



Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV

September 18, 1983 - November 16, 2014

Earl Joseph Clark IV promised his wife he'd always watch over them from a pink and purple cloud in the sky.

On November 16, 2014 he began that journey to be with his dad.

When 31-year-old Joe was asked how he wanted to be remembered, he responded, "As a father, husband, son, brother, friend, businessman and of course, Chicago sports fan."

Joe's heart belonged to his wife Amanda Evans-Clark and their 11-month-old daughter, Mira Joey.

Joe was the rock of his family, mother Doreen Soucek Clark, late father "EJ" Clark and brother Nicholas Clark and his girlfriend, Lauren Voskovitch.

Joe liked to say he was the favorite grandson of Jim and Audrey Soucek and Arlene and the late Earl Clark II.

He leaves behind aunts and uncles who he adored, cousins he considered siblings

and friends he considered blood.

Joe married into a family who loves him like their own, Tony and Cathi Evans, and grandparents Nancy Anderson, Wilbur and the late Genny Evans. He got two more brothers in Ross Evans and his wife Lauren and Andrew Evans and his girlfriend Kati Powell.

A graduate of Glenbard North High School, Joe loved talking about the glory days playing baseball, Zero Gravity and growing up in Carol Stream, Illinois.

Later at Millikin University, Joe earned a bachelor's degree, made lifelong friends and met his bride.

Joe moved to Florida in 2009 to follow his dreams and be his own boss. He worked tirelessly alongside his cousin, T.J Clark, Uncle and Aunt Jesse and Nancy Fojo to open five Jimmy Johns franchises. Something he was so proud of he often joked he bled mayonnaise.

Joe Clark, 31, left his mark on thousands of people who watched him bravely choose love and life through his most difficult challenges.

In lieu of flowers donations to Mira's college fund can be made out to:
Mira Clark and sent to Chase Bank 7860 Winter Garden Vineland Road
Windermere, FL 34786

A memorial service will be held December 7th at 2pm at Glenbard North High

School in Carol Stream, Illinois.

Tribute Wall



“ Mitch Isaac lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Mitch Isaac - December 08, 2014 at 05:42 AM



“ Grandma And Grandpa Soucek lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Grandma and Grandpa Soucek - November 30, 2014 at 02:36 PM



“ I am very sorry for the death of your dear loved one. Although the pain will seem unbearable at times, please find comfort that there is a day coming when this earth will be filled with happy people and peace will be everywhere and Mr. Clark will be there to enjoy it (Psalms 37:10,11,29). My sincere condolences to you.

Patricia - November 29, 2014 at 07:31 AM



“ Connie Soucek lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Connie Soucek - November 27, 2014 at 02:20 AM

KL

“ Ken And Linda lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Ken and Linda - November 26, 2014 at 03:36 PM

BO

“ Bryan, Dawn, Paige And Morgan Orr lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Bryan, Dawn, Paige and Morgan Orr - November 24, 2014 at 07:45 PM

 Ginger Andrews

“ Ginger Andrews lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Ginger Andrews - November 23, 2014 at 09:08 PM

 Katrina Alba

“ Katrina Alba lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Katrina Alba - November 23, 2014 at 09:07 PM

MA

“ *Marsha lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Marsha - November 23, 2014 at 08:06 PM

HH

“ *Heidi Hatfield lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Heidi Hatfield - November 22, 2014 at 09:56 PM

HH

“ *Heidi Hatfield lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Heidi Hatfield - November 22, 2014 at 09:42 PM

EP

“ *Elizabeth Pieroni lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Elizabeth Pieroni - November 22, 2014 at 09:29 PM

GN

“ Grandma Nancy lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Grandma Nancy - November 22, 2014 at 07:49 PM

JN

“ Jesse And Nancy lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Jesse and Nancy - November 22, 2014 at 11:02 AM

DC

“ Doreen Clark lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Doreen Clark - November 21, 2014 at 12:24 PM

KK

“ Katie Knepler lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Katie Knepler - November 21, 2014 at 11:50 AM

KB

“ Kelly Rosati Brady lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Kelly Rosati Brady - November 20, 2014 at 11:05 PM

LY

“ Lisa Yoshino lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Lisa Yoshino - November 19, 2014 at 08:49 PM

TK

“ Theresa Keown lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Theresa Keown - November 19, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ I have a lot of memories of Joe but the first one that sticks out is back at MU in Dr. Tucker's Mass Media class and Joe and I had to come up with a rap about current events and we chose to do it to the theme of the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. I never laughed so hard in a 30 minuet stretch of time in my entire time!!! Gone to soon my friend. RIP #joestrong

Jimmy Paul - November 19, 2014 at 06:52 PM

MC

“ To Amanda and Mira may you find peace and have memories that carry you always.
To Joe Clark no more pain and suffering, rest in peace.



