Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Augusta Clark

Clark, Augusta  
**Alternative Names:** Clark, Augusta, 1932-; Augusta Clark  
**Life Dates:** March 5, 1932-October 13, 2013  
**Place of Birth:** Union Town, Alabama  
**Residence:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (from ? to ?)  
**Occupations:** Librarian; City Council Member

**Biographical Note**

Augusta Alexander Clark was born on March 5, 1932, in Union Town, Alabama, the daughter of Harrison and Lula B. Alexander. Clark grew up in Fairmont, West Virginia, although she spent her entire adult life in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Clark arrived fresh from West Virginia State College working as a "Girl Friday" for 'Color Magazine'. She then earned her Masters of Library Science degree from Drexel University and a law degree from Temple University School of Law.

Clark served as councilwoman at large and majority whip on the City Council of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Clark was the second black woman in the history of Philadelphia to have served on the city council. In over twenty years of service, Clark compiled a distinctive record of accomplishments. As majority whip, she managed legislation and served as an integral part of the Council leadership team. Clark focused her energy on improving the city’s public schools and revitalizing the poor and under developed communities in Philadelphia.

She retired from the city council in February 2000, but was still very much involved in local affairs. In March 2000, Clark became Secretary of Agencies, Authorities, Boards and Commissions in Mayor John Street's cabinet. In this capacity she communicates between the mayor
and nearly 150 citywide organizations. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including being named “Woman of the Year” by Pennsylvania Business and Professional Women.

Augusta Clark is married to Leroy W. Clark. They have one son, Mark, and one daughter, Adrienne.

Hon. Augusta Clark passed away on October 13, 2013.

Related Entries

Alexander, Harrison [CHILDOf]
Father

Alexander (née Warren) , Lula Bell [CHILDOf]
Mother

Alexander, Uriah [GRANDCHILDOf]
Grandfather (P)

Alexander, Rebecca [GRANDCHILDOf]
Grandmother (P)

Warren, Jimmy [GRANDCHILDOf]
Grandfather (M)

Mitchell (née Clark), Adrian [PARENTOf]
Daughter

Clark, Mark Leroy [PARENTOf]
Son

Mitchell, Ayanna Bell [GRANDPARENTOf]
Granddaughter

Clark, Chloe Richardson [GRANDPARENTOf]
Granddaughter

Alexander, Harrison [CHILDOf]
Father

Alexander, Lula [CHILDOf]
Mother

Clark, Leroy [SPOUSEOf]
Husband

Clark, Mark [PARENTOf]
Son

Clark, Chloe [PARENTOf]
Daughter

Alexander, Harrison Ronald [SIBLINGOf]
Brother
Kyle (née Alexander), Mary Dean [SIBLING of]
Sister
Buckner (née Alexander), Velma [SIBLING of]
Sister

Dunbar Primary School [STUDENT of]
[from ? to 1950]

Diploma

West Virginia State University [STUDENT of]
[from ? to 1954]

BSBA

Drexel University [STUDENT of]
[from ? to 1958]

MLS

Temple University [STUDENT of]
[from ? to 1976]

JD

Federal Defense Installations & Free Library of Philadelphia
[EMPLOYEE of]
[from 1958 to 1966]

Librarian

General Electric Company [EMPLOYEE of]
[from 1967 to 1969]

Analyst

Auerbach Corporation [EMPLOYEE of]
[from 1970 to 1971]

Consultant

City of Philadelphia [EMPLOYEE of]
[from 1975 to ?]

Majority Whip of the City Council of Philadelphia; Councilwoman-at-Large; Attorney
[MEMBER of]