



David Lyall Clapper

May 27, 1935 - April 6, 2011

David Lyall Clapper, 75, of Cairo, died Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson.

Born May 25, 1935 in Hudson, he was the son of Charles Henry Clapper and Lillian Bryant Decker Clapper.

He graduated from Catskill High School and Ithaca College.

Mr. Clapper was a music teacher for the Catskill Central School District and the Hudson City School District.

David was a pipe organ builder and a partner in the Rosenberry & Clapper Organ Company. He was a church organist for most of his life having played in the First Presbyterian Church in Hudson, St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Stockport, St. Barnabas Church in Stottville, Trinity Episcopal Church in Claverack, and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Catskill.

He retired from the US Army after serving six years; was a "printers devil" at the Catskill Daily Mail, having learned the art of setting hand type; was a model railroader and had articles and photos of his Hudson Garden Railroad published in national magazines, and was the office manager for the Bass

Harbor Campground in Bass Harbor, Maine.

David was past president of the Friends of the First presbyterian Church in Hudson, past dean of the American Guild of Organists, Hudson and Catskill Chapter, past president of the Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, and past treasurer of the Catskill 3500 Club.

He was also a member of the Coxsackie Athens Community Band, Greene County Amateur Radio Society, RACES/ARES-Columbia County, Hudson Valley Choral Society, Cairo Historical Society, Greene County Historical Society, Columbia County Historical Society, Mountaintop Historical Society, Hudson Opera House, American Amateur Press Association, the Olana Partnership, All Arts Matter-Greenville, Greene County Retired Teacher's Association, Music Educators National Conference, and NY State School Music Association.

David is survived by his wife, Ann L. Clapper of Cairo; his son, Raymond Clapper of North Carolina; his granddaughter, Angel Perez (Miguel) of Texas, and his great-granddaughter, Sophia Perez of Texas. He was predeceased by his daughter, Karen Clapper.

Arrangements are with the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green St., Hudson.