Michelle Conte - November 19, 2014 at 06:06 PM

PK

“ Funniest kid around, always made you feel comfortable, even when he didn't really know you.



Patti King - November 19, 2014 at 01:33 PM

PD

“ Paula Diorio lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Paula Diorio - November 19, 2014 at 01:19 PM

 Natalie Gilberto

“ Natalie Gilberto lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Natalie Gilberto - November 19, 2014 at 12:56 PM

MW

“ *Mary Williamson lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Mary Williamson - November 19, 2014 at 11:08 AM

SS

“ *Sherri Santiago lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Sherri Santiago - November 19, 2014 at 10:19 AM

GC

“ *Gilberto Contreras lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Gilberto Contreras - November 19, 2014 at 10:18 AM

NN

“ *Nicole Nincic lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Nicole Nincic - November 19, 2014 at 06:47 AM

JG

“ Although I didn't know Joe, Amanda, & Baby Mira, I know the journey that they have traveled. I traveled that journey 6 years ago & it wasn't a easy journey! I wish for you Amanda & your beautiful daughter Mira peace. It may take time but, believe me it will come. May GOD bless you Amanda & Mira ! I will keep you & the Clark Family in my prayers! RIP JOE CLARK

JoEllyn Grandinetti - November 19, 2014 at 06:34 AM

JG

“ JoEllyn Grandinetti lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



JoEllyn Grandinetti - November 19, 2014 at 06:26 AM

DA

“ Danielle lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



danielle - November 19, 2014 at 06:17 AM

TG

“ Back in 2006 I was on my third deployment overseas. While spending most of my days in the mountains of Afghanistan, I wasn't fortunate enough to enjoy the pleasures of having access to a phone or computer. However, at the tail end of each month we usually spent about 2-3 days at an established base with Phone/internet access. The time difference was something like 10-12 hours, so while it was the middle of the afternoon in the desert, it was the middle of the night state side. I usually spent most of my calling card minutes talking to my then GF...i don't exactly remember the reason,but i had some extra time to kill and minutes to burn so i pulled out my little pocket book of numbers and decided to give Joe a call at some un godly time. The phone rang a couple of times and i figured I would just get his Voice message. After about the 3 or fourth ring he answered. I'm sure he didn't reconize 18 digit number on the caller id...anyway when he found out it was me he said "tom do you know what Fucking Time it is?"...I remember laughing and apologizing...Saying something along the lines of "hey man just wanted to say hi, I'll give you a call another time". Joe would have none of that...we spent a good hour on the phone just catching up. He brought my tired, whethered, beetin mind back home for that short period of time. He asked how he could send me things and wouldn't you know like a month later I got a lovely letter and some magazines. Since he knew he couldn't send me "nudie mags" he took it upon himself to draw me a "naked girl, for my viewing pleasures". That's just the kinda guy he was. Playing baseball with him was the same way. This is a kid who played with the older guys as a Sophmore yet couldn't wait for us to meet him for out Junior/senior years. The way he fought his terrible diagnosis with such pride and courage spilled out onto kids and people whom he has never met. Joe is an amazing person and it's no surprise that we all feel such empty void without him here. He will be missed by many, but I sure as hell no he won't be forgotten. I love you pal...until we meet again...Bye For Now

tom gudella - November 19, 2014 at 05:13 AM

SH

This was a great memory to share. Teared up a bit.

shannon - November 22, 2014 at 07:25 PM

JO

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of Joseph. I wanted to write my story, my connection, my understanding, but to be hones...there are no words. It is heartbreaking. My entire heart goes out to everyone who loved him.*

Jamie ODeil - November 19, 2014 at 02:17 AM

CA

“ *wow.....the cancer ward is my favorite ward in the hospital...even more than maternity....these people are the most beautiful humans I have ever meet..with such a strong belief in God....life and happiness.....I am humbled by there courage, strength and kindness...its almost when you walk out off there room your filled with love,empathy,compassion,kindness...the four years at the hospital...I saw many die from cancer...but I received more from these patients than anywhere else....I have to believe where there at now is the most beautiful place on earth...Christine ackerlund*



christine ackerlund - November 18, 2014 at 11:16 PM

CA

“ *Christine Ackerlund lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



christine ackerlund - November 18, 2014 at 11:06 PM

KF

“ *Kisti Frye-Condry lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Kisti Frye-Condry - November 18, 2014 at 10:27 PM

