



Harold Joseph Clancy Jr. 1940-2020

Harold Joseph Clancy, Jr. went to heaven on April 19, 2020, following a fall and brief hospitalization. He was born on October 28, 1940 in Scotia, New York. He was the eldest of child of Marguerite Bell Miller and Harold Joseph Clancy, Sr.

Harold graduated from John Carrol University with a Master's Degree in Physics in 1963. Following college, he joined the Peace Corps in Lagos, Nigeria, where he spent the next two years working with the in culture and education of the African people.

Harold began his career at NASA in 1965; it encompassed many different roles and responsibilities within the space agency. His first position was with Manned Spacecraft Landing and Recovery Division where he was responsible for the Apollo Command Module training of astronauts for recovery and splashdown. Because of his attention to detail and thoughtful planning, splashdown and recovery efforts at NASA have been safe and successful throughout the Apollo program.

In 1966, he was one of the three test subjects that spent 48-hours in a Command Module deployed in Gulf of Mexico to test its systems and habitability. In the Apollo 16 project, he was promoted into the Mission Control Center as a Flight Controller for the propulsion system of the Command Service Module. After supporting Skylab program, he led twelve Space Shuttle missions as a Guidance Navigation and Control (GNC) Flight Controller during all mission phases...launch, on-orbit and re-entry and landing. Before retiring from NASA, he served in the Missions Operations Directorate as Chief of the Data Processing Section; Chief of the Communications and Data Systems Branch and Assistant to the Division Chief of the Mission Operations Division, at testament to his leadership abilities.

Harold loved his family first and foremost. He loved spending time with his kids at swim meets, Indian Guides and Indian Princesses. Harold loved Corvettes, and Houston Rocket Basketball. He was an 8-year season ticket holder for Rockets games.

As a way of giving back to the M.D Anderson Cancer Center, where both he and his father had been patients, Harold volunteered at the hospital. He often cited this as one of his life accomplishments and, one, in which he was most proud.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 49 years, Anne Clancy, and daughter Cathleen and son Sean, brothers, John and Charles Clancy and sister, Nancy Strabel. His parents, Marguerite and Harold Clancy Sr, preceded him in death.

Burial services will be in Riverside, Texas on Saturday April 25, 2020 at 1:30pm with Memorial Services to be held at a later date.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

A memorial service for Harry and Anne Clancy was held on July 31 at 11:00am at the Clear Lake United Methodist Church. 16335 El Camino Real in Clear Lake City, Texas.

