

## **Thad Clark**

*A native of Macon County, U.S. Army veteran and cattle farmer*

Thad Clark, 54, of Franklin, died Friday, Dec. 27, at his residence.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of Joe Clark and the late Annie McCoy Clark. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Clark Jerrell. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam era. He was well known in the area for raising and trading livestock. He attended the Black Mountain Baptist Church and was a member of VFW Post 7339.

According to his family, he was a friend to all who knew him, a man of incredible strength, courage and character. People were touched by his uplifting manner as he fought his illness and remained optimistic.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his stepmother, Flonnie Clark; daughter, Tonja Clark; two brothers, Neville Clark and Roy Clark; one granddaughter and one nephew, all of Franklin.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 30, at Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Ernie Jamison, Rev. Eddie Stillwell, Rev. Mark Bishop and Rev. Danny Cannon officiated. Burial was in the Riverview Methodist Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the VFW Post 7339 and the American Legion Post 108.

Pallbearers were Randy McCoy, Jacob Gribble, Steve Higdon, Gary Taylor, Freddie McConnell, Elbert McConnell, Bobby Parrish and Howard Roper.

Memorials may be made to the Riverview Methodist Cemetery Fund, c/o Joe Clark, 152 Ulco Drive, Franklin, NC 28734.

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