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



kim - November 18, 2014 at 10:21 PM

CD

“ *Cathy Dilbeck lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



cathy dilbeck - November 18, 2014 at 10:17 PM

KB

“ *I remember Joe from high school we had a few classes together and I remember him always joking around and having fun. His laugh was contagious. I live in California now and wish I could make it for the memorial. Rest in Peace Joe my thoughts and prayers are with Amanda and beautiful Mira.*

Katie Weber Bredlau - November 18, 2014 at 10:03 PM

BS

“ *Rest in love Joe*



Brandi Salerno - November 18, 2014 at 09:26 PM

WP

“ *I join those who never knew Joe and Amanda but who feel we have been a part of their lives by reading Amanda's remarkable blog. I have been deeply affected, have shared their pain and thank them for letting us into their world. We are all richer as a result. My heartfelt condolences. Wyley Powell, Toronto*

Wyley Powell - November 18, 2014 at 08:37 PM

KA

“ *God bless you Joe for all you've done in the name of cancer. Bless your loved ones left behind*

Kimberly Austin - November 18, 2014 at 08:36 PM

SM

“ *Sherri Moore lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Sherri Moore - November 18, 2014 at 08:23 PM

AF

“ Joe , your smile lit up the world, I am sure you are the brightest star shining down over your loved ones. Love Anne downs forsythe and Phil forsythe



anne downs forsythe - November 18, 2014 at 08:19 PM

ML

“ Maureen Lim lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



maureen lim - November 18, 2014 at 08:07 PM

NG

“ Natalie Glass-wielgus lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



natalie glass-wielgus - November 18, 2014 at 08:03 PM

KN

“ Kimberly Nie sent a virtual gift in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Kimberly Nie - November 18, 2014 at 07:53 PM

KN

“ Kimberly Nie lit a candle in memory of Earl
"Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Kimberly Nie - November 18, 2014 at 07:49 PM

SM

“ Shari Mayner lit a candle in memory of Earl
"Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Shari Mayner - November 18, 2014 at 07:36 PM



“ Denise Becker lit a candle in memory of Earl
"Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Denise Becker - November 18, 2014 at 07:34 PM

KH

“ Karyelle Hanna lit a candle in memory of Earl
"Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Karyelle Hanna - November 18, 2014 at 07:33 PM

AN

“ *Annette lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Annette - November 18, 2014 at 07:33 PM

LH

“ *Linnie Houston lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Linnie Houston - November 18, 2014 at 07:30 PM

LH

I am Vince Coffaros aunt. I am so sorry for your loss. My nephew Vince loved this guy to death . Although I never met Joe in person I feel like I know him just from hearing all the great things about him and his family. My prayers are with you all. God bless

Linnie Houston - November 18, 2014 at 07:34 PM

JW

“ *Jessica Wanzung lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Jessica Wanzung - November 18, 2014 at 07:27 PM

KD

“ *Karolina And Richie Drzewicki lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Karolina and Richie Drzewicki - November 18, 2014 at 07:25 PM

 Linda Salter

“ *Linda Salter lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



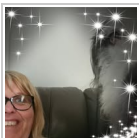
Linda Salter - November 18, 2014 at 07:22 PM



“ *Maureen Hannon lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Maureen Hannon - November 18, 2014 at 07:22 PM



“ *Amanda O'Keeffe lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV*



Amanda O'Keeffe - November 18, 2014 at 07:21 PM

JG

“ Janet Soucek Gosch lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Janet Soucek Gosch - November 18, 2014 at 07:20 PM

CI

“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Cindy - November 18, 2014 at 07:14 PM

AA

“ Aashini lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



aashini - November 18, 2014 at 07:00 PM

JA

“ Joe was a good person. Had a lot of good times in school and out socially. May you Joe and your family be In my prayers.



john van alstine - November 18, 2014 at 06:36 PM



“ Stacy Higginbotham lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



Stacy Higginbotham - November 18, 2014 at 06:10 PM

AS

“ I remember Joe so fondly from high school. In gym class one day, we were part of a swing dance off competition. He was my partner and we swept the floor! The great thing about Joe was his laugh and his friendship was unmatched. I live on the west coast now and wish I could be there for his memorial. I send my condolences to Amanda, Mira and the entire family. He was one of a kind.

