# Randall T. Clair (Randy)

August 12, 1939 - January 17, 2026

Randall T. Clair (Randy) aged 86, of Longboat Key, Florida, formerly of Lake Bluff, Illinois, passed away on January 17, 2026. He was born on August 12, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois, to Edward Jerome Clair and Katherine Lucey Clair, both of whom preceded him in death.

Randy graduated with honors from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1961 and went on to earn his law degree from Northwestern University in 1964. He spent the majority of his professional life as an attorney with Amoco in the International Law Department, where he specialized in maritime law. His work took him to many parts of the world, including Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Canada. Randy retired from Amoco in 1996, after which he and his wife settled in Longboat Key, a place he came to love deeply.

Randy had a lifelong love of the water and especially enjoyed boating and sailing. After retirement, he took up golf and cherished the friendships that came with it. Giving back to his community was central to who Randy was. He served as Secretary of the Country Club Shores Unit 4 Homeowners Association from 2009 to 2015, as Commissioner-at-Large for the Town of Longboat Key from 2005 to 2009, and later as Commissioner for District 1 from 2017 to 2020. He also served on the Finance Committee at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church from 2013 to 2020. Randy took great pride in

his service on Congressman Vern Buchanan's Advisory Panel on cadet appointments to the U.S. Service Academies, a role he held for many years.

Above all else, Randy was devoted to his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Jean Worth Clair; his children, Kathy Clair-Hayes (Chris) of Boston, Massachusetts, Margaret Noxon (Michael) of Roswell, Georgia, and Pamela Clair of Sarasota, Florida; and his treasured grandchildren, Declan and Maggie Hayes and Max and Jack Noxon. He is also survived by his sister, Linda Clair Schweiker of Arvada, Colorado, and his niece and nephew, Sheri Donnelly (John) and Brett Schweiker (Rebecca).

A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary, Star of the Sea church or the Tidewell Foundation.

The Clair family is deeply grateful to the nurses and aides who provided compassionate care to Randy during his time in hospice.

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of Life

JAN **31**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Star of the Sea
4280 Gulf of Mexico Drive
Longboat Key, FL 34228

# Tribute Wall

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**Jim Lucey** - February 02 at 02:56 PM

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*I remember when Randy and I set sail on White Lake in Michigan. We knew that a line squall had been forecasted and hoped to get back to Sylvan Beach before it came. We lowered the mainsail and sailed on the jib. Randy told me to be ready to take down the jib in case it came. He would pull up the centerboard at the same time. And then we saw it, a dark line coming toward us with dark water behind it. When Randy yelled, I brought down the jib and he did the centerboard and the squall hit us with 110 miles an hour wind, at least that's what they told us later. We slipped sideways across the water, ended up on some rocks, managed to prevent the sailboat from injury and waited out the storm. A larger sailboat that was behind us turned over immediately. Randy had saved the day!*

**Jean Lucey Easterly** - January 30 at 11:16 PM

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*If when Randy was very young and God said to him, you will have a 61-year marriage to a beautiful girl from Escanaba, Michigan, have three beautiful daughters and four grandchildren, be a very successful maritime attorney, have a 30-year retirement in Florida on both land and sea while also serving that community, Randy would've signed on for that voyage. Now God has called him to serve on His voyage.*

*We all must go at some point, but not all of us will go with the legacy he has left behind.*

*Jim Lucey*

**LAWRENCE H LUCEY** - January 31 at 07:10 PM

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*To go with picture:*
*My dad, ?, Uncle Jerry, Linda, me, Randy and Aunt Kay*
*c. 1952*

*Uncle Jerry said that when they were trying to think up a good name, "we might name it this…we might name it that" and since it was small and powerful, they named it The Wee Mite.*

**LAWRENCE H LUCEY** - February 04 at 01:28 PM