



## Kemp Bernard Clemen

October 26, 1920 - March 12, 2019

Kemp Bernard Clemen, age 98 of Nokesville, Virginia died Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at English Meadows Senior Living Community, Warrenton, Virginia, surrounded by his son and three daughters. Kemp was a graduate of Osbourn High School, Manassas. Kemp served in Europe as an Army Medic during WWII, after completing his medic school training in Beaumont, Texas. He returned home on the Queen Elizabeth II as the war ended, and married his Beloved Ruby Jones, wife of 61 years. Kemp and Ruby loved the land that made up 232 acers of Tumbledown Farm, on which they raised a family of four, and provided a home, care, and guidance for countless other family members and friends, during their time together. Kemp's passion for the outdoors, agriculture, and his faith, enabled him to farm for more than 60 years. As one of the founders of Prince William Veterans Farm Club, organizers and promoters of The Prince William County Fair, (1949), Kemp knew the importance of educating people about farming and agriculture. He supported and encouraged youth participation in the educational programs.... Future Farmers of America and 4H. Over many years, he welcomed numerous student classes to his dairy farm and considered it an honor to be a part of teaching young men and women the value of local farming and its benefits around the world.

Kemp was a lifelong member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Nokesville, Va. where he was Chair of the Administrative Board for 19 years. He also

contributed to Asbury's Christian Education programs, serving as Lay Leader and Sunday School Teacher over several decades.

Kemp was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby (Jones); parents, Theodore and Alice (Wray) Clemen: three brothers and one sister. He is survived by four children, Catherine Clemen of Warrenton, VA., Linda Simms of Nokesville, VA., son, Burnard Clemen of Ford, VA. and Lillian Jacobs of The Plains, VA, and sister Tracy Robertson, Manassas,VA.

Kemp is remembered by all who knew him, for his honesty, and helping his neighbors unconditionally.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm, Monday, March 18, 2019 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Va. where funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm, March 19, 2019 with Pastor Claire Miller officiating. Interment will follow at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to: Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, PO Box, 27552, Richmond, VA. 23261..... or Fisher House Foundation, 12300 Twin Brook Parkway, Suite 410, Rockville, MD. 20852 – In memory of Kemp Clemen.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172-1636  
(703) 221-2183

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Service

**MAR 19.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My deepest apologies*

David5 - July 27, 2019 at 02:07 AM

MG

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Clemen family.  
Maury & Vera Gerson*

Maury & Vera Gerson - March 19, 2019 at 09:41 AM

AL

“ *Grandad Kemp...  
many loving fond memories and they all involve your beautiful smile.  
I never saw this wonderful man without this smile on his face, no  
matter what. Men like this are hard to come by ... he and grandma  
Ruby took me and my brothers in as one of their own grandchildren,  
and we were never treated any differently. He taught by example  
and left behind a legacy of love, kindness, and a hard work ethic  
that I will cherish.*

April Lattimer - March 18, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of  
Kemp Bernard Clemen.*



March 18, 2019 at 11:53 AM

MS

“ I am blessed to have known Kemp for over 55 years. As his Son-in-Law, He and his Beloved Rudy accepted me as family immediately and that never changed. In all of the passing years, never a harsh word nor friction of any sort between us. For that I am proud. Many people have been a part of my life in now over 70 years, but none I have known have been the "complete" man as Kemp. His faith, that he shared by living it. His love for country, by respecting and believing in America and what it stands for, even with it's flaws. His support for the military and the rule of law spoke of his integrity and Patriotism. He loved the land, that he tilled, planted, faithfully anticipated a harvest, and reaped the delightful rewards of his labor, whether the harvest was scarce or bountiful. Kemp's commonsense and realistic approach to life, was one of the proper attitude towards the events of each day, always positive, as in one of his memorable quotes, "you play the hand you are dealt". Being well read and informed, he knew in's and out's of business. His understanding of economics, coupled with balancing priorities of faith, family, business and relationships, allowed him to make prudent decisions in all areas of life, creating a "successful" man that most could only dream of being. He was not only a husbandman, he was an organizer, leader, optimist, friend, doctor, mentor, and lover of people. Kemp's love for his family though, was first and foremost in all of his years. Family however, included countless friends and acquaintances, extending far beyond the Clemens'/Jones'. His respect and care for those he met, made him a person that everyone wished to know, and felt a special connection to this well loved man. Not only his four children, but many called Kemp and Ruby's home , their home, for periods of time, as he and Ruby cared for anyone who needed a hand up. Kemp, in my years of knowing him, never spoke of a Legacy, at least that I am aware. I think that his passion for farming, love of his Creator and family, respect for all those he met, and the joy he saw and lived throughout his life, left a Legacy that few could ever hope for, as the "complete" man. And, oh yes, his love for laughter, will be with all of us who listened to his stories and enjoyed his company. Rest in Peace Kemp. You will be with us always.

