



Steve Clarke
Died: April 15, 2019



Helen Clarke
Died: January 24, 2025

Both Helen and Steve were born in Cincinnati, Ohio but did not meet until much later. Helen graduated from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana with a BA in History. Steve left Ohio early and grew up in California and Montana. He graduated with a BA in English from Gonzaga University in Spokane Washington. His parents had moved back to Ohio and he met Helen there. They were married in 1962. Today they have three children and eight grandchildren.

Helen taught history at the high school level for several years. After they moved to Los Angeles in 1970, she was a volunteer docent for almost 12 years at the LA County Natural History Museum. She also helped out in her children's schools. Her hobbies include reading, classical music, piano and walking. Steve began his financial career at Commercial Credit Co. in Cincinnati, specializing in large commercial business loans. After five years he joined Goldman Sachs & Co. in St. Louis and was then transferred to Los Angeles as vice president for institutional accounts. Steve retired in 1988 and then became an expert witness for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, unraveling bond frauds by financial institutions. He also chaired the finance committee of Para Los Ninos, which serves the children of the Hispanic poor. In 1984 Steve and Helen were named founders of the Los Angeles Performing Arts Center.

The Clarkes loved traveling to Europe and Mexico. Steve's hobbies include golf, fishing, swimming, music and reading both English and Spanish.

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