Amy Samoska - November 18, 2014 at 05:54 PM

CH

“ Through I didn't know you or Joe I followed your story and laughed and cried with you. My hope is that you feel peace knowing Joe is not suffering anymore and will always be with you Mira watching over you. Sending you love and prayers.

cheryl - November 18, 2014 at 05:52 PM

JK

“ Although I never met any of you...I feel like I know you all. I'm sure myself as well as many others here feel as though we were standing right by all of your sides through the ups and downs. Amanda and Mira, I hope you find peace with Joe's passing. I'm grateful for you both that you've got a wonderful support system. You're very loved and now you have your guardian angel looking down on you both. As for Joe...What can I say? He seemed like such an amazing guy, full of life and love for his family. He will truly be missed by any who's life he touched. R.I.P Joe

Jamie Krutz - November 18, 2014 at 05:41 PM

MB

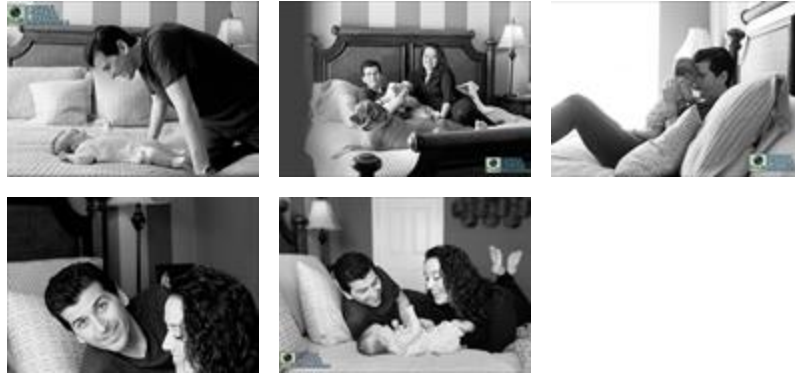
“ My heart is broken for Amanda and Mira, but so grateful for the love and support shared by the Clark family during this long journey. Know that Joe is watching over you both and will bring you love and peace during the time ahead. I was just diagnosed with lymphoma a month ago and have turned to your blog for support and tears. Thank you and may God and Joe always hold you in their arms.



Mary Ann Berna - November 18, 2014 at 04:58 PM

 Linda
Tubbs

“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Linda Tubbs - November 18, 2014 at 04:39 PM

CY

“ *I will never forget that face, that name. He was cool without ever trying to be. I will always remember his laugh, and the number of good people who always called him a friend. My heart goes out to his wife, daughter and family. Good bye Joe, you were one of the great ones.*

Cyndi - November 18, 2014 at 04:31 PM

 Patti
Hakanson

“ *Dear Amanda, Mira Joey, and all of Your families... Our hearts are broken. But we know that Joe is smiling down now on you and saying, I did well. May God Comfort you all, and give you peace, and Strength. We Love You. Rest In Peace Joe.... <3*

Patti Hakanson - November 18, 2014 at 04:19 PM

MN

“ My heart and prayers go out to you Amanda and all your family and friends. Thank you for sharing your story! All posts were amazing, but there were a few that really gave me faith, inspired me and I try to live by them now everyday!!!! They kept me going when I really needed it! You all will always hold a place in my heart! Xoxo



Melissa Nalley - November 18, 2014 at 04:14 PM

DA

“ Danielled lit a candle in memory of Earl "Joe" Joseph Clark IV



danielled - November 18, 2014 at 04:04 PM

SS

“ To Amanda , Mira , Nick & all of Joe's family & friends I was deeply saddened to read of Joe's passing .
What a very sad day for you all .
Thank you so very much for allowing us all into your lives & for the privilege of being able to share in Joe's journey !
Joe's journey touched the hearts of all his followers on Cocktails & Chemoall our lives are richer for knowing Joe through your posts. He will live on in all our hearts . ❤️
Please accept my sincere condolences at this very sad time in your lives .
Take comfort in knowing Joe will be watching over you & little Mira from above . Lots of love, hugs & prayers to you all ! ❤️
Joe....you will be so very sadly missed.
R.I.P xoxo

Sharyn Schulz - November 18, 2014 at 03:50 PM

MA

“ I will forever be in Joe and Amanda's debt for allowing me to share in their journey! Through their shared loved they lead thousands on this journey that sadly ended on Saturday. I will always hold their family in my heart and pray they find comfort in the things Joe left for them.

Maureen - November 18, 2014 at 03:28 PM