



Clarence Alvin Custis

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Clarence Alvin Custis, 75, of Gouldtown, passed away on Monday June 3, 2013 under the care of South Jersey Healthcare Hospice Care at the Bridgeton Inpatient Center. His family was by his side, as he had been in failing health for the past several months.

Born in Bridgeton, he was the son of the late Clarence O. and Frances (nee Hughes) Custis. He had been an area resident all of his life. Clarence was a member of Trinity A.M.E. Church, Gouldtown where he served as one of the Church Trustees.

As a young man Clarence assisted his father in farming. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force in which he served from 1955 – 1959 at several air bases including Lowery AFB, Colorado, McChord AFB, Washington State, and Elmendorf AFB, in Alaska. He began his career as a radar specialist, then transitioned as a heavy equipment operator for the Civil Engineering Squadron. As a Staff Sergeant, he was granted an honorable discharge from the 177th Fighter Interceptor Group of the New Jersey Air National Guard and Reserve in April 1985.

In the mid 1960's he was employed with Moore's Super Store in Vineland, where he worked his way up through the ranks from a building supply truck driver, to salesman, and on to store manager. He helped in the coordination of two self-help housing groups, that built homes in Fairfield Township via the Farmer Home Administration.

Clarence was a third generation Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No 2 (Gouldtown) Firefighter. He served as Chief from 1975-1987 and again from 1989-1990, which is where he affectionately earned his nickname, "Chief". He was also formerly employed as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Federal Aviation Administration Facility, Atlantic City Airport, Pomona, NJ. He was a member of both the Cumberland County and New Jersey State Fireman Relief Associations , as well as the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association. He had currently been employed with



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Ray Harvey Excavating Inc. until his retirement, due to his health in 2012.

Clarence also served on the Fairfield Township Zoning Board, Fairfield Township Board of Education, and was an original member of the committee to study school regionalization, for the western part of Cumberland County. This study led to the formation of the Cumberland Regional School District, on whose Board of Education, he also served.

He is survived by his children Steven B. Custis (Susan) of Clayton, Kimberly C. Hall (Wayne) of Fairfield Twp., Jon A. Custis (Maritess) of San Clemente, CA, and Darren P. Custis (Tracey) of Mays Landing, his one sister Kathryn Reed (Edward) of Fairfield Twp., eight grandchildren Valerie and Jacob Custis, Jordan Hall, Anna, Leah and Emma Custis, Zachary and Benjamin Custis, various relatives, cousins and friends. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations may be made to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015 or to the Disabled American Veterans

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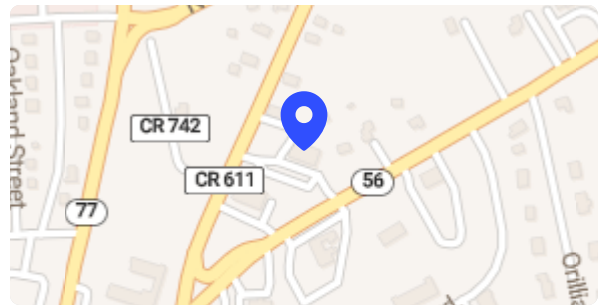
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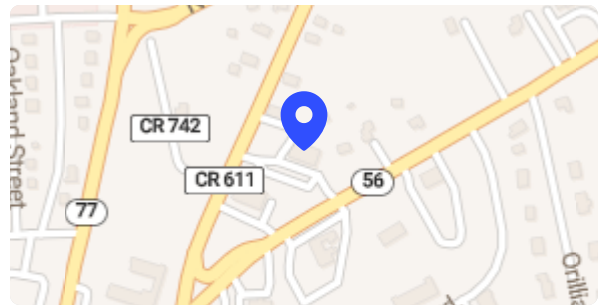
Visitation

- Friday**, June 14, 2013
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET
- Sray Webster Funeral Home**
62 Landis Ave, Bridgeton NJ 08302



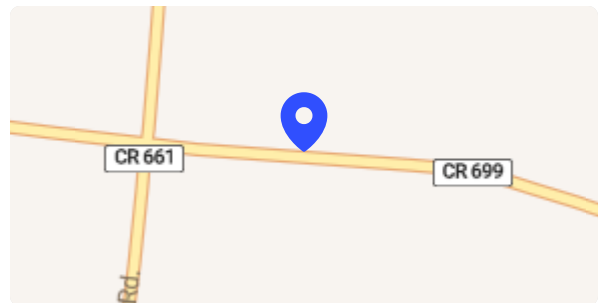
Service

- Saturday**, June 15, 2013
- 12:00 PM ET
- Sray Webster Funeral Home**
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Cemetery Details

- Cumberland County Veterans Cemetery**
Trench Rd.-Hopewell Township, Bridgeton NJ





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CJ

Constantine P. Kiamos, Jr. posted:

I had the opportunity and privilege of meeting and working with Deputy Chief Custis at the Atlantic City Airport Fire Dept. He was an excellent leader, exceptional firefighter, someone I respected, and honored to call a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Constantine P. Kiamos, Jr.

June 16 at 8:24 AM

AH

Al & Judy Headley posted:

Dear Kim, Steve, Jon, Darren and Families, Pop will be missed! Praying that the Lord will comfort you with His peace, surround you with His love and encourage you with His presence during this very difficult time. Al & Judy Headley

June 14 at 4:58 PM

AH

Al & Judy Headley lit a candle in honor of Clarence.



June 14 at 4:54 PM

RH

Rh Excavating, Llc. Diana Harvey posted:

Clarence was one of our employees. We trusted him. He was very serious about his job and often would call us after work to remind us of important issues. Clarence was diligent to maintain his equipment and respectful to our customers. He enjoyed a good conversation and was eager to share his stories. He will be sincerely missed by all who knew him. Our prayers are with his family and friends. Respectfully, Ray & Diana Harvey
The Harvey & Richie Family
And Employees of RH Excavating, LLC.

June 14 at 8:57 AM

LW

Laura Weber posted:

Kim and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your father. May your memories bring you comfort and peace. Your friends at Literacy Volunteers of Salem/Cumberland

June 14 at 8:23 AM



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Anonymous sent an America the Beautiful to the Custis family.



June 13 at 5:27 AM



Jennifer Pullano posted:

Clarence (Pop) was always a character to be around, he always had related story and a joke. He obviously loved his family and friends. My deepest sympathy to the Custis whom I love.

June 13 at 3:44 AM



Samuel J. Serata posted:

Clarence was a great friend with a genuine interest in making our government and institutions work better. He was fearless when it became necessary to expose corruption and errors in our system. We will miss him! He was my friend Sam Serata

June 13 at 2:19 AM



Robert Dubois posted:

He was a great man who held many titles. You could talk to Clarence for many hours and not get bored. He also loved to hear or tell a joke. I will raise a glass for my friend and let everyone know he will be missed. RIP

June 13 at 2:12 AM



Cheryl Christian lit a candle in honor of Clarence.



June 12 at 4:13 PM



Cheryl Christian posted:

We remember Clarence's love of dancing and joke telling at the American Legion. The officers and members join in extending heartfelt sympathy to you and your family at this time of sorrow. American Legion Shoemaker Post 95 and Ladies Auxiliary Bridgeton Chaplain Sam Christian

June 12 at 4:11 PM



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Betty Jo Cossaboon lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

Darren & family I am so sorry for your loss, You & your entire family are in my Thoughts & Prayers. Betty Jo (Thalwitzer) Cossaboon

June 12 at 4:40 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Clarence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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