



# David Arthur "Art" Clever

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David Arthur "Art" Clever, 81, The Villages, went to be with the Lord on October 3, 2024, at Cornerstone Hospice House in The Villages, Florida. Art was born on February 24, 1943 in Columbus, Ohio to A. Franklin Clever and F. Jean Cossum. Art and his wife Lynn moved to The Villages, Florida, in 2012, after living for decades in Coal Valley, Illinois. He had retired from John Deere and Company of Moline, Illinois, with over 42 years of dedicated service, beginning as a Design Engineer in 1967 after graduating from Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering. From 1964 to 1970, beginning in college and into his early career, he also served in the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard both in Ohio and Illinois. In 1974, John Deere moved him to the Technical Center as a Standards Engineer, beginning what was to become a distinguished career as a globally recognized expert in the field of mechanical fasteners.

Art represented John Deere interests admirably for over 34 years, chairing national and international committees responsible for standards development and earning much respect and many accolades along the way. In 2007, Art was the recipient of the prestigious ASME Dedicated Service Award for his outstanding performance and leadership. Art was especially proud of his elevation to a Fellow in the Standards Engineers Society (SES). Over his career, Art demonstrated the importance of maintaining an open mind and continuous education. He earned a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1998 via correspondence and was awarded an honorary PhD in 2006.

While Art's career as an engineer was a significant part of his identity, he was also a man of faith and family. He was an active member of Lake Deaton United Methodist Church of Wildwood, Florida. He was devoted to the local church, committed to his men's small group, and eager to serve. He loved his wife and children and showed his love not least through his generosity and quiet strength. He had encyclopedic



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knowledge, could fix anything, and had a mentor's mindset, meaning he passed on knowledge and curiosity and wisdom.

As anyone who spoke to Art one-on-one would know, he was a great storyteller—and with good reason. From growing up on the farm, to traveling internationally for John Deere, from pursuing his many personal interests, to raising his four children, Art had collected knowledge and experience to speak into almost any situation. His hobbies ranged far and wide: collecting coins and stamps, photography, languages, woodworking, building model ships and grandfather clocks, and endless tinkering with machines, to name a few. Some of his favorite family memories were made while boating, fishing, and skiing in the Ozarks. The list of interests goes on. He read murder mysteries, thrillers, and spy novels. He liked fine watches and pens. Over the years, he raised an assortment of tropical fish. At one time, he lined his basement with aquariums filled with hundreds of fish of all kinds.

The physical toll of illness that led to Art's passing came only after he had fought bravely many health battles for the better part of 28 years. In 1996, he suffered a near fatal car accident with many lasting consequences. Nevertheless, the experience only renewed Art's love of life—a spirit that would sustain him through many struggles with his health.

Art is survived by his wife and best friend of over 57 years: Lynn Clever of The Villages, FL; two daughters: Melissa A. Mattes and her husband Kyle of Doral, FL and Amy L. Clever of Moline, IL; two sons: Andrew L. Clever and his wife Kari of Lakeland, FL, and John David Clever and his wife Emily of East Moline, IL; a brother: James E. Clever of Croton, OH; two grandchildren: William Clayton Clever and Arthur Owen Clever; and many nieces and nephews

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Lake Deaton United Methodist Church, Wildwood, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Lake Deaton United Methodist Church for Sonrise or IMCOR at 6500 Wesleyan Way, Wildwood, FL 34785

Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood, FL. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting

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## Events

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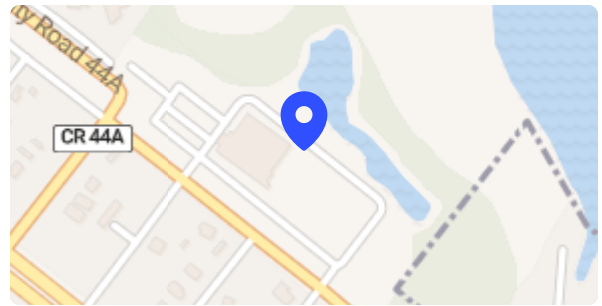
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### Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 23, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

 **Lake Deaton United Methodist Church**  
6500 Wesleyan Way, Wildwood FL 34785





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RS

**Ron Strong** posted:

I had the pleasure to work on fastener standards with Art at ASME. He was a walking encyclopedia and a mentor. He represented the USA faithfully on ISO fastener committees. Condolences to the family.

October 11 at 11:24 AM

AH

**Amy Huebschmann** posted:

I have so many fond memories of Thanksgiving meals and summer trips to Lake of the Ozarks with Art, Lynn and family. Art was always patient with us, even though the combination of his 4 kids and the 3 kids from our family running around was a LOT. My heart goes out to you all, Lynn, Melissa, Aymee, Andy, John and family. Love, Amy (Grotelueschen) Huebschmann

October 10 at 4:38 PM

DS

**Dave Smith** posted:

All of Art's friends from Riverside United Methodist Church in Moline want to express their sympathy to Lynn and her family.

October 8 at 6:00 PM

LZ

**Laurel L Zelnio** posted:

We are so sorry for the loss of a wonderful father, husband, and friend, Art. It was a pleasure to both know him, and your family - and to work with him at John Deere. May your many memories bring your comfort. Out thoughts and prayers are with you. Laurie & Bill Zelnio & Family

October 8 at 2:57 PM

RN

**Robert Noth** sent a virtual gift in honor of David.

So sorry to hear of Art's passing. My sincere condolences to Lynn, family and friends. May he rest in peace! Bob Noth

October 8 at 2:47 PM





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JM

**James C Miller** posted:

Art was a good friend at John Deere. We worked together for around 25 years. He was always kind and thoughtful, and a wonderful person to work with. He was well respected for his fastener knowledge both within Deere and in our SAE off-highway industry. Art and his teams contributed tremendous expertise on both inch and metric fasteners, and I'm sure those fasteners on John Deere products represent his contribution to their design today. He was the major contributor to the implementation of metric fasteners as we went metric within U.S. factories. It took some time for our engineers to become comfortable using metric fasteners and understanding their sizes and grades. He assisted us to "standardize" and reduce the proliferation of designs used on our products. Engineers within Deere and outside sought his knowledge especially on the process to implement metric designs successfully and be cost effective in the transition. As the economy became more global his unique knowledge assuaged fears of the monumental changes. James C Miller Retired John Deere Standards Engineer

October 8 at 9:49 AM

DS

**David Smith** posted:

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October 8 at 4:16 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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