me...please excuse my poor writing ability.

1. Dr. Weidaw was an angel in my life. Too many times to count he picked me up when i fell down. Sometimes the rent cost me \$400 a month...more on the cheapskate to come...

2. So many heartwarming fourth of July (his Birthday) memories!

3. I waited tables for six years and he was the only one to order and eat two desserts. I soooo wish I could burn calories like him! I also wish the cheapskate tipped over 15%.

4. Sorry for finding my dress on the lawn after the high school dance.

5. Then in college...Dana and I were told to come home before midnight or after 5am. "Whatever you're doing after midnight keep doing it after 5am!!!" Grace added "Nothing good happens after midnight!" So being the bright students we were, we started coming home before midnight.

6. He was always one to point out the silver lining. When Dana told him we were taking pole dancing classes, his reply was, "At least you'll always be employed!"

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**Lindsay Mikols** - July 31, 2023 at 09:42 PM

BH

My deepest condolences Dana to you and your family Keith, Frankie and Dom. Love the four of you.

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**Barbara Hill** - July 31, 2023 at 10:46 PM

GM

“ Clark and I were residents at MCO together, me in urology, him in ophthalmology. He eventually became my “ eye doc”. May God bless him and all of us who will miss him.

*Gerald A. Cichocki MD*

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**Gerald Cichocki MD** - July 31, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dr. Clark Davis Weidaw.



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July 31, 2023 at 07:21 PM