



## Nye Atwood Clinton

June 9, 1940 - June 6, 2020

Nye Atwood Clinton, 79, of Hurricane, WV died June 6, 2020.

Nye Clinton Sr. passed away in early June, surrounded by family, at home after a year-long battle with cancer. He was 79.

Nye Clinton was born in June, 1940 in Watertown, New York. He grew up in a loving home with his older brother Peter and his parents Karl and Esther Clinton. He earned multiple degrees culminating in a PhD in Organic Chemistry. These degrees and post-doc experiences were at University of Rochester, University of Massachusetts, University of California at San Diego, and Indiana University. While at the University of Rochester he met the love of his life, Millie Clinton. They married and remained married over 55 years which was the remainder of his life.

Nye's life was filled with accomplishments ranging from awards including the Union Carbide Chairman's Award in 1993, multiple patents received, and several publications. He had a passion for work, befriended many of his colleagues, and excelled first at Union Carbide and then later at MATRIC. At Union Carbide he was an Associate Director of Research for Specialty Chemicals both in Tarrytown, NY and later in Charleston, WV. In those roles he supported many researchers and oversaw research in many business areas. Many of his most cherished accomplishments were outside of the workplace, as he was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and volunteer in the community with a focus on adult literacy. His interest in literature extended to his personal life as he always had a passion for reading. Perhaps most notable was his interest in Sherlock Holmes, which led him to become an active member of the Norwood Building Inspectors, a society focused on Holmes scholarship and knowledge. With family and friends, he was caring, intelligent, funny, and an incredible story-teller, making him a joy to be around.

Nye is survived by his wife, Millie Clinton, children Esther Clinton and Nye Clinton, brother Peter Clinton, extended family Jeremy Wallach, Miyoko Clinton, Haruka Clinton, Carla Keirns, and Russell Dorn.

Those wishing and able to honor Nye's commitment to improving the world are encouraged to donate to the Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Research charity. Donations can be made online at <https://www.lustgarten.org/donate/>.

A memorial visitation will be from 5-7pm Thursday June 11, 2020 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Social distancing guidelines will be observed.

You may share memories of Nye by visiting his tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com)

Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Clinton family.

# Events

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**JUN**   **Visitation**      05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Chapman Funeral Home, Teays Valley

3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV, US, 25526

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Chapman Funeral Homes** - June 11 at 09:45 AM

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“ My deepest condolences, he was a wonderfully nice man when I met him. He had a big heart and was incredibly intelligent and welcoming.

**Dee Elliott** - June 12 at 05:23 PM

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**Carla C. Keirns** - June 11 at 07:04 PM

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**Carla C. Keirns** - June 11 at 07:03 PM

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“ I, like everyone else, thought the word of Nye—his gentle encouraging demeanor and quirky sense of humor. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Nye which included Millie and Esther. I was always amazed at the level of education sitting at our Literacy Volunteers Board meetings. It was a joy to watch him work with our literacy

students.  
Peace and love,  
Cindy Winters

**Cindy Winters** - June 11 at 01:53 PM

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“ WVa R&D Tech Center: Nye, great boss who allowed us the freedom to do our jobs and advance our commercial programs with his advice and wisdom. Never demanding and critical, always supportive. Such a helpful demeanor, loved his humor! Never forget the great fun on our trips to New Orleans during the years of building E-Park for Carbowax...driving the Pontchartrain Causeway for a lamb shank at a French restaurant while Nye had to endure the critique of a certain inebriated Danbury colleague in the back seat...lol, lots of fun! Nye was always a careful listener with measured words. Great memories of a great guy. RIP my friend.  
Bruce Barner, former UCC Technology Manager

**Bruce Barner** - June 11 at 01:16 AM

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“ We are so sorry to learn of Nye's passing. He was a friend and fellow member of the Sherlock Holmes Society. His presentations of the stories were always in great detail and of the highest scholarship. Nye was kind and gentle with a wonderful smile and sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. Love, Tom and Mary McQuain

**Thomas McQuain** - June 10 at 07:06 PM

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“ Tonya and Dana purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Nye Atwood Clinton.



**Tonya and Dana** - June 10 at 05:27 PM

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“ Nye was appreciated as a valued member and frequent contributor of the Sherlock Holmes club.. Praying God's comfort for you at this time.  
With sympathy, Jim Neidlinger

**Jim Neidlinger** - June 10 at 03:13 PM



“ I’d been summoned to Nye’s office and was terrified. It was August, 1985. Nye was my 3rd boss since I had started working at Union Carbide just 18 months earlier, my first job out of school. During this short time the company had experienced a terrorist bombing and the Bhopal tragedy, and the GAF takeover attempt had just begun. I was certain that the news would not be good. Nye asked me to take a seat, and then smiled and said “Congratulations, I hear that you and Kathy are expecting”. I was stunned, how could he possibly have known? We had only told Kathy’s officemate, across the street, in a different division, 2 buildings away. He continued. “Bill, the two of you have big changes coming in your life, many of which you cannot possibly anticipate. Do whatever it takes to make it work, and just keep me informed”. In that one sentence Nye conveyed empathy and wisdom and trust. From that moment I would do anything for him. It was the beginning of a truly wonderful 15 year journey. I was incredibly fortunate to have had Nye as a manager, a mentor and a friend. Bill Brown

**Bill Brown** - June 10 at 12:48 PM

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**Bill Brown** - June 10 at 12:41 PM

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“ From Your MATRIC Family. purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Nye Atwood Clinton.



**From Your MATRIC Family.** - June 10 at 10:02 AM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nye Atwood Clinton.



June 10 at 02:53 AM

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“ Nye was my supervisor for many years. He would come into my doorway, turn sideways and smile, and signal with his arm that I was to follow him. It was always something interesting. He was knowledgeable about so many things. It was a pleasure to work with him. It was all the more pleasure as he had a great heart and was always looking out for others. I am so sorry he is gone. He was one of a kind. My condolences to the family. Paul Matlock

**paul matlock** - June 09 at 04:55 PM



“ Thank you Paul, your words are a comfort. Millie

**Mildred Clinton** - June 10 at 12:50 PM

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“ I feel privileged to have known Nye through several personal meetings and even more through my friendship with his devoted daughter, who embodies the same qualities that he exemplified. Nye has been such a brilliant, kind, and generous soul in this world and I wish him a peaceful rest in the next world. He will live on forever through our loving memories.

**Montana Miller** - June 09 at 04:29 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to your family. Nye had an infectious laugh that made him loved by all. He will be sorely missed.

**Lisa Mosrie** - June 08 at 04:43 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies. You will be sorely missed.



Michael Nehme - June 08 at 02:34 PM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Nye Atwood Clinton.



June 08 at 12:11 PM

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“ I worked with Nye for nearly 15 yrs at Union Carbide. In addition to being one of the smartest people I have met, he was one of the nicest. I can see him pondering a technical issue and rubbing his mustache. The world lost a true class act. I really liked and respected him. My prayers for his family. David Kantor

david kantor - June 08 at 12:06 PM