



Clifford Ray McMurry

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Clifford Ray McMurry passed away at the age of 80 on January 18, 2023 after a 6 ½ year courageous and determined journey with cancer. Cliff was born in Centerville, Iowa to Juanita and Haldean McMurry. Cliff graduated from Seymour High School and began living his passion of farming near Promise City and around Wayne County. Cliff married Arlene Couchman on April 3, 1961 and they welcomed daughter Teresa and son Tracy to their family. Cliff's farming operation included hogs, cattle, row crop and hay. Cliff and Arlene farmed for 25 years before moving to Grinnell in 1985 where Cliff worked for DeKalb Seed and later as a welder at Donaldson Company. After Arlene passed away in 1996 Cliff slowly moved forward with his life. Cliff married Sandy Hampton in 2001 and they later built a home near Oakland Acres. After retiring from Donaldson's, Cliff loved working part-time during the planting and harvest seasons for Key Coop in Grinnell for 14 years and up until November 2022.

Moving the "large rock" from a field into his back yard was something many in the community and his family will never forget. Cliff had the ability of many things whether it be a mechanic, a welder, or a fabricator. He enjoyed building and tinkering on different things. He will be remembered for the beautiful oak trash cans and the wooden swings he built and that many of us will continue to cherish. Cliff will also be remembered for his hard work ethic, determination, integrity, sense of humor and his willingness to always lend a helping hand. Cliff served as an Exalted Ruler at the Grinnell Elks for a short time. Cliff was a good storyteller and his stories always started with "I'll relate to you". Cliff enjoyed maintaining an immaculate yard and garden. His family always looked forward to he and Sandy's home-grown green beans at every family get-together. Cliff enjoyed playing Farkle with his grandchildren and Old Maid with his great-grandchildren. You could find Cliff early some mornings having coffee at A & M Restaurant in Grinnell where they named a sandwich "The Cliff" after him.

Cliff is survived by his wife of 21 years, Sandy, daughter Teresa (Tim) Roberts of Granger, Tracy (Michelle) McMurry of Seymour, stepdaughter Amber (Steve) Smith of Shirley, AR, stepdaughter



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Danielle (Richard) Prince of Center Ridge, AR, brother Mike McMurry, Centerville, sister Cheryl (Jonnie) Fetters, Seymour.

He is survived by grandchildren Bailey (Tyler) Griffin, Waterloo, Ashley Kaster, Seymour, Jarrett (Jessica) Sheets, Waukeel, Brandi (Dylan) Kasper, Seymour, Hogan Rockhold and Avery Rockhold of Oskaloosa, Cole Prince and Reese Prince of Center Ridge, AR. He is also survived by great-grandchildren Greyson, Knox, and Bode Griffin, Kydon and Maverick Kaster, Sophie and Adeline Sheets, Ila Kasper.

Cliff is also survived by brother-in-law Randall Couchman, sisters-in-law Mary Lou (McMurry) Riley, Sharon LaFollette, Sherral (Roger) Mamer, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Holding a very special place in Cliff's heart was their dog, Lucy.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, wife Arlene, brother Dave McMurry, parents-in-law, sisters-in-law Kay Couchman, and Sally McMurry.

Visitation will be held Monday, January 23, 2023 9:00-10:30 AM at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon, Iowa. Funeral services will held on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon, Iowa. Interment will be following service at the Coryon Cemetery in Corydon, Iowa.

Flowers may be sent to Thomas Funeral Home or contributions can be made to a memorial that will be determined later by the family.

The family will be holding a Celebration of Life on Sunday, January 29 at the Grinnell Elks, 720 Third Avenue, Grinnell from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Clifford's Funeral Service will be live streamed at <https://my.gather.app/remember/clifford-mcmurry>



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KJ

Kahla Johnson lit a candle in honor of Clifford.

January 23 at 7:00 PM



YM

Your Friends At Mbc posted:

With heartfelt condolences,

January 21 at 7:00 PM

PD

Parton Debra lit a candle in honor of Clifford.

Wishing you loving memories to forever hold in your heart, and comfort for the days to come. Prayers for you and your family.

January 19 at 7:00 PM



VL

Vicki Latcham posted:

Worked with Cliff at Donaldsons and always enjoyed visiting with him. He was a very kind man. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

January 19 at 7:00 PM

CG

Cindy Gill Griffin posted:

Sorry for your loss my thoughts are prayers are with the family

January 19 at 7:00 PM

KP

Kevin Tammy Cowan Poole posted:

Prayers!

January 19 at 7:00 PM



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BZ

Bob Ziegler posted:

This man was a very special person to many people a very interesting man raising 2 wonderful children he will be greatly missed.REST IN PIECE CLIFFORD

January 19 at 7:00 PM

KW

Karen Westphal posted:

I am so very sorry to read this. Had lots of fun many years ago with Clifford and Arlene. Rest in peace. My sympathies to the family. Karen Westphal

January 19 at 7:00 PM

PH

Pat Calhoun Houser posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family 🙏

January 19 at 7:00 PM

FG

From Your Friends At Continental Western Group posted:

With deepest sympathy,

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your loss.Schreimann, Rackers & Francka, LLC

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

With all Gods blessings and may you find peace. Love, Brad and Tracie Campbell

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

From Judy, Jeremy and Michelle and Heather, Em and Mo.

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CM

Craig Bonnie And Echo Mcmurry posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

SH

Shelly Cooper Hornaday posted:

Condolences to all the family!

January 18 at 7:00 PM

TM

Terry Mcmurry posted:

Sorry for the loss of Cliff. Prayers for your family.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

MS

Michael Fetters-Stair posted:

My Uncle Cliff was a model of humanity/love/humor/kindness/generosity! So many of my best qualities were cultured and or inspired by this human! Losing Aunt Arlene, in my college years, was one of the most heart wrenching losses in 1996.Uncle Cliff persevered through that loss and found a reason to laugh and love again, with Sandy! Sandy, my heart goes out to you and the family!

January 18 at 7:00 PM

AA

Amanda Albertson posted:

My sincere condolences to all the family and many friends. I will always remember seeing Cliff at the breakfast table at A and M Cafe! He will truly be missed by us!

January 18 at 7:00 PM

TM

Thelma Moore posted:

Sorry for the loss he was a great guy and always friendly

January 18 at 7:00 PM



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DB

Dan Broksieck posted:

Sorry for your loss Terry McMurry.

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MW

Marilyn Herndon Wilson posted:

So sorry for your loss!

January 18 at 7:00 PM

TB

Tim Bruce posted:

Prayers for Sandy McMurry and family!

January 18 at 7:00 PM

GT

Gail Teter posted:

Prayers

January 18 at 7:00 PM

JD

Janet Demry posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Clifford and Arlene were classmates and friends. Clifford was always so nice to everyone. Thinking of his family.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

CS

Cindy Lou Whiteley-Stewart posted:

Sending our heartfelt sympathies & prayers.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

JC

Jimmy & Celeste Clark posted:

Our deepest condolences to the family. May Gods grace be with you all at this time. you will be in our prayers.

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CF

Carla Street Foster posted:

Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers 🙏

January 18 at 7:00 PM

BS

Bill And Ruth Shoup posted:

So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for the family.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

RW

Roberta Weeks posted:

Sorry for your loss my deepest sympathy

January 18 at 7:00 PM

DO

Doug Olson posted:

Sorry for your loss.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

NT

Nancy Taylor posted:

Sorry to hear this !!! Good guy for sure

January 18 at 7:00 PM

CE

Craig Bonnie And Echo posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Cliff's passing you are in our thoughts and prayers

January 18 at 7:00 PM

BK

Brenda Prim Korthaus posted:

Sorry for you loss. Our sympathy to your family.

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SD

Sheryl Dotts posted:

So sorry to hear. Cliff was always so pleasant to visit with. Condolences to his family.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

TG

Treasa A Gage posted:

My condolences to all the family

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PP

Paula Poli posted:

Our sympathy and prayers to the family. Jim & Paula Poli

January 18 at 7:00 PM

DD

Donnie N Joyce Davis posted:

Our most sincere sympathies to the family. Love, hugs and prayers. ❤️

January 18 at 7:00 PM

JS

Judith Sales posted:

Over a lifetime I could write a book and keep you laughing. We spared many trips and happy times. My husband and I stood up with he and Arlene and they stood up with with us. At their wedding I was 7 months pregnant and I can still here Mac say don't you dare go in to labor. RIP dear one

January 18 at 7:00 PM

KH

Karen Smith-Hughes posted:

So sorry for the families loss

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KS

Kris Sebolt posted:

So sorry to hear this!! Love and prayers to the families 🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Kelliann Greenlee-Powell posted:

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Clifford by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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