



Clifford "Cliff" LaVerne Durward

December 31, 1969 - July 26, 2013

Clifford "Cliff" LaVerne Durward, age 79, of Thomson, Illinois, died Friday July 26, 2013 at his home. Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life gathering will be held Wednesday July 31, 2013 from 4:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Tipton's Auction House, Thomson.

Cliff was born October 15, 1933, in Hanley, Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Clifford and Ruby (Milnes) Durward. They moved to Thomson when Cliff was five years old. Cliff attended York Community High School and graduated with the Class of 1951. He proudly served his country in the army during the Korean War. On January 21, 1956 Cliff married Norma Cate at the Community Church in Thomson.

Cliff was a successful dairy framer who passed the trade onto his sons and grandchildren. He was a member of the American Legion Post #1025. He was also a member of the Jo-Carroll Holstein Club and the Illinois State Dairy Herd Information Association. Cliff was a trustee and supervisor of York Township. He was also a member of the York Community Church. Cliff enjoyed fishing. Most of all he loved visiting with his family and friends.

Cliff will be dearly missed by his wife of 57 years, Norma; his three sons, Randy (Marie) Durward, Scott (Lyn) Durward, and Andrew (Janice) Durward of Thomson; nine grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; two sister-in-laws, Edith Cate of Thomson, and Carmen Cate of Simpson, Illinois and one brother-in-law, Warren Waltrip of Byron, Illinois.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers and sisters. His

sister in-law, Joyce Cate passed away July 28, 2013.

Tribute Wall



“ Clifford "Cliff" LaVerne Durward

January 28, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Clifford "Cliff" LaVerne Durward

January 28, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ Cliff was one of a kind...an all-American jewel. ¶If you didn't want to hear his opinion, don't ask. ¶Cliff didn't know how to sugar-coat anything! ¶What a breath of fresh air and a joy to all. ¶Often speaking in "colorful" language, there never was a time I didn't enjoy he, his lovely wife and their incredible families. ¶Hard-working successful families...my thought are with each of you. ¶You had a very special role model. ¶Lila Ritchie, Phoenix, AZ.

lila ritchie - July 28, 2013 at 07:46 PM



“ Norma and family, So sorry to hear of Cliff's passing. The world will never be the same without him. Always enjoyed visiting with him and his wide smile. He will be missed but by God's grace we all will be reunited in heaven. Our sympathies to all of you.¶ Art and Ann

Ann Crouse - July 28, 2013 at 02:06 PM

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“ My most sincere sympathy to Norma and all the Durward Family. Heaven has gained a Very Special man. Cliff made a friend where ever he went-- we have lost one but we shall meet again one day. I would bet that he is up there giving George a hard time.
Your Friend Kay

kay gengenbach - July 28, 2013 at 09:01 AM

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“ To Norma and Family
We are sincerely sorry for the loss of Cliff. ¶ We'll always remember the twinkle in his eye and the sly smile that came to his face when he was joking with someone. ¶ He'll also be remembered for the kindness he showed so many people, especially the young kids in Argo Fay. ¶ ¶ Your family has always meant a lot to us, and you have always made us feel as if we were a part of it. ¶ Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days, weeks, and months ahead. ¶ We'll think of Cliff up in Heaven with his brothers and sisters causing plenty of mischief and fun.
Sincerely,
David, Donna & Family

Donna Bielema - July 28, 2013 at 08:06 AM

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“ We are all going to miss our beloved Uncle Cliff! ¶ We was a bright and special light for so many friends and family. ¶ Our prayers go out to Aunt Norma, Randy, Scott, Andrew and the entire Durward family. ¶ Cliff's passing was a sad day; however, we can't help but "smile" when reflecting on the years of joy he brought to our lives. ¶ We love you Cliff.
Bill, Diane, Jacob, Jared & Jackson Cate

Bill Cate - July 27, 2013 at 09:12 PM

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“ *The Bruckners' send their sincere sympathy and prayers to the Durward family. ¶Cliff was a tower of strength in the Thomson community, always willing to lend a hand. ¶He was a star in the Melon Days programs for many years and a star to the many people he helped. ¶We have lost a treasure, heaven has gained a prize.*

Bruckner, Luanne - July 27, 2013 at 08:25 PM