DONALD G. CLARK was born in 1931, in Eureka, California. After moving to Oakland, California, he graduated from high school and, in 1949, entered the University of California, Berkeley, School of Architecture. During the Korean War, Don took a leave of absence for two years’ active duty in the US Navy. Upon returning to UC Berkeley, he graduated with a BA in Architecture.

Immediately upon graduating in 1956, he was hired by the State of California, Division of Architecture. Clark’s first supervisor was Rolf T. Retz, FCSI, Distinguished Member, who instilled in Don the values of CSI. In January 1957, Don joined CSI as a Junior Member, and immediately became involved in the Sacramento Chapter, changing to Professional Member in 1959 when elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Chapter.

Under the tutelage of his supervisors and fellow specifications writers, including Rolf Retz, William P. Vickers, and Robert L. Petterson, Don assisted in early work on CSI's 16 Division Format, as well as in work on CSI chapter and region activities. Don served as Editor for 10 years, was a member of several committees and the chapter board for many years.

When he became Supervising Architect in charge of the office’s Specification Section, Clark’s influence spread to consultants and to other State agencies, assisting them with training seminars to conform to the CSI Manual of Practice and MasterFormat. Clark was also an instructor for chapter specifications seminars and brought CSI principles to his evening classes at two local community colleges.

In 1989, Clark was elected Institute Director, Professional for the West Region. During his three-year term, he also served as Vice-President and President of the West Region. Shortly after, Clark assisted in chartering the Reno Chapter and became a Charter member of that chapter.

In 1993, Clark retired from the Division of the State Architect after more than 37 years’ service, and remained active with chapter and region duties, as well as with part-time work with the State Office of Project Development and Management, and his specifications consulting practice.

Clark passed away on 13 April 2022, in Orangevale, California.