**Mike Simms** - March 18, 2019 at 11:24 AM

JJ

“ *Jamie, Emma, Ed & Jasmine purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kemp Bernard Clemen.*



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**Jamie, Emma, Ed & Jasmine** - March 17, 2019 at 06:44 PM

JS

“ *Catherine, Linda, Bernard & Lillian, my prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. The Nokesville Community has lost one of a kind and are sadden but we know that when he walks through those golden gates he will be patted on the back and Our Precious Savior will say "Job well done Kemp." Blessings Janie Spears .*

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**Janie Spears** - March 17, 2019 at 05:36 PM

JM

“ *To all the Clemen's family our prayers and thoughts are with you all. I remember him and family when I was much younger showing cattle at the fair. I also went to school with all the children and Big Mike. I still see Mike and Linda a lot. You all are a very nice family. Lonnie and Joyce Moore*

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**Joyce A Moore** - March 16, 2019 at 08:59 PM

CY

“ Prayers to the Family 🙏🏻🙏🏻



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**Charlene Yankey** - March 16, 2019 at 12:30 PM

PJ

“ Patti Johnston lit a candle in memory of Kemp Bernard Clemen



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**Patti Johnston** - March 15, 2019 at 10:17 PM

JA

“ We have been able to be a part of the Fair for the last 3 years, and feel so blessed to be able to do so. It's folks like Kemp that make the world a better place. Please accept my deepest condolences in your time of grief.

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**Jason Allen** - March 15, 2019 at 04:19 PM

JL

“ Jamie & Charlie Lyons purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kemp Bernard Clemen.



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**Jamie & Charlie Lyons** - March 15, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Sympathy to Catherine, Lillian, and siblings; as well as other (extended) family--Kemp & my Dad were great veteran farmer friends since their service together.  
The FAIR will not be the same without Kemp.

Betty GRIFFITH Dickerson

Betty Dickerson - March 15, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ Sending love and prayers to Kemp's family. He will be remembered for his love of family, friends, farming community and his service to God and our country. What a lovely man - always so friendly.

God bless his family

Messina and Jerry Cumberland

Messina Cumberland - March 15, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ I can't begin to say all the good moments my family shared with Kemp, Ruby and family. To speak of Kemp is to remember a .friendly face coming up the driveway to care for his crops or milkers. Or he and Ruby tending their garden. Sweet corn now there's a memory of generosity. What ever good you can think of you could find it in Kemp.



I'm sorry I did not get to see him in his later years. He will be remembered.

Joseph and Diana Farsht and family - March 14, 2019 at 06:36 PM

AP

“ *My condolences to the children of Kemp. I will always associate Asbury with him. He was my Sunday school teacher when I was a teenager. Alice Ritenour Page*

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**Alice Ritenour Page** - March 14, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Kemp Bernard Clemen.*



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March 14, 2019 at 03:28 PM

BP

“ *To the Clemen family, Sorry too hear of your loss.*

*Bonnie and Tom Pearson*

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**Bonnie Pearson** - March 14, 2019 at 02:10 PM