



## Clifford Willard Shaffer, Jr.

December 23, 1930 - April 6, 2014

CLIFFORD WILLARD SHAFFER Jr.

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Clifford Willard Shaffer Jr. age 83 of Omaha, NE passed away on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

Clifford was born on December 23, 1930 to Clifford Willard Sr. and Nellie Way (Barnell) Shaffer in Sterling, NE. He was raised and schooled in Columbus, NE and graduated from Columbus High School with the class of 1948. After graduating from high school he attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he played on the freshman football team. He transferred to Wesleyan University in Lincoln for two years and played on the varsity football team.

With the event of the Korean Conflict, he enlisted in the US Marines serving in Korea from February 1951 until August of 1952. After serving in the Marines, Cliff returned home and continued his education at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, graduating in 1954 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Zoology, minoring in and Botany and Philosophy. After graduating from UNL, he began working for the Union Pacific Railroad. He retired from the railroad in 1988 as the Executive Director of Security and Special Services.

Cliff met the love of his life Barbara Louise Montenero and they were later married on April 22, 1978 at Westwood Church in Omaha, NE. After retiring, Cliff volunteered his time at Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth for ten plus years, where he officiated many funerals for the deceased residences at

the home. Cliff also wrote a magazine article titled "Once Around the Block" for The Old Market Encounter Magazine which his wife Barbara published. Cliff and Barb made their home in the Omaha Metro area.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church and Nebraska Masonic Lodge #1 both of Omaha, NE.

Clifford is survived by his wife: Barbara Shaffer of Papillion, NE, previous wife: Beverly of Omaha, NE, two daughters: Corey Camille Aldy and husband Matt of Omaha, NE, Jacque Zimmerer and husband Tim of Papillion, NE, six grandchildren: Jacob Zimmerer and wife Chelsea of Elkhorn, NE, C.J. Zimmerer of Papillion, NE, Brandon Aldy of Omaha, NE, Nathan Zimmerer of Papillion, NE, Neely Aldy of Omaha, NE, Hannah Zimmerer of Papillion, NE, three cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Clifford Sr. and Nellie Shaffer and daughter Denise Shaffer.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 11, 2014 at the Nebraska Masonic Home Chapel in Plattsmouth, NE with Pastor Judith Rainforth officiating, Terry Little as vocalist, and Chris Abbott as pianist.

A Graveside Service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Friday, April 11, 2014 at Columbus Cemetery in Columbus, NE.

Pallbearers will be Cliff's grandchildren; Jacob Zimmerer, C.J. Zimmerer, Brandon Aldy, Nathan Zimmerer, Neely Aldy, and Hannah Zimmerer.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Nebraska Masonic Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Clifford Willard Shaffer, Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ Cliff and I almost shared the same birthday. I was born in the Lutheran Hospital in Columbus Nebraska on Dec. 22 and Cliff on Dec. 23, 1930. He was a good friend for life.

Bob Drawbaugh

Robert Drawbaugh - June 12, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Cliff was such a lovable man!

Jennifer Lampe - June 12, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Cliff. Truly, he was quite a character. My condolences to Barb and family.

Betty Brittenham - June 12, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ Dear Barb, Roger and I were so saddened to hear about Cliff's passing. What a wonderful man he was and his absence will be felt in a very big way in Omaha. So very sorry for your loss. Roger and Jody duRand

Jody duRand - June 12, 2018 at 11:31 AM

FK

“ Barb, I was saddened to hear of Cliff's passing and I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I will forever hold dear the times we shared in Arizona and the countless hours listening to Cliff tell his hysterical and thoughtful and rambling stories. I lift a glass tonight to the one and only "Cherakowa Chimichanga".

Frank Kubat - June 12, 2018 at 11:31 AM

MF

“ Barb, Patt and I just learned of Cliff's passing minutes ago and are very saddened by it. Cliff and I go back many years.....a finer man would be difficult to find.

Marcus Ford - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

SR

“ I had the great pleasure of getting to know Cliff during the years I worked at the Masonic Home. he was such a wonderful asset to that retirement community. my deepest sympathy in your loss. I will be sending a donation to the Masonic Home in his memory.

sonia meredith RN - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

TG

“ Barb, Thanks for letting my know about Cliff's death. Our friendship extended over forty years and created infinite memories. What I appreciated most about CWS was that he ALWAYS listened to me and encouraged me in what ever direction I was headed. I am sure it was difficult to live around but he had a brilliant mind and was always on top of everything from the London School of Economics to the duties of a Night Watchman in Pocatello. I will miss the place that he left vacant in this world! My Prayers are with YOU this weekend and always!

Tom Gough - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

CH

“Cliff was truly that "one in a million" kind of man. He was significant in my life in many ways, at work and later as a longtime, good and true friend. Cliff helped and influenced many people throughout his life. The world is less without Cliff here. Though, of course, for those of us who loved him, his presence stays with us. My dear Barb, you and Cliff were a perfect pair and will always be so. I am here for you. Much love, Carol Hunter

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**Carol Hunter** - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“So sorry to hear of Cliffs passing, as someone said he was a character and a wonderful one. So interesting. Romaine and Al

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April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

BB

“Cliff was such a joy to take care of here at creighton. I will truly miss our Mondays. Im so sorry for your loss Barb

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**Becky Bowman** - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

MM

“All my love to you and your family, Barb, and my deepest condolences. Cliff was a wonderful man and he will be sorely missed. When I think of him, I think of two things—that giant laugh that would burst up out of him like a force of nature, and the fact that no matter what we talked about when I was fortunate enough to run into him, I would always walk away having learned something interesting and useful. He was a hell of a guy. I toast his life, legacy and the memories I hold dear.

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**Martin Magnuson** - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

PP

“ Is this the Cliff Shaffer who used to work at UP and who had a daughter Denise who passed away around 1980? Denise was a very good friend of mine at one time and she was too young! I believe she was buried in Columbus too. Her full name was Ellen Denise Shaffer Taylor. We were in Jr. High together.

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**Phyllis Portland** - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

PR

“ Barb, I am so sorry to hear of Cliff's passing. I do hope you are doing okay. My love and prayers are with you.

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**Pam Root** - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

RO

“ Cliff was always an interesting person. As a youth, he lived just west of the Lincoln Grade School. in Columbus. We walked to school (Third Ward and Kramer High) occasionally. Those were interesting and meaningful conversations. His dad was a game warden and I thought his thoughts were colored by his dad's experiences. From about the 5th Grade to the 12th Grade he was always around. He was always good for a game of Ping Pong at the YMCA. I was never on his team but he was just excellent at Basketball. After graduating from High School I never saw him again, but I have learned we were at a lot of the same places. I was in Japan and Korea he was there also. I was at the University of Nebraska, He was there. Also at Wesleyan in Lincoln. On Graduating from UNL, I interviewed at Uncle Pete. He worked there. But we never ran into each other and now I feel a little sad that we never met again. and had those interesting conversations. Robert (Oz) Osborn Urbandale Des Moines, IA

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**Robert Osborn** - April 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM