



Frank Clark, S.D.S.

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>October 1, 1949</i>
<i>Date of Commitment</i>	<i>December 8, 2006</i>
<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>June 19, 2010</i>

Frank Clark was born and raised in Meredosia, Illinois. He was a twin and the youngest of four children born to Rachel and Richard Clark. After graduating from Meredosia- Chambersburg High School, Frank attended Western Illinois University. Frank enjoyed meeting people and his employment with the John Deere Corporation for over 30 years enabled him to travel to many countries and gave him the opportunity to meet many wonderful people. Frank had an ability to make folks smile and he intentionally used this ability whenever possible.

Frank and Sharon originally met in 1980 but the time was not right for them. When they re-connected in 2001, they realized the depth of their love for each other and married in 2003. Frank went through the RCIA process and became a Catholic in 2004. While in Arizona, Frank was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mesa where he served as a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

In his letter of request to become a Lay Salvatorian, Frank shared that he did not realize or understand his own giftedness until he began the journey to become a Lay Salvatorian. Frank was drawn to the Salvatorians because he became convinced that they were a special group and he recognized a feeling of love and acceptance. He felt a resonance with the Salvatorian Charism and recognized God's love that was shared through each Salvatorian that he encountered. Frank participated in many national and regional functions which deepened his understanding and desire to bring others "To Know the Savior".

Frank was always open to sharing his knowledge and expertise when needed. For the past several years, Frank and Sharon have been living in South Africa. Recently, Ken Drake was in Africa working on some projects in Tanzania. In Ken's words, "Frank Clark saved the project. I could not find anybody to make the new hydraulic hoses I needed, so I emailed him and he came up with the contact that made the hoses." That was Frank, always willing to help whenever he could.

Frank is survived by his wife, Sharon and four children, Jeffrey, Christopher and Nicole Clark and Wesley Rasmussen. A memorial will be held at Old St Anne's Church in Scott County Park, Long Grove, Iowa, at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 14, with a reception following at 2:30 PM at the John Deere Worldwide Headquarters in Moline. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mesa, Arizona, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 20, with a reception to follow at the home of Lay Salvatorians John and Charlotte Riedel. The entombment will be held on Wednesday, July 21, at 10:00 AM at the Valley of the Sun Cemetery in Chandler, Arizona. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be sent to the: Frank Clark SDS Memorial Fund / C/O Fr. Tom Tureman/ 4033 Bacopa Place / Lexington, KY 40509-9045. These donations will be used for the Salvatorian Pro-Province in Tanzania, specifically to assist the seminarians studying for the Priesthood.