



## Howard W. Clarke

June 12, 1929 - January 24, 2015

Howard W. Clarke (born June 12, 1929 in Waterbury, Connecticut) passed away January 24, 2015 after a brief illness. Howard was Professor Emeritus of Classics and Comparative Literature at the University of California, Santa Barbara .

Howard was educated at Holy Cross College and Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D. He taught classics and comparative literature at Harvard, Boston University, Michigan State, Göttingen, Germany; and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

He was the author of *The Gospel of Matthew and Its Readers: A Historical Introduction to the First Gospel*, *The Art of the Odyssey*; and *Homer's Readers: A Historical Introduction to the Iliad and the Odyssey*. He was a sergeant in the Army Security Agency in Berlin (1953-56). From 1993 to 2010 he served as a Destination Lecturer on cruise ships operating in the Mediterranean area.

Howard was proud and happy to move his family to beautiful Santa Barbara in 1969 and continued to praise Santa Barbara's beauty and climate to his family and friends near and far.

Howard is survived by his wife Ursula, daughters Anne and Christine (Abhay),

and grandson Neil. His family would like to thank Dr. Erno Daniel of Sansum Clinic and the nurses and patient care technicians of the Cottage Hospital MICU and Cardiac Telemetry Units for their care and compassion during Howard's illness.

A small family funeral service was conducted at Calvary Cemetery January 29 by Howard's friend, Father Noel Barber, S.J.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 687-8811  
[http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery\\_id=3](http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ He taught Classical Literature at Oakland University and was responsible for it's motto: *Sequir Virtute e Canoscenza*, from the *Inferno*. He was one of the most influential people in my life. From him I learned that nothing is new. Everything goes back to the *Iliad*, the *Odyssey* and the plays of Sophocles. He was a wonderful man.

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**Kenneth Seifert** - November 16, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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*Mr. Seifert, I am Howard's daughter and just saw this post today. How wonderful of you to write such a lovely tribute. Thank you so much! - Anne Marie Clarke*

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**Anne Clarke** - July 22, 2019 at 06:36 PM

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*Anne, I wish to echo loudly the other praise for your father. I was in Oakland's first graduating class in 1963, having majored both in English and Latin. I recall going to your parents' home (Walledlake O think.*

*Those were wonderful years at Oakland to be sure'*

*several*

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**Howard Hinkel** - January 20, 2024 at 02:18 PM