

Harrison Clarke, 88, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at Traces of Tiger.

He was born May 13, 1917, in Savannah to Hagood and Dorothy Harrison Clarke. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1938. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and obtained the rank of captain. He was a pilot instructor and B-17 pilot with the 96th Heavy Bombardment Group. He flew more than 100 bombing missions over Germany and remained behind after the war during its occupation. He took part in the airlifting of Jewish prisoners out of concentration camps.

He lived most of his life in Atlanta and moved to Flowery Branch upon retiring after 50 years as an investment banker. He was an Associate Member of the New York Stock Exchange and a charter member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Hagood Clarke Jr.

Survivors include: his wife of 51 years, Betty Damron Clarke; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harrison Clarke Jr. of Toccoa and James Porter and Ana Elena Clarke of Gainesville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn Clarke and Dwight Horton of Lakemont and Elizabeth Clarke and Philip Leslie Chandler of Atlanta; two granddaughters, Christa Carolyn Traves of Lakemont and Leslie Kathleen Harris of Atlanta; and a number of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral services were held at Little Davenport Chapel in Gainesville. Graveside services with full military honors followed at Arlington Memorial Park in Atlanta with the Rev. Randy Walworth officiating.

The Clayton Tribune, April 27, 2006