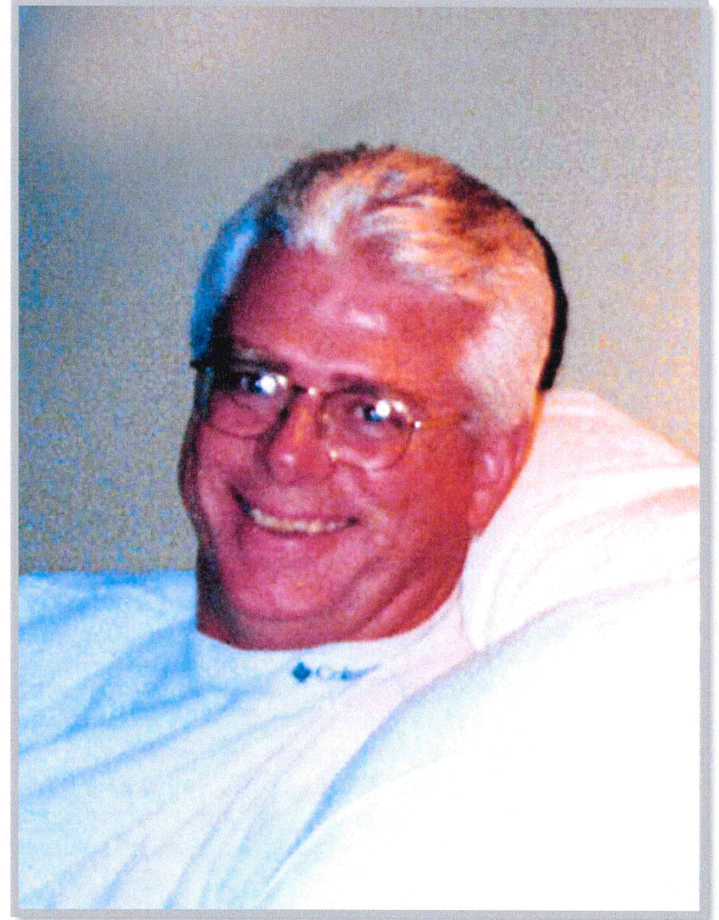


In Loving Memory Of  
**Clark E. VanDonge**

*The Promise*

*Across the years I will walk with you~  
in deep, green forests;  
on shores of sand:  
and when our time on earth is through  
in heaven, too,  
you will have my hand.*



February 10, 1948

March 10, 2024



Clark E. VanDonge 76, of Burleson, Texas passed away on March 10, 2024. He was born on February 10, 1948, in LeMars, Iowa, to Edward and Mildred VanDonge.

Clark is survived by his spouse, Debbie, of Burleson, TX.; daughter, Stacie Jo Pollard and granddaughter, Kennedy of Round Rock, TX.; daughter, Jill Marie Wylie, husband Chris and grandchildren Layne and Jaxon of Mansfield, TX. stepson, Craig Lee Klauer of Lowell, IN and his son Kolby of DeMotte, IN. stepson, Christopher Michael Klauer of Hollywood, CA; and sisters, Beverly Swift Netley of Boerne, TX and Beth VanBeek, husband Russ, of Aberdeen, SD.

Clark grew up on a farm near Ireton, IA. He graduated from Westmar College in LeMars, IA with a Business Management degree. He worked in the areas of insurance and auto finance before turning to his passions of antiques, where he had shops in Kirkwood and Springfield, IL. He stayed true to his farming roots through his love of garden design and landscaping.

On September 11, 2000, Clark reconnected with Debbie. They were married in December of 2003 and resided in Tea, SD. Clark and Debbie poured their hearts into more than just building a home. The two created a sanctuary for their family. After several years, the two relocated to Texas to be closer to kids and grandkids. This move allowed an opportunity to experience more than just holidays, but day-to-day life with family. This included many days in the gym, on the course, or at the field, watching his grand kids do the things they loved. These moments were cherished by all involved.

Canine companions were always very dear to Clark. Annie has stayed behind with Debbie, but Libby, Tara and Emme' are on long walks with him now.

Clark and Debbie had 24 extraordinary years. There were simply not enough of them.

Clark's strong work ethic probably delayed his diagnosis as one of the telltale signs of Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) is extreme fatigue. He maintained a POSITIVE attitude throughout his battle with MDS. He fought with grace, dignity, integrity, but most of all courage.

Prayers sustained him long enough for his family to arrive and say goodbye in person. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by those who loved him most.

Clark would want all of us to remember him with a smile not tears. He would want us to find comfort in knowing he is free of pain and home with his Heavenly Father.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the amazing people who sustained us through Clark's final days. They are truly "Angels on Earth."  
Wings Over Texas Hospice  
205 Caddo Street  
Cleburne, Texas 76031

## *Celebration Of Life Service*

*1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024*

*Pleasant Hill Cemetery*

*Ireton, Iowa*

### *OFFICIATING*

*Rev. Gerald Norman*

*Ireton First Reformed Church*

### *SPECIAL MUSIC*

*"Keeper Of The Stars"*

*Tracy Byrd*

*"Go Rest High On That Mountain"*

*Vince Gill*

*Please join Clark's family for  
refreshments and fellowship at the  
Ireton Community Center from  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. today*